

To Whom it May Concern,

The person in possession of this letter is a member of the Autism Community. The Department of Health has recently stated that face masks or coverings may be helpful as a further hygiene measure during COVID-10. While their wear is recommended, it is not a requirement. Minister for Health Simon Harris has provided clarification that some people may not be in a position to wear a mask with the following statement.

"The guidance suggests that people under the age of 13 should not wear face coverings and also there are people with certain medical conditions, and people with allergies or perhaps autistic people who find the material, from a sensitivity point of view, to be too difficult to wear.

So, not everybody is in a position to wear a face covering and it is not mandatory, what it simply is, is guidance as an extra hygiene measure that people may wish to consider in certain circumstances."

To support members of our community at this time, AslAm would ask that you show kindness and understanding that the holder of this letter or someone they care for may not be in a position to wear a mask for reasons outlined above.

Kind Regards, The AslAm Team