# **Face coverings mandate FAQs**



## Where can I read the full Proclamation of Emergency?

You can read it here.

#### What qualifies as a face covering?

A face covering is defined as a cloth or other soft or permeable material that covers the nose, mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. Examples include a bandana, homemade fabric covering or common surgical mask.

Read more about cloth face coverings:

how to wear a cloth face covering CDC PDF

#### Who is required to wear a face covering?

Anyone inside city limits, ages five and older when they are in a public area where physical distancing can not be achieved, including private businesses.

#### Are there any exceptions?

A Face Covering is not required under the following circumstances:

- When a person is in a personal office or similar space (a single room) where others are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the room.
- For any person who falls under CDC guidance for those who should not wear a Face Covering, including but not limited to any child under the age of five.
- For any person who cannot wear a Face Covering because of a medical condition, mental health
  condition or developmental disability, or who is unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance. A
  person who cannot wear a Face Covering because of a medical condition is not required to produce
  medical documentation of the condition, provided that an employer may require such documentation from
  an employee in accordance with state and federal law.
- For restaurant patrons while they are eating or drinking at their table or seating area.
- For public safety employees and/or emergency responders, when wearing the Face Covering would
  interfere with or limit their ability to carry out their duties or functions; and for any person acting at the
  direction of a public safety employee.
- In settings where it is not practicable or feasible to wear a Face Covering due to the nature of the services
  provided, such as when receiving dental services, medical treatments, personal hygiene services, or
  while swimming.
- For persons exercising outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other persons of the same household, as long as Physical Distancing from others is maintained.

#### Do I have to wear a face covering if I'm exercising outside?

Only if you can't physically distance with people outside of your household.

#### Do I have to wear a face covering to go out to eat at a restaurant?

When doing things like entering the restaurant or ordering, you will need to wear a face covering but not when eating or drinking. Restaurant staff must wear masks.

#### I own a business. Do my employees have to wear masks?

Yes, employees must wear masks.

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#### How will this be enforced?

In alignment with Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, enforcement will be in the form of education and when possible, providing masks for those who don't have them. Continued failure to comply is a misdemeanor.

### How long will this be in effect for?

Until further notice.

# Who do we contact if we have a complaint or have questions?

You can call the Police Department's non-emergency line at 928-282-3100 for face coverings enforcement issues. You can email <a href="mailto:questions@sedonaaz.gov">questions@sedonaaz.gov</a> for any questions you may have.