

Handout on the compulsory use of masks (facemasks) on public transport and during shopping - starting from 27th April 2020

Facemasks are mandatory

on public transport (at stations, on busses or trains etc.) and when shopping (i.e. in any shops, outlets, supermarkets, weekly markets etc.)

What kind of protection is required?

The mask has to cover mouth and nose completely. A purchased or self-made facemask is not a must. For protection also cloths, scarves etc. can be used.

Where do you get a protective mask?

Many citizens' initiatives or even private persons are meanwhile active in sewing such masks, and many shops also offer them.

Who has to wear such a facemask?

Anyone has to, except children up to 6 years and people, for whom wearing such a facemask is unreasonable due to disability or for health reasons. This must be proven by a medical certificate.

Are there consequences, if you do not wear a protective facemask on public transport or in a shop?

Until May, 4 not wearing the required facemask will end up in a verbal warning. From then on a fine of 10.00 euros may be due.

Any employees' not-wearing a protective facemask and in case no other protective measures have obviously been taken, a fine of 250.00 euros has to be paid by the shop owner of the shop being open.

Is there any control on the compulsory use of facemasks?

Of course, it is the responsibility of the municipal public order office, and there will be also police intervention, if necessary.

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