



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15441

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Dear

ATISN 15441 – Face Mask use

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 19 August. You asked for -

- *Evidence used to support the current Welsh Government policy on face mask usage. Specifically, evidence that demonstrates why face masks are not required in a nightclub but must be worn in a shop*

Our response:

The scientific and technical evidence on the use of face coverings is available in the following documents published by the Technical Advisory Group and the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies:

[Technical Advisory Group - Updated Advice on Face Coverings](#)
[Application of physical distancing and fabric face coverings in mitigating the B117 variant SARS-CoV-2 virus in public, workplace and community settings](#)

Whilst this scientific and technical evidence is available, it is used alongside a variety of other social and economic factors when the government considers and decides on policy.

Next Steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

*Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF*

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,