

STATEMENT from Cippenham Surgery about Face Masks

We are aware that GPs are being asked to provide risk assessments or letters for patients who are worried about the new government guidance and feel they should be exempt from wearing a face mask.

The GPs are not in a position to provide these.

Government advice on the use of face coverings can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#face-coverings> . This link includes a list of reasons why someone might be exempt from wearing a face covering.

The practices are under no obligation to provide letters of support for anyone who does not fall under the list of exemptions but considers them to have another reason to be exempted.

Patients needing to travel on public transport in London may wish to print-out a self-exemption card which has been approved by TfL. This can be displayed on clothing or a lanyard. It can be found here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/face-coverings>