

# Sources for Transparent Masks & Shields for Better Communication Access



Cloth Clear Mask



Clear Mask



Zshield Flex



The Humanity  
Shield



The Communicator  
Surgical Mask

All masks are a barrier to communication, but clear masks can help. Consider the [Americans with Disabilities Act Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the Effective Communication document available at WA Hands & Voices when advocating for transparent mask use. You may want to try several masks and see what works for you.

**Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings from the Washington State Department of Health COVID-19** is spreading in Washington state. Currently, there are three face cover orders in place: for [Employers and Workers](#), for the [Public](#) and for [Businesses](#). People with COVID-19 can spread the virus even when they don't have symptoms or know that they are sick. The Washington State Department of Health requires you to wear a cloth face covering in public when you cannot stay six feet (or two meters) away from others. You must wear a face covering in indoor public settings like the grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, health clinic, and other locations. You should also wear a face covering outside if you cannot keep six feet (or two meters) away from other people at all times  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>

## Clear Face Mask Options

### Instructions for Making Clear Facemasks

<https://www.hsdh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/HSDC-Instructions-for-Clear-Window-Masks.pdf>

### Etsy-Ordering Clear Face masks

[https://www.etsy.com/search?q=clear+face+mask&locationQuery=5809844&\\_qc=mask-COVID](https://www.etsy.com/search?q=clear+face+mask&locationQuery=5809844&_qc=mask-COVID)

### Washington State Clear Mask Makers

1. **Masked with Kindness**-Whatcom County resident who makes mask. Coupon code: FRIEND15 for 15% off orders of \$40 or more. Sliding scale available if needed, please email me. Samantha Roeder, [samantha@donaldhale.com](mailto:samantha@donaldhale.com) <https://masked-with-kindness.square.site/>

There are many more handmade sources, but we wanted to make sure that we had permission to publicize. Thank you for all who continue to contribute to this list. Update at [info@wahandsandvoices.org](mailto:info@wahandsandvoices.org)

See picture at the top of this list for other nationally available masks listed left to right:

1. **The Communicator™ Clear Window Surgical Mask** (Box of 40) BACKORDER- EXPECTED SHIPPING MID-AUGUST. \$60.00 <https://safenclear.com/product/communicator-box/>
2. **The ClearMask™** is the first fully transparent face mask optimized for maximum clarity and comfort: making connections more human and providing clearer communication for all. 24 single-use masks for \$67. Bulk Orders are Available. [www.theclearmask.com/product](http://www.theclearmask.com/product)
3. **ZShield Flex:** taking pre-orders, 19.99 each or \$94.99 for 5 shields, washable, dishwasher safe, adult and kid sizes, replacement shields available: <https://www.zverse.com/our-products/>
4. **Rapid Response PPE:** Humanity Shields, <https://www.rapidresponseppe.com/products/>, prices vary depending on bulk ordered, washable, and reusable. Adult and child sizes.

## National Resources and Information about Clear Masks/Face Shields

**Knowledge Base** Created by Tina Childress, Au.D., an educational audiologist who is also late-deafened. Dealing with fogging, making your own masks, and other styles available including face shields: <http://connect-hear.com/knowledge-base/clear-masks-and-face-shields-to-order/>

**Carrie Spangler: Are My Eyes Smiling?** Blog post and links by Carrie Spangler, Aud. and DHH Adult <http://handsandvoices.org/deafhardofhearingchildren/carrie-spangler-are-my-eyes-smiling/>

**Consideration of Face Shields as Return to School Option<sup>1,2</sup>** Carrie Spangler, Aud. EVERY student will miss learning opportunities with degraded speech signal and physical distancing<sup>1</sup> especially with cloth face masks. [file:///C:/Users/chris/Downloads/faceshield.EAA.FINAL%206.5.20%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/chris/Downloads/faceshield.EAA.FINAL%206.5.20%20(1).pdf)

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**Can't Tolerate Anything on the Ears?** Try these ideas: <https://nurse.org/articles/face-mask-ear-pain-relief/> <https://www.childrensmn.org/2020/06/05/make-face-masks-comfortable-kids/>

Tying straps, buttons on fabric strips, on glasses, and even a “monkey” from the toy barrel of monkey can be put to good use.

**Cleaning equipment:** Masks and shields that are not disposable need to be cleaned regularly. Phonak Roger devices have sanitization guidelines: [https://www.phonakpro.com/content/dam/phonakpro/gc\\_us/en/marketing/documents/covid-19/Guideline-Sanitization-Roger-products-classrooms-covid-19.pdf](https://www.phonakpro.com/content/dam/phonakpro/gc_us/en/marketing/documents/covid-19/Guideline-Sanitization-Roger-products-classrooms-covid-19.pdf)

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