

Face Mask Exemption

We would firstly like to thank all patients who have visited the Practice over the last few weeks wearing a face covering.

We know that this can feel strange and uncomfortable, make glasses fog up and make communicating with others harder but by doing this you are protecting the most vulnerable members of our community, so thank you, it really is appreciated.

We have had an increase in requests from patients for letters of exemption to wearing face masks in various public settings over the last few days.

GPs are unfortunately not in a position to provide individual risk assessments or letters for patients who feel that they should be exempt from wearing a face mask/covering. The government guidance on exemptions suggests there is no requirement for evidence for exemption therefore it is sufficient for an individual to self-declare this.

Whilst we would urge you to wear a face covering if you possibly can to protect those around you we do know that for some people this raises particular extreme challenges.

There is no exemption certificate and we as a Practice are unable 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 however the attached card can be printed and used to help explain why you aren't wearing a face covering if you are unable to do so. [B19-Mask-Exemption-Cards](#)