

Wearing face masks in public: Approach of different countries across the world

Middle East	Wearing face masks in public places
Lebanon	On May 29, all citizens in Lebanon were required to wear face masks, with violators facing fines of 50,000 Lebanese Pounds (US\$33). The Interior Ministry reminded citizens that they can use a washable piece of cloth as a mask in place of the one-time-use mask. Security forces have organized patrols to ensure compliance with the face-mask decision.
GCC countries (Gulf)	
UAE (United Arab Emirates)	On April 4, wearing face masks/ coverings was made mandatory at all times when going outside.
Bahrain	On April 22, wearing face masks was made mandatory in public areas for citizens, residents, and shop workers.
Qatar	On April 26, the use of face masks was made compulsory for government and private sector employees and clients, shoppers at food and catering stores and workers in the contracting sector. On May 17, wearing masks was made compulsory in public, with violators facing up to 3 years imprisonment and/or fines up to 200,000 Qatari Rial (US\$55,000).
South East Asia	
Vietnam	On March 16, Vietnam made face masks compulsory for citizens to wear in public. Failure to comply can result in fines of up to US\$13.
China	The use of face masks was relatively common before the COVID-19 pandemic, which is credited to a population with a face mask culture for a host of reasons such as pollution and previous experience with the SARS and H1N1 outbreaks. Citizens are advised to wear face masks in public places. Some local governments require their citizens to wear face masks when going outside, Shanghai have made mask-wearing compulsory in public places.
Singapore	On April 12, the use of face masks became mandatory in public places such as supermarkets, convenience stores, pharmacies, and shopping malls. Failure to wear a mask can incur a fine of S\$300.
South Korea	Masks have been widely used by citizens despite absence of official advice to do so. However, on 25 May, the Korean government/Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters made it mandatory for passengers on buses, taxis, subways, and flights to wear masks.
South Asia	
Pakistan	On May 30, Pakistan made it mandatory for people to wear a face mask in crowded public spaces including, shopping malls, mosques, bazaars and public transport.
Africa	
Morocco	On April 7, Morocco made wearing face masks compulsory. Citizens failing to comply face a prison sentence of up to 3 months and a fine of 1,300 Dirhams (US\$130).

Egypt	On May 30, it became mandatory to wear face masks in public places and on public transportation. Failure to comply can result in fines of up to 4,000 Egyptian Pounds (US\$247).
Cameroon	On April 13, Cameroon made wearing face masks compulsory for people leaving their homes.
Ethiopia	On April 8, the country declared a five-month state of emergency making the wearing of face masks at public places obligatory among other restrictions.
Kenya	On April 4, wearing face masks became mandatory in public places.
Liberia	On April 21, wearing face masks became mandatory in public places.
South Africa	On May 1, the use of cloth face masks became mandatory in public places.
Zambia	On April 16, wearing face masks became mandatory in public places.
America	
Canada	Since April 6, health officials recommended wearing non-medical masks in situations where social distancing deemed difficult, for example: buying groceries, or public transport.
Venezuela	Venezuela was amongst the first countries to impose the mandatory use of face masks in public back in March.
Colombia	On April 4, wearing face masks was made mandatory on the public transport system and public places such as stores, banks, and outdoor marketplaces.
Cuba	On April 6, Cuba made wearing face masks compulsory in public places.
Ecuador	On April 8, Ecuador made wearing face masks mandatory in public places.
Argentina	On April 14, Argentina made face masks obligatory for everyone using public transport and public places such as shops and public offices. People who do not comply can face a fine between 10,000 and 80,000 Pesos (US\$145- 1155). The authorities have also prohibited the sale of N95 face masks to non-medical workers in an attempt to save surgical masks for use by healthcare professionals, suggesting the general public to use home-made masks/face coverings instead.
El Salvador	On April 8, El Salvador made face masks compulsory in public.
Honduras	On May 3, Honduras made face masks mandatory for people going outside their homes.
Jamaica	On April 21, Jamaica made it compulsory for citizens to wear a face mask in public spaces.
Bahamas	On April 19, wearing a mask or face covering became mandatory in public. Employers must provide their employees who are serving the general public with masks.
Chile	On April 8, Chile made it compulsory for citizens to wear a face mask when using public transport.
Dominican Republic	On April 16, the use of face masks became compulsory in all public spaces and in the workplace.
Mexico	On April 17, the use of face masks was declared mandatory in at least 11 states and Mexico City. All Mexico City Metro passengers must wear masks while inside stations and on trains. In some states, citizens who don't comply could be fined or face other sanctions.
Panama	On April 21, Panama has made it compulsory for its citizens to wear a face mask or face covering when going outside.

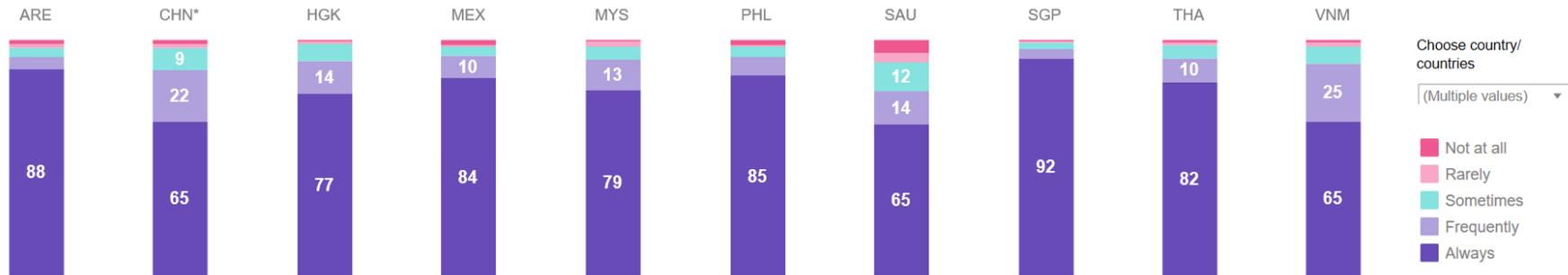
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Thinking about the last 7 days... how often have you taken the following measures to protect yourself or others from coronavirus (COVID-19)? As a reminder, please exclude any measures that you have already taken for reasons other than coronavirus (COVID-19). %

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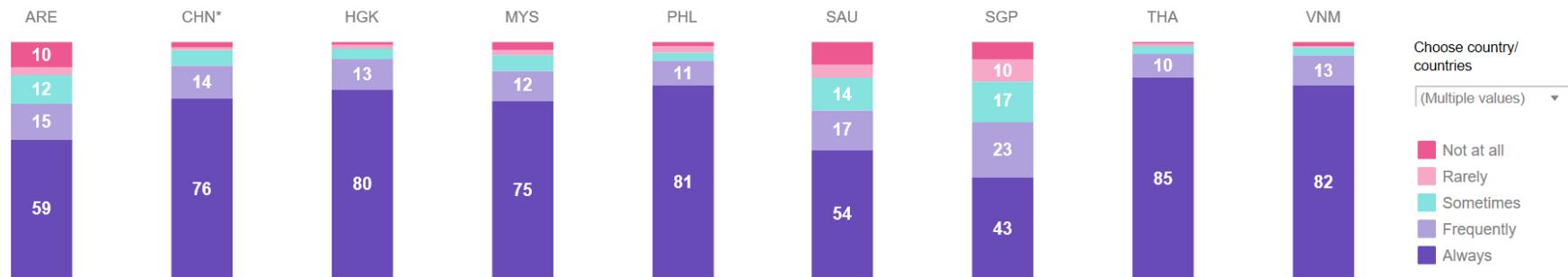
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