Mask mandate: Rules for wearing facemask and respirator



Decree on mandatory protection of upper respiratory tract by wearing face covering effective from 25 November 2021 can be found on this link.

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Face covering requirements

Effective from November 25, 2021





Respirator mandatory in interior

including public transport and taxi services.









Face mask mandatory in exterior

at all mass events and gatherings; when people are less than 2 meters away from persons living in other household; pupils of primary schools, special primary schools and pupils of the first 4 grades of secondary schools with an eight-year educational program.







More stringent regime of covering upper respiratory airways in lower classes of schools and in case of general rules in interior and exterior is a part of a new set of tightened rules. These measures have the potential to slow community spreading of COVID-19 in various spheres of an everyday life. Current epidemiological situation is alarming and it also complicates occurrence of other respiratory diseases of viral and bacterial origin.

! From Thursday, 25 November 2021, the obligation to have covered upper respiratory ways at least by a mask is introduced for pupils of primary schools, special primary schools and pupils of the first 4 grades of secondary schools with an eight-year educational program.

In interior, including means of public transport and taxi, covering of nose and mouth with a respirator is mandatory in all districts.

In all districts covering of respiratory ways by a facemask, respirator or shawl is mandatory in exterior for persons if they are less than 2 meters away from other persons with whom they do not live in the same household.

It is mandatory to have covered upper respiratory ways at all mass events – in interior and exterior.

Exceptions from covering upper respiratory ways are stated in the decree.

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