



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### The Governor's Fifteenth Emergency Proclamation and Statewide Face Covering Requirement

#### Disability Exemptions

According to the Governor's Fifteenth Emergency Proclamation and statewide face covering requirement, all individuals shall wear face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public settings. However, Exhibit J of the Governor's Fifteenth Emergency Proclamation lists exceptions to the statewide face covering requirement. Two pertain to individuals with disabilities:

Item A: "Individuals with medical conditions or disabilities where the wearing of a face covering may pose a health or safety risk to the individual."

Item H: "Individuals who are communicating with the hearing impaired while actively communicating (e.g., signing or lipreading)."

Exhibit J also states, "An owner or operator of any business or operation *shall* refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering, unless an exception applies under this section."

**The Governor's Fifteenth Emergency Proclamation continues through December 31, 2020.**

The full version of the Proclamation may be found here: [https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2011051-ATG\\_Fifteenth-Proclamation-Related-to-the-COVID-19-Emergency-distribution-signed.pdf](https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2011051-ATG_Fifteenth-Proclamation-Related-to-the-COVID-19-Emergency-distribution-signed.pdf).

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