



Press Release

Date: 12th February 2021

Face coverings will be mandatory from Saturday

Along with the entire Bailiwick, face coverings become mandatory in Alderney's indoor public spaces from tomorrow (Saturday February 13th).

This includes all shops, the pharmacy, post office, the IMC, banks and petrol stations, as well as any places where people are likely to encounter others, which could include outdoor public spaces.

Although the measure is enforceable by law with a £100 maximum fixed penalty notice, Alderney is unlikely to experience any difference as Islanders have adapted willingly to the wearing of masks and face coverings.

The Civil Contingencies Authority ruling was announced on February 10th to help protect the community as the nose and mouth are the main sources of coronavirus transmission. Therefore a face covering can be a scarf or cloth that fits securely over nose and mouth and around the side of the face.

Face coverings should be changed every four hours if possible or sooner if they become damp or if you have touched it. Single-use face coverings should be disposed of in the general waste and not in the recycling. The elastic supports of a face mask should be cut to avoid harm to animals. Face coverings that have been laundered should be washed at 60 degrees, dried in a tumble drier if possible, and ironed.

Exemptions to the ruling are children under 12 and those who cannot wear a mask due to physical or mental illness, impairment or disability. Methods of displaying an exemption, such as a lanyard, card or written authorisation, are being explored. Carrying a lanyard or proof of exemption is a personal choice and is not required by law.

For full details visit <https://covid19.gov.gg/guidance/facecoverings>.

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