

Face Mask Design Contest

Calling all Northfielders! To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you wear a mask when you leave your home and go to public places. But there's no reason that mask has to be boring! Be creative and show us your best homemade design for a face mask.

The Northfield Village Board will choose the winning mask at their June 16 meeting in three categories: funniest mask, most creative mask, and overall best mask. Winners will each receive a \$50 gift card to their favorite Northfield restaurant.

Anyone who lives or works in Northfield is encouraged to submit a photo of them wearing their homemade mask by June 1. One entry per person. A fully completed Entry and Release Form must be attached to each submission. Submit your Entry and Release Form and photo of you wearing a mask to mdefeo@northfieldil.org. If you have any questions, call us at 847-784-3554 or email mdefeo@northfieldil.org

***Note for parents:**

Face masks can be scary for young children who may be experiencing anxiety about themselves, their family, and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Art and creativity can be a great way to talk to children about difficult subjects and emotions. Designing a face mask together can open up a conversation and help children become more comfortable with this personal protective equipment.

As prompts for this activity, you might ask your child to think about what they are hopeful for, to imagine themselves as a superhero, or to think of silly faces that make them happy. Parents, family members, and other trusted adults can play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear about public health concerns in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear. The CDC has created guidance to help adults have conversations with children about COVID-19 and ways they can avoid getting and spreading the disease. You can read the CDC's tips for talking with children [here](#).



Face Mask Design Contest Entry and Release Form

Name: _____

Northfield Address: _____

Not a Northfield Resident? Northfield Employer: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the designer is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must give permission for their child to participate in the contest. Further, I grant to the Village the right to use photographs or other reproductions of any materials that are submitted for this contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____