

## **Handout on the compulsory use of masks (facemasks) on public transport and during shopping - starting from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### **Facemasks are mandatory ....**

on public transport (at stations, on busses or trains etc.) and when shopping (i.e. in any shops, outlets, supermarkets, weekly markets etc.)

### **What kind of protection is required?**

The mask has to cover mouth and nose completely. A purchased or self-made facemask is not a must. For protection also cloths, scarves etc. can be used.

### **Where do you get a protective mask?**

Many citizens' initiatives or even private persons are meanwhile active in sewing such masks, and many shops also offer them.

### **Who has to wear such a facemask?**

**Anyone has to**, except children up to 6 years and people, for whom wearing such a facemask is unreasonable due to disability or for health reasons. This must be proven by a medical certificate.

### **Are there consequences, if you do not wear a protective facemask on public transport or in a shop?**

Until May, 4 not wearing the required facemask will end up in a verbal warning. From then on a fine of 10.00 euros may be due.

Any employees' not-wearing a protective facemask and in case no other protective measures have obviously been taken, a fine of 250.00 euros has to be paid by the shop owner of the shop being open.

### **Is there any control on the compulsory use of facemasks?**

Of course, it is the responsibility of the municipal public order office, and there will be also police intervention, if necessary.

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