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*On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020, The Northern Ireland Executive announced that the use of face coverings in certain indoor settings will be mandatory from Monday August 10.*

*Face coverings should be worn in shops and other enclosed spaces and no one should delay adopting this crucial measure. It will help to protect you and others.*

*The Executive has this week launched a public information campaign to raise awareness of the benefits of face coverings*

*The 'Wear One for Everyone' campaign will be rolled out over the coming weeks and will help inform the public why they must wear a face covering to help stop the spread of Coronavirus and save lives.*

*Most people carrying the virus don't know they have it and can infect others unintentionally. Wearing a face covering can help to prevent this from happening. The campaign will urge people to think carefully about the risk they pose to loved ones and others by not doing so.*

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## **Hotel Guidance on Face Coverings: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Face coverings are only **mandatory** on public transport, in shops and in shopping centres.

Staff are exempt from having to wear face coverings.

Restaurants including restaurants in hotels are explicitly excluded in the regulations from requiring face coverings to be worn.

Hotels are not specifically mentioned in the regulations apart from the above reference to hotel restaurants; therefore face coverings are not required for guests in a public place of the hotel e.g. the hotel reception. It will however be mandatory for guests to wear face coverings if for example a guest enters a golf shop located at a hotel resort or if the guest visits the hotel beauty salon that permits guests to attend without prior appointment. If however the beauty salon operates on an appointment only system where attendance can be regulated, then face coverings are not mandatory.

Hotel staff are not specifically highlighted in relation to the wearing of face coverings but it should be considered dependent on their role.

Please note that this advice may change as intelligence and regulations on the virus evolve. It is also important that hotels carry out a regular risk assessment and take into account customer and staff sentiment on this matter.

**Full details and updated information:**  
**<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-covering>**

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