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The legal requirement to wear a face covering in shops, public transport and other enclosed public spaces will end on 19th July. It will be replaced with government guidance.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the government “expects and recommends” that face coverings are worn in crowded and enclosed spaces.

At Ear Sense, we will continue to ask and expect all patients to wear a face mask. This can be provided by the clinic if necessary. This is to ensure the safety of all patients, staff and their families. Refusal to wear a mask may result in patients being denied entry to the clinic for their appointment. We hope that you understand that there is still a need for face masks and that we make this decision to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone who attends the clinic.

England’s chief medical officer Chris Whitty and chief scientific advisor Sir Patrick Vallance said they will continue to wear face coverings:

- indoors, in any situation which is crowded, or where people are close together
- if asked to by any "competent authority"
- if someone else was uncomfortable, as a "common courtesy"

Evidence suggests transmission predominantly happens indoors where people are close together.

Face coverings worn over the nose and mouth reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking.

The main purpose is to protect others from Covid, rather than yourself. If everyone wears one, the risks drop for all.

There is some evidence they offer protection to wearers but are not a replacement for social distancing and hand-washing.

Masks can also help reduce virus spread from contagious people with no symptoms.

Cutting virus transmission is important because many people are still not yet fully vaccinated, this includes children.

Also, some new virus variants appear more transmissible than earlier Covid strains.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ear Sense on 07814822631.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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