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FACE MASKS

INTRODUCTION

**This policy is for the wearing or non-wearing of Face Masks in General Practice
This policy will be updated in-line with informaton The Beaches Medical Centre receive
from NHS England and any regulations that is required by the Government**

**Face masks will be available on arrival for patients who prefer to wear a mask and whom
have not brought their own.**

Patients attending the Surgery

Patients **without** respiratory symptoms or who are Covid-19 negative no longer need to wear facemasks whilst on the Surgery Premise including during a consultation with a Clinical member of staff

Patients who **do** have respiratory symptoms (coughs, wheezing, etc) should be encouraged to continue to wear facemasks/face coverings, if tolerated, for the safety of themselves, other patients and our staff.

Staff working at The Beaches Medical Centre

Our Reception/Admin staff are no longer required to wear face masks whilst at work, but may do so if it is their preferred choice

Clinical Staff are no longer required to wear face masks whilst consultating with patients, but may do so if it is their preferred choice.

Clinical Staff seeing a patient with respiratory symptoms can encourage the patient to wear a face mask/face covering when entering the consultation room.

Home Visits

Staff carrying out home visits are not required to wear a face mask but it is the staff member's preferred choice when vising patients at home.

If a patients requests that the staff member visiting the home wears a face mask, then unless the staff member has an issue with face mask wearing we feel that this would be an appropriate request and would expect the staff member to comply with the patients wishes