



## Face masks in Carinthia / Austria

In public places, a minimum distance of two metres must be maintained from other persons. This does not apply to persons living in the same household, partners not living in the same household, individual close relatives and individual important reference persons.

In public, closed rooms, a mouth-nose protection must also be worn. In the following areas, the mouth/nose protection must correspond to an **FFP2 mask** (or equivalent or higher-quality mask):

- Public transport
- Carpools, taxis and taxi-like companies as well as at bus-stops, stations and departure halls (including open-air)
- Cable cars and rack railways
- Customer areas of shops as well as of establishments of non-body-related service enterprises e.g. travel-agencies (body-related services remain prohibited)
- Shopping centres
- Markets (indoor and outdoor)
- Within buildings of administrative authorities and administrative courts
- Gastronomy - if open (e.g. when collecting food and in company canteens)
- Accommodation establishments - if open (in generally accessible areas such as the lobby or at the reception, does not apply in your hotelroom)

**The FFP2 obligation also applies to recovered and vaccinated persons.** The FFP2 obligation does **not apply** to children under 14 years of age. The compulsory wearing of a mouth-nose protection does **not apply in general**:

- for children up to the age of six,
- during the consumption of food and drink,
- for persons who cannot be expected to do so for health reasons.

Upon request, this must be substantiated by a medical certificate to organs of the public security service, the authorities or the operators of a place of business. In this case, these persons may wear a so-called face shield (but not a chin shield). If the persons cannot be expected to do so for health reasons, the obligation to wear an MNS does not apply.

- if necessary for communication, deaf and severely hearing-impaired persons and their communication partners may remove the MNS. Belonging to this group of persons can be proven by the disability pass with the corresponding additional entries.

Note: Operators / service providers with customer contact and their staff only have to wear a face mask if there is no other suitable protective measure in place - such as a screen - that offers the same level of protection.

**Face shields, chin shields or other spitting protection shields are not permitted. The mask must fit tightly to the face.**