



President-elect [Joe Biden](#) on Monday implored Americans of all political leanings to wear masks to help curb the spread of COVID-19, saying that doing so was the “single most potent weapon against” the coronavirus.

In his first remarks since his election victory speech Saturday, Biden called for “an end to the politicalization” of mask-wearing and urged Americans to unite in their efforts to defeat the coronavirus crisis.

“The election is over,” Biden said. “It’s time to put aside the partisanship and the rhetoric designed to demonize one another. ... We’re united in our shared goal: defeating this virus.”

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