Cleaning and handling instruction for cloth face masks (100% cotton)

In areas where 1.5 meters minimum distance to other people cannot always be maintained, please use a face mask to create a physical barrier to avoid or slow down virus transmission. Still, maintaining sufficient distance to other people is the most effective measure to protect yourself and others - even with masks!

How to put on
 ✓ Clean your hands with soap before touching the mask.
 ✓ Hold the mask by the ear loops. Do not touch the inside of the mask.
 ✓ Place mask over your chin, mouth and nose and ear loops behind your ears. The mask should fit firmly around the nose and chin and must cover nose AND mouth.
 ✓ You can tighten the mask by shortening the ear loops with knots.

How to wear
 ✓ Avoid touching the mask while wearing it.
 ✓ Keep mask in place! Do not move it for talking (or smoking, eating, drinking etc.).
 ✓ If the mask is wet or damaged: immediately replace it. Use a fresh mask every day.

How to take off and store
 ✓ Do not touch mask parts that cover your face, use ear loops instead.
 ✓ Store masks at a dry place.
 ✓ Store the mask in a way that the inside does not touch other surfaces.
 ✓ Do not crumple, don’t put mask in pockets of trousers/jackets etc..
 ✓ Do not use shared storage places. It always must be clear which mask belongs to whom (use individual storage place or mark masks…). Never use a mask if you’re not 100% sure that it is yours.
 ✓ Clean your hands after handling masks.

How to clean
 ✓ Store masks in a (laundry) bag until washing.
 ✓ Washing machine: You can use standard washing powder and a standard 60°C washing program.
 ✓ Do not wash your mask with masks of other people (except members of the same household): Coronaviruses are effectively inactivated at 60°C with washing powder, other pathogens that might be present may survive 60° and might spread to other masks!
 ✓ Do not use tumble dryer – let it air-dray thoroughly.
 ✓ Do not put masks in the oven or microwave – RISK OF FIRE.
 ✓ Do not spray disinfection solutions on masks.