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## IN FRANCE WEARING A MASK WILL BE COMPULSORY IN COMPANIES IN CONFINED SPACES FROM

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**USPA NEWS** - In France, concerning the professional environment, wearing a mask is compulsory in closed spaces, from September 1, except in individual offices, announced the Minister of Labor, Elisabeth Borne. The Minister of Labor was based on an opinion from the High Council of Public Health dated August 14, on the transmission of COVID-19 by aerosol.

The presence of a plexiglass does not exempt from wearing a mask, said the Secretary of State for Occupational Health.

This measure, which comes into force on September 1, also concerns open spaces and meeting rooms. Masks, becoming personal protective equipment, will be the responsibility of the employer. On the other hand, since today, the mask is mandatory in Paris everywhere, means Paris and its suburbs for any pedestrian, and riders of scooters, motorcycles. There is one exception for the joggers and bikers (bicycle). President Macron said today to the press « I think it is a reasonable constraint of wearing a face mask, in order to protect oneself and the others »

In France, since July 20, 2020, anyone 11 years of age and over must wear a general public mask in closed public places, in addition to the application of barrier gestures.

### PLACES WHERE WEARING A MASK IS MANDATORY-----

Wearing a mask for the general public was already compulsory, sometimes with rules specific to certain activities, in establishments open to the public (ERP) falling under the following categories (fixed by the decree of 25 June 1980):

(L) Audition, conference, meeting, performance or multipurpose rooms, including performance halls and cinemas.

(N) Restaurants and drinking establishments;

(O) Hotels and guesthouses;

(P) Games rooms;

(R.) Early learning, education, training establishments, holiday centers, leisure centers without accommodation;

(S) Libraries, documentation centers;

(V) Establishments of worship;

(X) Covered sports establishments;

(Y) Museums;

(PA) Outdoor establishments;

(CTS) Marquees, tents and structures;

(OA) Altitude hotel-restaurants;

(EF) Floating establishments;

(REF) Mountain refuges.

Bus and ferry stations as well as airports.

(M) Retail stores, shopping centers;

(W) Administrations and banks.

Covered markets have also been added.

In other categories of establishments, it may be made compulsory by the operator.

### CONDITIONS OF WEARING A MASK IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Wearing a mask is compulsory in public transport and in stations, since May 11, the start of deconfinement. This obligation is valid for all users aged 11 and over, as well as for staff in stations and in transport (train, bus, tramways, metro, RER ...), but also in the planes of certain companies such as Air France. Failure to wear it in transport or in train stations results in a fine of 135 euros. Likewise, wearing a mask is compulsory in taxis and VTCs. Access to the vehicle may be refused to people refusing to wear a mask.

### CONDITIONS FOR WEARING A MASK IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS

"Customers of cafes, bars and restaurants must wear a mask, except when they are at the table", indicates the professional union GNI-HCR (National Group of Independents of the Hotel and Catering Industry) in its protocol of sanitary measures. says, customers (ages 11 and up) in all of these places must wear a mask when moving around the bar or restaurant (for example, going to the bathroom, placing an order or paying the bill). As for him, he must wear a mask at all times, whether he is in the dining room or in the kitchen.

**FINE OF 135 € IN PARIS LYON OR NANTES IN CASE OF NOT WEARING A MASK-----**

In Paris, Lyon or Nantes, for example, failure to wear a mask in a place where it is compulsory can be penalized with a 4th class fine which is defined by a fixed fine of 135 euros. In other cities, like Nice, for example, the fine is set at 35 euros in Nice. Its amount is indicated when the prefectural decree is published.

**GENERAL MASK DISTRIBUTION COULD BE FREE FOR VULNERABLE AND PRECARIOUS PEOPLE-----**

Many French people have already supplied themselves with masks for the general public for several weeks, and they are available in shops throughout the country at a capped price. The Government is nevertheless very attentive to:

That precarious public can benefit from general public masks free of charge. A distribution of masks for the general public will be put in place from next week for precarious audiences. The target audiences are those who benefit from State medical aid and complementary solidarity health and the usual contacts of associations helping the most vulnerable.

So that tourist places, which will welcome a larger public during the summer, can ensure the availability of masks for the general public. Discussions will take place with local authorities on this subject. Source: Mandatory wearing of the "general public" mask in closed places - FAQ from the website of the Ministry of Solidarity and Health.

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