

Face Coverings FAQ's

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Q: Who should wear a Face covering?

A: From Monday 14th September, upon entering any indoor public place it is now law that everybody should wear a face covering. The requirement will apply to everyone aged 11 and over. Those with health or medical reasons are exempt from wearing face coverings.

Q: What constitutes a Public Indoor place?

A: A public indoor space is any enclosed indoor area which individuals have access to.

Q: Where do I need to wear a face covering in a golf club?

A: All indoor areas of the clubhouse and Pro Shop will be classed as an indoor public space. You will need to wear a face covering in the following areas of a golf club:

- Entering or exiting the clubhouse area
- Changing room and toilet facilities
- Foyer's / Corridor areas
- Whilst walking around inside the facility
- In professional shops
- Club offices – if more than 1 person has access to the area
- In simulator areas/ indoor practice facilities
- Trolley Sheds
- Green keeping sheds

'The only indoor public areas where face coverings will not be required are where you are inside a place to eat or drink, for example, cafés, restaurants and pubs. But where food and drink is only being served for consumption in part of the premises – for example, a café which also offers take away services – you will need to wear a face covering in the parts of the premises where people are not eating or drinking.'

[Further information on wearing face coverings whilst eating or drinking can be found here](#)

Q: Do I need to wear a face mask on a driving range?

A: Wales Golf suggest that you conduct a full risk assessment and check with your local authority to see if you require to wear a face mask in a driving range area.

As driving ranges vary whether they are indoor or outdoor facilities, we are unable to give a definitive answer. We would also advise that you make contact with your Insurance Company regarding whether face coverings are required when using the range bays.

Where in doubt, the safest option should always be taken.

Q: Should Staff wear a Facemask?

A: If staff are working in an indoor public space then they should wear a facemask.

'Employers will also be required to mandate the use of face coverings in other indoor workplaces where social distancing cannot be maintained, unless there are strong reasons not to. You may therefore find you are required to wear a face covering at work even in places which are not open to the public.'

[Click here for further guidance on Face coverings: guidance on measures to be taken by employers and managers of premises](#)

Q: How can we communicate these changes to members?

A: We would advise all golf clubs to educate their members of the new regulations. Inform them of all areas where face coverings will be mandatory and remind them of possible consequences to the club if regulations are ignored. It would also be beneficial to provide further advice at all entry points into any indoor public space.

Q: Do I need to wear a face covering to an indoor golf lesson or in an indoor practice facility E.G Simulators

A: In line with government advice, face coverings should be worn by coaches whilst giving indoor sessions.

Clubs and professionals should consult their relevant risk assessment and where there is any room for doubt the safest option should always be pursued.

Depending on the level of strenuous indoor golfing activity, the following Welsh Government Guidance should be used:

'Another example is gyms and leisure centres. As these are indoor public places, you will need to wear a face covering when you go there and you will need to keep it on depending on what you are doing. If you are preparing to exercise, changing or undertaking any activity that isn't strenuous, especially when in close contact with other people, you will need to wear a face covering.'

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