

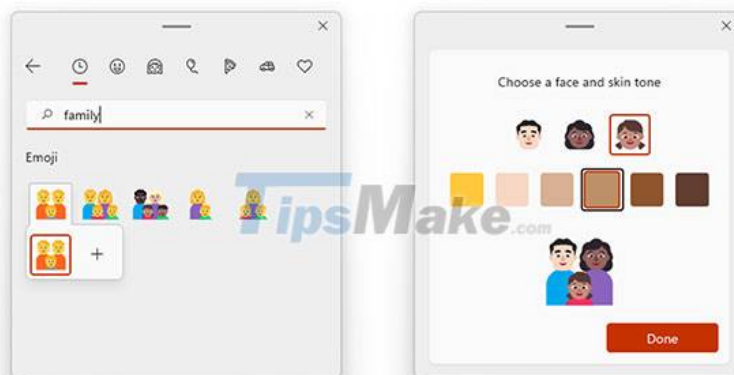
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Microsoft has just officially announced the new Windows 11 Insider Preview build for users to test on the Dev channel. Having the identifier 22504, this isn't really a really big and important update, but it does come with a pretty cool and useful addition, a new shortcut cluster that allows mute (mute) instant system microphone.

To use this new shortcut, you just need to press the key combination WIN + Alt + K, and immediately the microphone on the device (or connected to the PC) will be disabled. Note that only when you're in a [Microsoft Teams](#) call (or another app that supports the mute button on the Windows taskbar) will this shortcut work. Overall, this is a small but extremely useful addition to those who often make video calls on PC. Sometimes unexpected noises suddenly appear around you and enter the call, then it is necessary to turn off the microphone quickly, to avoid affecting the people participating in the call.

In addition, there are quite a few other small features introduced on this Windows 11 Insider Preview build. These include improvements to the Your Phone app, [personalized emojis](#), themes for the touch keyboard, etc.



The Your Phone app will receive an updated design. The notification area will be moved to the left sidebar position of the screen for faster access. There's also a new view that Microsoft says will help users 'always have quick access to their messages, calls and photos, where important messages and notifications are always up to date. update quickly, flexibly'.

All of the above changes are currently rolling out to [Windows Insiders](#) on the Dev channel. If everything is working properly and getting good feedback, we should see them soon in the Windows 11 release to end users in the near future.

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