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To Whom It May Concern,

Covid-19 – The compulsory wearing of face covering in shops

The introduction of the requirement for people to wear face covering on public transport and now also shops is intended to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

There are certain groups of people who are exempt from this requirement and they include:

- *children under the age of 11,*
- *people with disabilities*
- *those with breathing difficulties or*
- *those who are travelling with someone who relies on lip reading.*

These groups of people, their parents or guardians are able to indicate the reason, if required, as to why they are not wearing a face covering.

Statement from the British Medical Association (BMA)

Government guidance suggests there is no requirement for evidence of exemption. It should be sufficient for someone to declare an exemption directly with the person questioning them.

There is no requirement for general practice to issue letters for patients who are unable to wear face coverings, as the Government have clearly defined the exemptions to this requirement.

Many thanks for your help and support in this matter.

Kind regards

Boundary House Medical Team