



On the 1st June 2022 NHS England & NHS Improvement published a letter advising the next steps on infection prevention & control (IP&C).

The key changes are that it is no longer mandatory to wear face masks however to protect both staff and patients in any health care setting **the wearing of face masks is still recommended and encouraged.**

Covid-19 continues to impact GP surgeries with sickness and the need to isolate following a positive lateral flow test. This leads to a reduction in available appointments in an already stretched system.

- Patients visiting the GP Surgery are encouraged to continue to wear face masks, if tolerated particularly if you have any respiratory or Covid-19 symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.
- If you are at high risk of infection or in contact with someone who is immunosuppressed, for example undergoing cancer treatment it is recommended that patients and carers continue to wear face masks (if tolerated).
- Clinicians are also advised to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) during face-to-face consultation.

We will continue to make face masks available to patients and carers attending the surgery however please feel free to wear your own.

Help us to protect you and the service we provide by continuing to wear a face covering.

Thank you

Wyvern Health Partnership