

FACE COVERINGS

attitudes and practices within close contact retail services

Pharmacy sector summary findings from a research study funded by UK Government

The findings of this study represent workers that provide close contact services and members of the public that receive these services in small consulting rooms (e.g. within opticians, community pharmacies, hair and beauty salons, holistic therapy centres, podiatrists etc.). There was commonality in the results found between hair and beauty workers and the public, and pharmacy workers and 'other' workers.



Community pharmacists

33% of workers surveyed were pharmacists
(97% of these were based in England)

Ventilation

52% of pharmacy workers reported no
ventilation in the workplace



Knowledge

Over **57%** of pharmacy workers reported
'very good' knowledge related to COVID-19

Changes to work

37% of pharmacy workers reported the
wearing of face coverings changed aspects
of their work



Mandated face coverings

5% of pharmacy workers would probably or
definitely not wear a face covering if they were
not mandated



Changing face coverings

74% of pharmacy workers most
commonly change their face covering after
rest/lunch breaks



Impact on mood

29% of pharmacy workers felt that wearing a
face covering lowered their mood a little or a lot



As a result of this project recommendations have been made for policy, practice and research. Want to understand more? Read the final report and infographics [here](#)



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