

From PA DOH:

(From: *Order on the Universal Requirement of Face Coverings*, Nov. 17, 2020)

Section 2: **Face Coverings Required**

Except as provided in Section 3, every individual, age two and older, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall wear a face covering when:

A. Indoors or in an enclosed space, where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance.

B. Outdoors with others who are not members of a person's household and unable to maintain sustained physical distance.

C. As permitted in my Order Directing Mitigation Measures, dated July 15, 2020, as amended, **for participation in an indoor or outdoor event, gathering, or group setting where another person or persons, who are not members of the individual's household are present.**

D. Participating in indoor physical activity in a gym, fitness center or group fitness classes, where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance.

E. Waiting in a public area for, riding on, driving or operating public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service or ride-sharing vehicle, irrespective of physical distance.

F. Obtaining services for themselves or another person or a pet from the health care sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank.

G. When working in any space where food is prepared, packaged for sale, or prepared for distribution to others.

I. Certain facilities—including hospitals, shelters, long-term care facilities, residential treatment facilities, and correctional facilities—may also require visitors and residents, patients, or inmates to wear face coverings even when in a living unit.

Section 3: **Exceptions to Covering Requirement**

The following are exceptions to the face covering requirements in Section 2. All alternatives to wearing a face covering, including the use of a face shield, should be exhausted before an individual is excepted from this Order.

A. If wearing a face covering while working would create an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

B. If wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.

C. When necessary to confirm the individual's identity.

D. While obtaining a service that requires the temporary removal of the face covering, such as dental services.

E. When working alone and isolated from interaction with other people with little or no expectation of in-person interaction.

F. If an individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

Section 4. Business and School Entity Obligations

A. A business or a school entity must:

1. Require that all people, including their employees, customers, teachers, students and visitors, wear a face covering and take reasonable steps to enforce the requirement.

2. Mitigate or eliminate employee, teacher, student, visitor, and customer exposure to people who cannot wear or refuse to wear a face covering.

3. Post prominent signs that are visible to all people—including employees, teachers, students, customers, and visitors—stating that face coverings are required by the Order of the Secretary of Health.

4. Provide reasonable accommodations to people, including their employees, teachers, students, customers, and visitors, who state they have a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable for the person to maintain a face covering.

a. Businesses may decline service to individuals who are not wearing a face covering or claiming to have a condition preventing them from wearing a face covering or an alternative to a face covering, so long as they attempt to provide a reasonable accommodation.

b. Accommodations could include an alternative to a face covering, such as use of a face shield or providing service options that do not require a customer to enter the

business. This may include offering curbside pick-up, delivery, or other innovative solutions.

C. A business or a school entity **should not**:

1. **Enforce face covering requirements when it is unsafe to do so.**
2. **Restrain, assault, use force, or physically remove employees, teachers, students, customers or other individuals who refuse to comply with this Order when it would not otherwise be legal to do so.**
3. Violate other laws, including state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

Section 5. Effect on other Orders of the Secretary of Health

My Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings, dated July 15, 2020, is hereby rescinded and superseded by this Order.

My **Order Directing Mitigation Measures**, dated July 15, 2020, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 3(E): **Venues must require attendees to comply with 6-foot physical distancing requirements, to wear masks or face coverings in compliance with my Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, dated November 17, 2020 and implement other mitigation practices such as timed entry, multiple entry and exit points, multiple restrooms and hygiene stations.** Venues and event planners can review the CDC Events and Gatherings Readiness and Planning Tool for additional information regarding mitigation practices.

The remainder of the **Order Directing Mitigation Measures** of July 15, 2020 as amended, remains unchanged.

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