

# New regulations on face masks

[New regulations](#) on facemasks came into effect on 8 August.

There will be more advice given soon, but at the moment, as well as shops, supermarkets, indoor shopping centres, indoor transport hubs and on public transport, facemasks must be worn in:

- funeral directors
- premises providing professional, legal or financial services
- cinemas
- theatres
- bingo halls
- concert halls
- museums, galleries, aquariums, indoor zoos or visitor farms, or other indoor tourist, heritage or cultural sites
- nail, beauty, hair salons and barbers - other than where necessary to remove for treatments
- massage parlours
- public areas in hotels and hostels
- places of worship
- libraries and public reading rooms
- community centres
- social clubs
- tattoo and piercing parlours
- indoor entertainment venues (amusement arcades, funfairs, adventure activities such as laser quest, go-karting, escape rooms, heritage sites)
- storage and distribution facilities
- veterinary services
- auction houses

However, the list of places **EXEMPTED** from this requirement has been added to, and now includes:

1. Premises (other than registered pharmacies) providing wholly or mainly medical or dental services, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractic, osteopathic, optometry or other medical services including services relating to mental health.
2. Indoor fitness studios, gyms, dance studios, leisure centres, indoor swimming pools, water parks, funfairs, theme parks or other premises for indoor sports, leisure or

adventure activities.

**People taking part in activities in a Community Centre (Village Halls are included in the definition of community centres) that would normally happen in either 1. or 2. above, therefore, **DO NOT** have to wear face coverings. All the other social distancing rules still apply.**

In government [guidance on when to wear facemasks](#) it is stated under **When you do not need to wear a face covering**, that *face coverings are not required in restaurants with table service, bars, and pubs. If other indoor premises have a café or seating area for you to eat and drink, then you can remove your face covering in this area only. You must put a face covering back on once you leave your seating area. If removing your face covering to eat or drink in an indoor premises with a café or designated seating area, then you can remove your face covering in this area only.*

**Therefore, community centres and halls need to provide a designated seating area for eating (even if it is people who belong to a friendship group, or interest group who are just bringing their own food and drink for the time being). Masks must be worn again when people are away from this seated area.**

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