



# Face coverings must<sup>\*</sup> be worn in shops and on public transport.

Do the right thing.

\* Exemptions include, young children, people with breathing difficulties and people living with a disability.

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**A face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth. These can be reusable or single-use face coverings. You may also use a scarf, bandana, religious garment or handmade cloth covering but these must securely fit round the side of the face. Face coverings are not personal protective equipment to protect you, but are intended to protect others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection (Covid-19).**



#### **When wearing a face covering you should:**

- before wearing, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change/wash the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it

#### **When removing a face covering:**

- first wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- if single-use, dispose of it in a waste bin
- if reusable wash as per the instructions
- once removed wash your hands thoroughly again or use hand sanitiser

**For more information about face coverings and the latest guidance see**

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