

F. No. Z.28016/133/2021-DM Cell  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
(DM Cell)

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.  
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To

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Subject: Request for information under RTI Act 2005.

With reference to your online RTI application bearing registration no. MOHFW/R/E/21/01528dated 15/04/2021 for providing information on the above-mentioned subject. The point wise reply is as under:-

S No.	Question	Answer
1.	Is face Masks are mandatory for everyone.	Use of mask/face cover has been advised to all in various SOPs/Guidelines issued by MoHFW. However as per these guidelines/SOPs its use has not been explicitly made mandatory.
2.	what are the side effects of face mask.	No such information is available in records of DM Cell, MoHFW
3.	how long use of face mask is safe.	Mask has to be worn for a maximum of 8 hours of use or earlier if it becomes wet or visibly soiled.
4.	if a person feel very uncomfortable while using face mask then what he/she should do.	No such information is available in records of DM Cell, MoHFW.
5.	Is face masks lower the oxygen saturation level in blood.	As per MoHFW's Guidelines on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Yoga Institutes & Gymnasiums issued on 1st March 2021 (available at: <a href="https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesonPreventiveMeasurestoContainSpreadofCOVID19inYogaInstitutes&amp;Gymnasiums.pdf">https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesonPreventiveMeasurestoContainSpr</a> eadofCOVID19inYogaInstitutes&Gymnasiums.pdf), use of mask (in particular N-95 masks) during exercise may cause difficulty in breathing. No further information is available in records of DM Cell, MoHFW.
6.	Is government of India conducted any trial/study on using face mask and face mask side effects .	No such information is available in records of DM Cell, MoHFW.
7.	what type of mask is	No such information is available in records of DM Cell, MoHFW.

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If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you can prefer an appeal to Appellate Authority i.e. Shri. Govind Jaiswal, Director PH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Room No. 205 "D", Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi, as per the provision of RTI Act, 2005.

Yours sincerely

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