

- Where it is not possible for 2m to be maintained, other measures will need to be put in place, such as putting physical barriers in place or rearranging the layout and furniture to reduce close contact.

Face coverings

- These changes will have consequences for **public transport**, including **taxis**.
- Bus and train operators have already introduced a wide range of measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus for passengers.
- As more people return to work and our economy re-opens, there will be times when it will not always be possible to maintain a 2m distance while travelling on public transport.
 - The amount of physical space on buses and trains is limited, which means it is harder for people to stay 2m apart than in other public places.
 - And people often spend long periods travelling, without the option of leaving the vehicle.
- We have published guidance setting out the reasonable measures all operators will need to put in place when it's not possible for 2m to be met. This was developed with stakeholders.
- I expect operators to put the measures in place by 27 July – some will be ready sooner.
- Public transport moves across our porous border with England. There the use of face coverings is mandatory on public transport.

- For the sake of simplicity and consistency, as well as being part of our plan to help reduce the risk of transmission while on public transport where it is not always possible to maintain a 2m physical distance, it will become mandatory for people to wear a three-layer face covering while travelling – this includes taxis.
- The requirement to wear a face covering on public transport will come into effect from **27 July**.
- The new 2m regulation also has consequences for premises, including shops.
 - We will be writing to all major supermarkets this week to make them aware of the changes.
 - The retail sector has made huge efforts to introduce measures to maintain physical distancing, including putting up one-way systems, limiting the number people who can enter a shop at any one time and putting up screens at checkouts.
 - These measures become even more important as the lockdown eases.
- At this point in time, when the prevalence of coronavirus is low, we are not mandating the use of face coverings in other public places, but many people may choose to wear them.
 - Our advice may change if cases of coronavirus begin to increase.
 - And, where it is not possible for 2m to be maintained, some businesses may ask people to wear a face covering before they enter the premises.

How to protect yourself from coronavirus

- We have been able to ease restrictions because the indicators show the spread of coronavirus has slowed in Wales.
 - We are also seeing fewer deaths from coronavirus – this doesn't take away from the pain and loss felt by all those families who are grieving today.