
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 592

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings on Public Transport) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Public transport: requirement to wear face covering

Reasonable excuse

4. For the purposes of regulation 3(1), the circumstances in which a person (“P”) has a reasonable excuse include those where—

- (a) P cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering—
 - (i) because of any physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability (within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2010⁽¹⁾), or
 - (ii) without severe distress;
- (b) P is travelling with, or providing assistance to, another person (“B”) and B relies on lip reading to communicate with P;
- (c) P removes their face covering to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to themselves or others;
- (d) P is travelling to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and does not have a face covering with them;
- (e) if it is reasonably necessary for P to eat or drink, P removes their face covering to eat or drink;
- (f) P has to remove their face covering to take medication;
- (g) a relevant person requests that P remove their face covering.