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WFHP Position Statement on Wearing of Face Coverings in Covid Vaccination Clinics

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The wearing of face coverings indoors is mandated by the UK government to reduce transmission of the Covid 19 virus. We need to consider the needs of our staff and other patients during the Covid vaccination clinics and request that all patients and carers wear a face covering when inside our buildings for the vaccination clinics.

Current evidence strongly supports this approach ¹.

For some patients there may be medical conditions – either visible or not visible- that mean they feel unable to wear a face covering – although note that current evidence supports wearing face coverings for respiratory patients – including asthma and COPD.²

In order to protect our staff and other patients, we will ask carers unable to wear a mask to wait outside the building. For those patients attending for vaccination who are unable to wear a mask, we will arrange an alternative site outside the building for their vaccination – but ensuring that privacy and comfort are maintained as much as possible.

Surgical masks will be available for those who have not brought one.

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On behalf of WFHP Board

1. <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/4/e2014564118>
2. <https://erj.ersjournals.com/content/early/2020/09/09/13993003.03325-2020>