



MCCC Guidance on Wearing Face Covering

Face Covering

In England, you must by law wear a face covering:

- On public transport—already in effect
- In supermarkets and shops (including takeaway shops) as of 24 July 2020

If you do not wear face covering as required by the law, you may face these consequences:

- Transport operators may not offer service to you
- Shops can refuse to let you enter
- The Police and Transport for London officers can issue fines of £100 (halving to £50 if paid within 14 days)

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)

What about in other enclosed public spaces?

Although the law does not require you to wear face covering in an enclosed public space (e.g. community centres, libraries), you are strongly encouraged to put on face covering as it may be difficult to practice social distancing.

Exceptions

You may be allowed to travel or enter shops without face covering under these circumstances:

- young children under the age of 11
- if your physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability prevents you from putting on face covering
- if face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate
- when eat or drink, only if you need to
- while you take medication

Link to full guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

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