

Face Coverings – 23/8/20

On entering the Memorial Hall, you are required to wear a face covering, and will be required to keep it on, unless you are covered under a 'reasonable excuse'. This could be for a gym class, if you need to eat or drink something, or if you have a health or disability reason to not wear one.

The exceptions to wearing face coverings are listed below:

- children under the age of 11 (Public Health England do not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear, or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- employees of indoor settings (or people acting on their behalf, such as someone leading part of a prayer service)
- police officers and other emergency workers, given that this may interfere with their ability to serve the public
- where putting on, wearing, or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are speaking to or assisting someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others - including if it would negatively impact on your ability to exercise or participate in a strenuous activity.

Trustees and managers are not able to enforce wearing face coverings. However, hirers can be required to encourage those attending activities to do so and/or to comply with the relevant guidance for their sector.

Bear in mind that the requirements are designed to limit transmission in venues indoors attended by numbers of people at the same time, and the general advice that it is most important in crowded areas or in areas where people are in contact with others they do not usually meet.