

# Mask Exceptions for Adults

Masks are not required if you:

- “Cannot medically tolerate a face mask;
- Are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment or at a private residence;
- Are exercising outdoors and able to consistently maintain 6 feet of distance from others;
- Are receiving a medical service for which removal of the face mask is necessary;
- Are asked to temporarily remove a face mask for identification purposes;
- Are communicating with someone who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing and whose ability to see the mouth is essential to communication; or
- Are giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience, provided that the audience is at least 12 feet away from the speaker” (MDHHS Mask and Gatherings Order 1/13/21).

**Some employees may not be wearing a mask due to the reasons listed above.**