



# Exemptions to the mandatory mask order in British Columbia

Masks are now mandatory in all indoor public spaces in B.C., except for people who are unable to wear masks.

You don't have to wear a mask if:

- You are under 12 years old
- You are unable to wear a mask because of a health condition or physical or mental impairment
- You are unable to put on or remove a mask without help from another person



People who are able to wear a mask but who choose not to as a matter of preference are not exempt.

People who are not exempt but refuse to wear a mask in an indoor public setting could be subject to a fine.

If a person claims a mask exemption, take them at their word. Proof should not be required.

Business owners cannot be fined for allowing people without masks to enter their place of business.

**A message from B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner**  
See the full policy for details: [bchumanrights.ca/mask](http://bchumanrights.ca/mask)