

# DID YOU KNOW

 that people with hearing loss and some people with disabilities rely on your lips and facial expression to communicate?

Your mouth and eyes reveal visual information like emotion, tone of voice, and even American Sign Language grammar.



It is important to wear a mask for protection from COVID-19; however, this can pose a communication barrier for some.

## Why is the clear mask the best mask to facilitate communication?



**50% TO 85%  
OF THE MESSAGE  
IS LOST!**



**100%  
OF THE MESSAGE  
IS RECEIVED!**

Here are several different options for directions on how to make your own mask with a clear panel:

- <https://www.instructables.com/id/Face-Mask-Adapted-for-Deaf-DeafBlind-and-Hard-of-H/>
- <https://www.adultadvocacycenters.org/news/pattern-for-mask-with-clear-window-panel-now-available/>
- <https://www.hsdco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/HSDC-Instructions-for-Clear-Window-Masks.pdf>
- <https://wnyfightingcovid.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/happy-turtle.pdf>

**THE DEAF  
COMMUNITY,  
ETSY, AND LOCAL  
MASK MAKERS  
MAY BE ABLE TO  
ASSIST, AS WELL!**



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