

FACE COVERING AWARENESS TIPS

By following basic tips, you can make a difference when communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing whilst face coverings are being worn in public

● KEEP IT CLEAR

When you wear a mask, if possible, make it one with a clear panel.

● WRITE IT DOWN

If speech isn't working, write it down or use a text message.

● FIND A QUIET PLACE

This will make it easier to hear, especially if technology is used to support hearing.

● BE PATIENT

Be creative and most of all patient in how you communicate with a deaf or hard of hearing person.

● USE AN APP

You can find apps that translate speech into text.

● LOWER YOUR FACE COVERING

Check if they are comfortable then lower your face covering to make lip reading easier (maintain social distancing).

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