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Coronavirus: Face masks and coverings to be compulsory in England's shops



Wearing a face covering will become **mandatory** in shops and supermarkets in England from 24 July.

Those who fail to wear a mask will face a fine of up to £100. This will be reduced to £50 if people pay within 14 days.

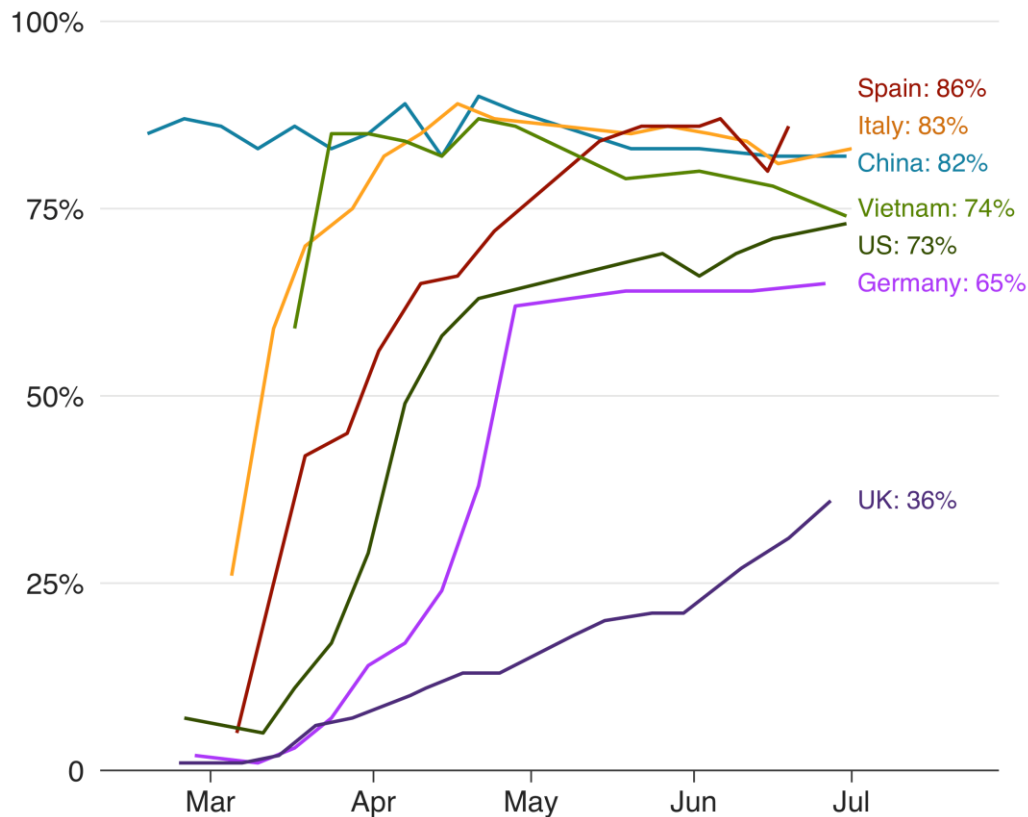
Shop staff do not have to wear a face mask, but it is "strongly recommended" that they do.

People won't be required to wear a covering in places where it's not practical - such as in a pub, cafe or restaurant. Children under 11 and those with certain disabilities will be **exempt**.

- 1 Do you wear a face covering when you go shopping at the moment?
- 2 Do you think that making face masks compulsory in shops is a good idea?
- 3 Do people in your country have to wear face coverings when they go shopping?

Who is wearing face coverings in public?

Selected countries: % of people who say they wear face masks



Data is based on a poll of at least 1,000 adults in each country

Source: YouGov

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People in Asian countries are most likely to say they wear them. In Singapore, where it is an offence not to wear a mask outside your home, 90% of people do so - the highest rate in the world.

In Europe, the proportion of people wearing masks is highest in Spain (86%), followed by Italy (83%) and France (78%).

In the UK, just 36% of people say they wear a mask in public - although this has been steadily increasing.

In the US, the rate is 73%, which is slightly higher than its neighbour Canada (60%).

The data comes from surveys run in nearly 30 countries.

