



# FACE COVERINGS & MASK EXEMPTION LETTER REQUESTS

## CAN I GET A LETTER FROM THE DOCTOR EVIDENCING I AM EXEMPT?

The Government guidance suggests there is no requirement for evidence for exemption. It should be sufficient for someone to declare that they are eligible for an exemption direct with the person questioning them (e.g. bus driver).

We are therefore **not** required to provide letters of support for those who fall under the list of exemptions, or to those who do not fall under the list of exemptions.

## CAN I BE EXEMPT FROM WEARING A FACE COVERING WHERE THEY ARE MANDATED?

There are some circumstances whereby people are not expected to wear face coverings, and these are set by the Government. You do not need to wear a face covering if you have a legitimate reason not to and this includes young children under the age of 11; those who have a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability; to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others; etc.

**PLEASE DO NOT ASK AS YOUR REQUEST WILL BE REFUSED.**

## WHY SHOULD I WEAR A FACE COVERING?

Face coverings are largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection (COVID-19). They provide additional protection when you are not able to keep 2 metres from others.

When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others. They are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing.

## WHEN SHOULD I WEAR A FACE COVERING?

Different regulations exist for wearing face coverings in different parts of the UK. In England, you must by law wear a face covering in the following settings:

- ✓ Public Transport (since 15 June 2020)
- ✓ Shops and Supermarkets (from 24 July 2020)

You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

### Further information about face coverings

For further information about Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own please go [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).