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6 Feet Social Distance



COVID-19 Face Covering Decision Guide

Are you leaving home?

Face covering is required to be worn when you cannot maintain six feet of social distance to another person who does not live in your household. A person who cannot wear a face covering for medical reasons is not required to provide documentation. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you outdoors less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?

Face covering is required to be worn. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you an employee or customer of grocery, pharmacy, retail, or shared transit, even if you will be more than 6 feet away from others?

Face covering is required to be worn. A business may deny service to a person who refuses to wear a mask for nonmedical reasons. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you at any indoor business or organization, less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?

Face covering is required to be worn. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

Minimize the use of confined spaces, elevators, control rooms, and vehicles, by more than one individual at a time.

All workers in such spaces at that same time are required to wear face coverings. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

Are you alone in an elevator, inside an indoor shared common area, or other indoor enclosed area?

Face covering is recommended.

Questions? Email: safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov or visit: mass.gov/dols