



## Altered Face Mask Guidance

As schools work on reopening plans, challenges for students and educators who need altered masks may arise. Guidance regarding obtaining the altered masks is provided below.

- **Who would benefit from altered masks?**

Anyone who may need to be able to see the mouth and/or facial expressions to effectively communicate.

- **Where can these altered masks be purchased?**

Many companies and retailers are producing altered masks. Links to altered masks and face shields are provided below.

- **Are adaptations available to make these masks fit comfortably around hearing aids, or cochlear implants?**

Adapted straps, buttons, special attachments, and hats are a few ways to adapt altered masks to fit comfortably around hearing aids or cochlear implants. A list of retailers providing these products is also included in the links below.

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### Face Masks for Purchase

- <http://connect-hear.com/knowledge-base/clear-masks-to-order/>
- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/798832395/transparent-face-mask-with-plastic?ga\\_order=most\\_relevant&ga\\_search\\_type=all&ga\\_view\\_type=gallery&ga\\_search\\_query=face+shield&ref=sr\\_gallery-1-8&bes=1&col=1](https://www.etsy.com/listing/798832395/transparent-face-mask-with-plastic?ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=face+shield&ref=sr_gallery-1-8&bes=1&col=1)
- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/792541298/mystery-clear-reusable-cloth-face-mask?ref=landingpage\\_similar\\_listing\\_top-5](https://www.etsy.com/listing/792541298/mystery-clear-reusable-cloth-face-mask?ref=landingpage_similar_listing_top-5)

- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/801047441/clear-vinyl-protected-mask-with-two?ref=landi\\_npage\\_similar\\_listing\\_top-6](https://www.etsy.com/listing/801047441/clear-vinyl-protected-mask-with-two?ref=landi_npage_similar_listing_top-6)
- [https://www.juneauempire.com/news/read-my-lips-local-company-designs-ppe-for-the-hearing-impaired/?fbclid=IwAR1-f9rPuMdyv8Et4QihR9ZYyvscbm32vguH\\_RilYw5PQcm8NjFAg884IYc](https://www.juneauempire.com/news/read-my-lips-local-company-designs-ppe-for-the-hearing-impaired/?fbclid=IwAR1-f9rPuMdyv8Et4QihR9ZYyvscbm32vguH_RilYw5PQcm8NjFAg884IYc)
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2OChq1I8A6fMjPrw-WTOLrH2hdcKHT8Ko66W5PSjhcZ90RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR2hyM9cb93JoB6n-SV\\_YFWtsQYFui6Njfk0LJ\\_VBe18XQwJv0DKZk87L4k](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2OChq1I8A6fMjPrw-WTOLrH2hdcKHT8Ko66W5PSjhcZ90RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR2hyM9cb93JoB6n-SV_YFWtsQYFui6Njfk0LJ_VBe18XQwJv0DKZk87L4k)
- <https://safenclear.com/>
- <https://scrubsmag.com/nurse-creates-clear-surgical-mask-to-improve-communication-with-patients/>
- <https://www.theclearmask.com/product>
- <https://www.thehearingspot.com/>
- <https://adcohearing.com/collections/adco-brand-masks>
- [https://www.hearingtracker.com/news/clear-window-surgical-masks-are-a-lifesaver-for-patients-with-hearing-loss?\\_storyblok=3911675&\\_storyblok\\_c=Builder&\\_storyblok\\_tk\[space\\_id\]=45415&\\_storyblok\\_tk\[timestamp\]=1589464900&\\_storyblok\\_tk\[token\]=69395e9aa4038c681796a9738b2e48e4b214440d&\\_storyblok\\_version=&\\_storyblok\\_lang=default&\\_storyblok\\_release=0#a-where-to-buy-clear-window-masks](https://www.hearingtracker.com/news/clear-window-surgical-masks-are-a-lifesaver-for-patients-with-hearing-loss?_storyblok=3911675&_storyblok_c=Builder&_storyblok_tk[space_id]=45415&_storyblok_tk[timestamp]=1589464900&_storyblok_tk[token]=69395e9aa4038c681796a9738b2e48e4b214440d&_storyblok_version=&_storyblok_lang=default&_storyblok_release=0#a-where-to-buy-clear-window-masks)
- [https://www.facebook.com/sewingnut87/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/sewingnut87/?hc_location=ufi)
- [https://www.facebook.com/twillandmore/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/twillandmore/?hc_location=ufi)

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## Face Shields for Purchase

- [www.rapidresponseppe.com](http://www.rapidresponseppe.com)
  - <https://www.theclearmask.com/>
  - <https://www.crosstex.com/face-shield-152>
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## Do it Yourself

- <http://connect-hear.com/knowledge-base/diy-mask-patterns-with-clear-panel-for-deaf-hard-of-hearing/>
  - <https://staging.joann.com/on/demandware.static/-/Library-Sites-LibraryJoAnnShared/default/dw4148ae36/static/landingpage/assets/Hard-Of-Hearing-Mask-Instructions.pdf>
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## Accessories for Use with Hearing Aids/Cochlear Implants

- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/785383136/ear-savers-ppe-extenders-set-of-2-or?ref=shop\\_home\\_feat\\_4&bes=1&fbclid=IwAR1sIV-VNXysg-npz11wIOAwKKL2L1I6oG5kweR7EnOsdMIPOrL43JeOIU](https://www.etsy.com/listing/785383136/ear-savers-ppe-extenders-set-of-2-or?ref=shop_home_feat_4&bes=1&fbclid=IwAR1sIV-VNXysg-npz11wIOAwKKL2L1I6oG5kweR7EnOsdMIPOrL43JeOIU)
- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/782108594/facemask-hat-ear-relief-comfortable-face?utm\\_custom1=HuffPo+Wellness&source=aw&utm\\_source=affiliate\\_window&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=us\\_location\\_buyer&utm\\_term=3657&utm\\_content=78888&awc=6220\\_1589828838\\_62edad3dc3bfdc15b506df223de8952d](https://www.etsy.com/listing/782108594/facemask-hat-ear-relief-comfortable-face?utm_custom1=HuffPo+Wellness&source=aw&utm_source=affiliate_window&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=us_location_buyer&utm_term=3657&utm_content=78888&awc=6220_1589828838_62edad3dc3bfdc15b506df223de8952d)
- [https://www.etsy.com/listing/783530414/ear-loop-extender-for-men-make-your?utm\\_custom1=HuffPo%20Wellness&source=aw&utm\\_source=affiliate\\_window&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=us\\_location\\_buyer&utm\\_term=3657&utm\\_content=78888&awc=6220\\_1589828597\\_c3a4d32529385f90e7262ca47eb42a59](https://www.etsy.com/listing/783530414/ear-loop-extender-for-men-make-your?utm_custom1=HuffPo%20Wellness&source=aw&utm_source=affiliate_window&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=us_location_buyer&utm_term=3657&utm_content=78888&awc=6220_1589828597_c3a4d32529385f90e7262ca47eb42a59)
- [https://go.skimresources.com/?id=38395X1559466&isjs=1&jv=14.1.2-stackpath&sref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huffpost.com%2Fentry%2Fways-keep-face-mask-from-hurting-ears\\_|\\_5ea8c350c5b6fb98a2b47916%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0HaKVv5jWdQ-AuJv6MKfr64leOdemVskQvk780Yv2E9y5qFBOF-IcAi68&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.etsy.com%2Flisting%2F782468400%2F20-new-colors-colored-s-hooks-for-face&xguid=01E87W758HBX4TWV5JN9C0XN03&xs=1&xtz=240&xuuiid=0fa5dc7b4486fc97b5c88ec32b93383c&xjsf=other\\_click\\_contextmenu%20%5B2%5D](https://go.skimresources.com/?id=38395X1559466&isjs=1&jv=14.1.2-stackpath&sref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huffpost.com%2Fentry%2Fways-keep-face-mask-from-hurting-ears_|_5ea8c350c5b6fb98a2b47916%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0HaKVv5jWdQ-AuJv6MKfr64leOdemVskQvk780Yv2E9y5qFBOF-IcAi68&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.etsy.com%2Flisting%2F782468400%2F20-new-colors-colored-s-hooks-for-face&xguid=01E87W758HBX4TWV5JN9C0XN03&xs=1&xtz=240&xuuiid=0fa5dc7b4486fc97b5c88ec32b93383c&xjsf=other_click_contextmenu%20%5B2%5D)
- [https://go.skimresources.com/?id=38395X1559466&isjs=1&jv=14.1.2-stackpath&sref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huffpost.com%2Fentry%2Fways-keep-face-mask-from-hurting-ears\\_|\\_5ea8c350c5b6fb98a2b47916%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0HaKVv5jWdQ-AuJv6MKfr64leOdemVskQvk780Yv2E9y5qFBOF-IcAi68&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.etsy.com%2Flisting%2F778927874%2Fface-mask-strap-clip&xguid=01E87W758HBX4TWV5JN9C0XN03&xs=1&xtz=240&xuuiid=0fa5dc7b4486fc97b5c88ec32b93383c&xjsf=other\\_click\\_contextmenu%20%5B2%5D](https://go.skimresources.com/?id=38395X1559466&isjs=1&jv=14.1.2-stackpath&sref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huffpost.com%2Fentry%2Fways-keep-face-mask-from-hurting-ears_|_5ea8c350c5b6fb98a2b47916%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0HaKVv5jWdQ-AuJv6MKfr64leOdemVskQvk780Yv2E9y5qFBOF-IcAi68&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.etsy.com%2Flisting%2F778927874%2Fface-mask-strap-clip&xguid=01E87W758HBX4TWV5JN9C0XN03&xs=1&xtz=240&xuuiid=0fa5dc7b4486fc97b5c88ec32b93383c&xjsf=other_click_contextmenu%20%5B2%5D)

