

Mask-wearing Requirements for Healthcare and Residential Care Settings

Settings covered*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private hospitals • National specialty centres • Polyclinics • General Practitioner clinics • Specialist clinics • Dental clinics • Traditional Chinese Medicine clinics • Renal dialysis centres • Clinical and radiological laboratories, diagnostic and ancillary services • COVID-19 care facilities, testing centres and vaccination centres • Residential care homes (including MSF's Homes for the elderly) • Emergency ambulances and medical transport vehicles
Where masking is required within these settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor patient-facing areas • When there is face-to-face interaction with patients • When care is being delivered to patients
Examples of areas included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient wards • Emergency Departments • Consultation rooms and waiting areas • Pharmacies
Examples of areas excluded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail and F&B outlets (including retail pharmacies) • Clinical labs (where there is no patient interaction) • Admin and backroom facilities • Staff rest areas • Car parks • Other non-patient-facing areas within the same premise, compound or building

* Settings not covered here (e.g. allied health clinics operating outside the premises of hospitals and polyclinics, non-residential senior care centres, home care services) may wish to maintain precautionary measures for the health and safety of their staff, clients and visitors, and for business continuity needs.