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### **Face Mask Exemption requests**

Following the previous release of government guidance regarding the wearing of face masks in various public settings such as when travelling (including in circumstances where an individual might be exempt), practices reported an influx of requests for letters of exemption. The [current government guidance](#) on this suggests there is no requirement for evidence for exemption, therefore, it should be sufficient for an individual to self-declare this in most cases.

Practices are not required to provide letters of support for those who fall under the list of exemptions. For example, the responsibility for issuing exemptions in relation to travel is with the transport provider, not GPs – see for example, this information from [First Bus](#) and [Arriva](#).

We are not aware of the government updating their position re how to manage exemptions in relation to mandatory face masks in shops but thought it would be helpful to reiterate previous advice as outlined above. We will keep practices informed of any updates.