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**Re: Face Mask exemption letter**

Whilst we appreciate that these are challenging times for our patients, it is not the responsibility of a GP to issue an exemption letter to an individual from not wearing a face mask within various public settings. We issue this advice as the official representative body of GPs across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Government guidance regarding exemptions suggests there is no requirement for an individual to produce evidence of exemption, such as a letter from a GP and therefore should be sufficient for an individual to self-declare this. In these circumstances, it is not a medical reason that requires a written letter from the GP for those who do or do not, fall under the list of exemptions.

**Guidance on specific circumstances**

- [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#exemptions-face-coverings](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#exemptions-face-coverings)
- <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>
- [www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/gp-practices](http://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/gp-practices)

GPs will continue to ensure that the healthcare needs of their patients continue to be met in accordance with NHS and Government guidance.

We hope that this guidance provides some reassurance for you on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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