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### Question:

**I am travelling with children and/or an elderly person with breathing problems, do they have to wear a medical face mask?**

### Answer:

Persons with respiratory symptoms are strongly recommended to wear a medical face mask irrespective of the requirements in the particular flight.

The medical face masks (also named "surgical masks") should be considered the minimum standard to be used, unless stricter requirements are still imposed by some public health authorities. Children 5 years old or below and persons that cannot wear a face mask due to medical reasons should be exempted, while for children 6 to 11 a risk assessment should be performed in accordance with [WHO COVID-19 infection prevention and control living guideline: mask use in community settings](#).

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