

# We Wear Masks

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*A simple story to support children in understanding why they see everyone wearing masks.*

Dear Families, Providers, and Advocates for Young Children,

As we sail these uncharted waters during these challenging times there are so many dynamic aspects that we are attempting to navigate. One of these is helping young children understand new ways in which adults who love and care for them are trying to help them stay healthy. One of these ways is through the wearing of masks. Anytime we introduce a new concept to young children we try to place it in a context that they can better understand.

Our hope is that this social story will provide young children with this context through a relatable and light of heart approach. Please feel free to share with your family, neighbors, colleagues, schools, friends, communities, etc

Bee Well

Bee Safe

Bee Grateful

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*According to the Center for Disease Control, children under 2 years of age should not wear masks.*

*Any child wearing masks should never be left unattended.*



We wear masks!



Sometimes we wear masks for fun.



Sometimes we wear masks for dress – up, playing with friends, and going trick or treating.



Sometimes masks cover our eyes, our whole face, or just our mouth.





Have you ever been to the  
Doctor or Dentist? They wear  
masks.



Lots of people wear masks to stay healthy and strong.





They wear them so they do not share their germs with us.



We are spending lots of time at home right now, but there may be a time you have to go somewhere.



You may notice adults and children wearing masks when you are outside of your home.





They are wearing the masks to keep germs to themselves.



Your Mommy or Daddy or Grandmom or someone who cares about you and loves you may ask you to wear a mask. They want to help you stay healthy and strong.



You may wear your mask at the grocery store, or riding the bus, or going for a walk.





You can make your mask look fun if you would like.





It's everybody's job to help keep germs to themselves. Just like washing hands!



Dear Families and Providers,

We hope this story provides simple language and ideas for families as we aim to protect our children from the scary new times in our world.

*Bee Well, Bee Safe, and Bee Grateful*

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