# 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](https://www.mass.gov/dols).

**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](https://www.mass.gov/dols).

**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](https://www.mass.gov/dols).

**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](https://www.mass.gov/dols).

**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](https://www.mass.gov/dols).

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

Face covering is recommended.

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

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