



## **Disease Management Association of India**

**(Organization with a Special Consultative Status with the United Nations – ECOSOC)**

April 4, 2020

To,  
Shri Narendra Modi,  
Prime Minister of India,  
Delhi

Subject: Request to make masks mandatory for people moving out

Respected Sir,

We, at the Disease Management Association of India, are truly appreciative of the bold measures taken by our government. I am writing this on behalf of the Disease Management Association of India ([www.dmai.org.in](http://www.dmai.org.in)), an Indian organization, and amongst a few organizations across the world which have been accorded special consultative status with the United Nations – ECOSOC.

The cases of COVID-19 in India have surged, and looking at the data trends, we have to be prepared for the worst. We need to change our strategy a bit for effectively addressing the pandemic.

Respiratory droplets cause COVID-19. Hence, we urge you to make it mandatory for people moving out of the house to use masks. Masks will undoubtedly provide some degree of protection.

I also request you to please direct the Ministry of Textiles to start the large scale production of masks, as we will need it in large numbers in the coming days and weeks. Also, this will help in creating employment.

Information about the effectiveness of homemade masks is available at the following link

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24229526>

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We also wish to draw your notice about the ‘banner’ in the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare website, stating, “Everyone need not wear a mask”. This needs to be removed from the site immediately.

We need to start a campaign “Mask for All . A Must for All” – for all those who move out of their homes. Homemade masks will undoubtedly offer some level of protection.

We request you to take immediate action on the same. We remain at your disposal for any further assistance.

With warm regards,

For & on behalf of

Disease Management Association of India

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