

CORONAVIRUS — RESTRICTIONS — EXEMPTIONS

573. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to medical exemptions for the COVID mandated requirement to wear masks in various settings inside businesses that are open to the public, and I ask:

- (a) are businesses required to accept medical exemption certificates for make wearing and allow in patrons that hold them without masks;
- (b) if a person with a medical exemption certificate is refused entry, what rights of appeal or support are available to them; and
- (c) how should a person with a medical exemption certificate address the situation and the manager of the business?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(c) A person is exempt from the requirement to wear a mask if they produce a valid medical certificate. However, private businesses are able to deny entry to their premises at their own discretion.