

# FACE COVERINGS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAII

FIFTEENTH PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY (EXHIBIT J)

**All individuals shall wear face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public settings.  
The only exceptions to this requirement are:**

- Individuals with medical conditions or disabilities where the wearing of a face covering may pose a health or safety risk to the individual.
- Children under the age of 5.
- While working at a desk or work station and not actively engaged with other employees, customers, or visitors, provided that the individual's desk or workstation is not located in a common or shared area and physical distancing of at least six (6) feet is maintained.
- While eating, drinking, smoking, as permitted by applicable law.
- Inside private automobiles, provided the only occupants are members of the same household/living unit/residence.
- While receiving services allowed under a State or county order, rule, or proclamation that require access to that individual's nose or mouth.
- Where federal or state safety or health regulations, or a financial institution's policy (based on security concerns), prohibit the wearing of facial coverings.
- Individuals who are communicating with the hearing impaired while actively communicating (e.g., signing or lip reading).
- First responders (police, fire fighters, lifeguards, etc.) to the extent that wearing face coverings may impair or impede the safety of the first responder in the performance of his/her duty.
- **While outdoors when physical distance of six (6) feet from other individuals (who are not members of the same household/living unit/residence) can be maintained at all times.**
- As specifically allowed by a provision of a State or county COVID-19 related order, rule, or proclamation.

*Definition: "Face covering" as used herein means a tightly woven fabric (without holes, vents, or valves) that is secured to the head with either ties or straps, or simply wrapped and tied around the wearer's nose and mouth. Face coverings must comply with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), as such recommendations may change from time to time.*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>