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Important notice from the California Department of Public Health about

Use of Face Coverings

What to know

Most people are required to wear a face covering, such as a mask, scarf, t-shirt or another material that covers their nose and mouth when they are outside of their own home.

Face coverings help protect you and others from getting COVID-19.

What's changing

You have to wear a face covering when you leave your home almost all the time. There are very few times when wearing a face covering is not required.

You do not have to wear a face covering if:

- You have a medical reason that prevents you from wearing one.
- You are talking to someone who has difficulty hearing and they need to watch you speak.
- You have a job that makes it dangerous for you to wear a face covering.
- You are receiving a service from someone who needs to touch your nose or face.
- You are eating or drinking while at a restaurant.
- You are outside at least six feet away from people who do not live with you.
- You are in jail.

Children younger than two must not wear a face covering.

Questions?

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email DDSC19@dds.ca.gov

Learn more

See the Department notice about Governor Gavin Newsom's declared State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Link to full text of the guidance: [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)