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Face Covering Orders

Face Covering in Public When Social Distancing Not Possible

Help to stop the spread! If social distancing yourself from others is not possible (6 feet), wear a face covering or mask.

- EMERGENCY ORDER No. 13**

Summary: On Tuesday, October 6, 2020 the Board of Health issued an updated island-wide Emergency order for face covering.

- [Emergency order No. 13 - Face Covering Island-Wide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Orden de Emergencia No. 13 - Cubierta facial en toda la Isla \(PDF\)](#)

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Do I have to wear a mask every time I leave my home?

If you are out in public and social distancing is not possible you need to cover your nose and mouth.

Do I have to wear a medical mask?

No, those should be used only by health care providers, first responders and patients.

The state Department of Public Health says that to comply with the order, "a face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves and bandanas."

Are kids supposed to wear a face covering as well?

The governor's order applies to anybody over the age of two unless there is a medical condition that makes wearing a mask impossible.

Is there a penalty for not wearing a mask?

The governor's order specifies a fine of up to \$300 per violation and also notes that anyone not wearing a mask can be banned from entering any business in the state. The order includes an exemption for anyone with a medical condition that prevents mask-wearing.

Does this apply to public transportation?

Yes. Under Baker's order, both the driver and the passenger of any taxi or ride-sharing service are required to wear a face covering.

I am healthy, do I need to wear a mask?

Do we still need to practice social distancing if we are wearing masks?

Yes. Even when wearing a mask, you should still try to maintain six feet of space between yourself and other people. Social distancing remains the most effective way to prevent the spread of the disease.

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