- 1 In which country, do the highest number of people wear facemasks. Why?
- 2 In which European country do the highest number of people wear face masks?
- 3 How about in the UK? What does the graph tell us about the wearing of face masks in the UK at the moment?

Why are the rules in England changing?

Since mid-May the public in England have been advised to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces, such as supermarkets, where it can be difficult to follow social distancing rules.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson says there is growing evidence that wearing them helps protect individuals and those around them from the virus.

Making it mandatory sends a stronger signal to people about their value.

It's the end of the school term, so perhaps it's time to reflect on these last 4 months.

This has been one the strangest times we have ever lived through!

During the last 4 months, we've tried to focus on some positive stories during lockdown. Who is the man in the photograph?

Have you also heard the story of a little boy, called Tony Hudgell?



Tony Hudgell, 5, completes 10km walk on **prosthetic** legs

A five-year-old boy, who had to have both legs amputated, has completed his 10km walking challenge. Tony Hudgell, from Kings Hill in Kent, needed the surgery because of abuse by his birth parents when he was a baby.

He set out to raise £500 for the Evelina London Children's Hospital by walking a combined 10km in June and has raised more than £1m.

Tony's **adoptive** father Mark Hudgell told the BBC: "As a family we are all incredibly **proud** at what Tony has achieved. "The support and kind words we have received is **phenomenal** - from friends, the local community, throughout the UK and even worldwide."

Tony set the target of walking 10km in a month after being inspired by [Captain Sir Tom Moore](#). He was "**over the moon**" when his fundraising for the hospital that saved his life [topped £1m on Monday](#).

Mr Hudgell said his son would be celebrating his achievement with a small socially-distancing gathering of family, friends and hospital representatives. He said the support and donations Tony had received had been "**overwhelming**". Mr Hudgell said: "Tony will continue to improve his walking with the aid of crutches.

"However in the past two days, with the confidence he has gained from this experience, he has tried to stand up and take a step unaided - this will be his next challenge."

Match the definition with the adjective (or descriptive phrase) in yellow

- 1 *very great or very large*
- 2 *related through adoption*
- 3 *very pleased*
- 4 *extremely successful or special, especially in a surprising way*
- 5 *feeling pleasure and satisfaction because you or people connected with you have done or got something good:*
- 6 *relating to an artificial body part, such as an arm, foot, or tooth, that replaces a missing part:*

Tony Hudgell's charity walk for Evelina London Children's Hospital on BBC Breakfast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je5CZZpPSu4>

Watch the video

- 1 Which adjectives does Tony's adoptive mum use to describe him?
- 2 When Tony saw Captain Tom walking with his frame, what did Tony say?
- 3 How does, the first man (the comedian and children's author) describe Tony?
- 4 What does the second man (the Chelsea footballer) say about Tony?
- 5 How much money does Tony say he wants to raise?

What is the most inspiring story you have heard during the coronavirus pandemic?

to inspire (v)	<i>to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it:</i>
inspiring (adj)	<i>encouraging, or making you feel you want to do something:</i>
inspiration (n)	<i>someone or something that gives you ideas for doing something:</i>

And looking back on your experience of this strange time ...

What has been for you..?

- 1 the most challenging thing you have had to cope with
- 2 the most useful skill you have learned
- 3 the activity which has most helped you to stay positive
- 4 the thing which has made you the most angry
- 5 the thing which has made you laugh the loudest

Here is a little clip which I sent to Ruth to make her laugh!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUkUkJUbG0s>

Child interrupts BBC News interview - BBC News



Unity online, Fri 17 July It's nearly the end of term! 7

A professor of global health policy at the London School of Economics, Dr Clare Wenham is just as intelligent in her parenting as in her professional field of expertise. She was explaining the relationship between central and local government responses to the coronavirus crisis – while her daughter, Scarlett, was busy behind her trying to decide which shelf her picture of a unicorn should adorn.

The BBC anchor, Christian Fraser, not only offered Wenham an out if she wanted it (“Do stop me if you need to crack on ...”), but also engaged young Scarlett in conversation; replying when she asked his name and complimenting her on her unicorn.

Fraser was wildly praised for his amiable and unfazed response, as was Wenham for her broad smile and smooth control of the situation.

Wenham and Scarlett have since shared an update on the final decision of the unicorn’s new home:

