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Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Children and masks

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Should children wear a mask?

Are there situations where children aged 5 years and under may wear or be required to wear a mask?

In general, children aged **5 years and under** should not be required to wear masks. This advice is based on the safety and overall interest of the child and the capacity to appropriately use a mask with minimal assistance. There may be local requirements for children aged 5 years and under to wear masks, or specific needs in some settings, such as being physically close to someone who is ill. In these circumstances, if the child wears a mask, a parent or other guardian should be within direct line of sight to supervise the safe use of the mask.

Should children with developmental disabilities wear masks?
