



Guidance on face coverings for GNS driving jobs

The Government now requires everyone to wear a face covering on public transport and the Good Neighbour scheme is asking that all drivers and passengers involved with GNS lifts wear them too.

You may wear your own face covering. Alternatively, the Good Neighbour Scheme is offering **free re-useable face masks** to volunteer drivers during this time of risk from Covid 19. They are certified CE KN95 / FFP2 and come with simple instructions. They will be available from the Telephone Coordinator on 07561 890 100. They are reusable for a limited number of occasions.

When a driving job is requested, the Telephone Coordinator will inform the client that a face covering is required. Disposable masks for clients will be available from the telephone co-ordinator. The volunteer driver can collect prior to the journey, or the Telephone coordinator can deliver to the driver.

Face coverings should be put on by the driver and passenger(s) before getting in the car and kept in place throughout the journey.

It is also advised that the passenger(s) sit in the rear and to keep windows slightly open during the journey.

Using the face mask supplied by the Good Neighbour Scheme:

1. Try the mask on briefly before you need to use it. If the loops to go behind the ears are too long use safety pins or other ways to shorten them.
2. There is a metal nose wire at the top of the mask. Fit the wire comfortably but closely to the bridge of your nose using gentle external pressure with your fingers.
3. Make sure contact of the mask with your face, around the mask edges, is as complete as possible.
4. If you wear spectacles try these on with the mask to find how best to wear them together.
5. Put the mask on, as above, **BEFORE** the client or their carer enter the

car (they should be wearing their face coverings before they enter the car).

6. Once your mask is fitted and the client is in the car try NOT TO TOUCH IT AGAIN until it is no longer needed.

7. When the mask is no longer required REMOVE IT BY ITS STRAPS, do not touch the outside of the mask.

8. Place the mask, with the external surface folded inwards, in an airtight bag or container until you need to use it again. Wash your hands thoroughly after re-fitting the mask and touching the front of it.

SUMMARY

Fit mask comfortably and securely BEFORE having contact with the client or carer

Do NOT touch the outside surface of the mask after first exposure to the client or carer

Remove mask only by the loops

Place mask in a non-porous container/bag

Recycle the mask as per instructions

Do not touch the outside of the mask again unless you can wash your hands thoroughly afterwards