Shopping with iPhone and A Face Covering

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Because we are considerate, responsible citizens and neighbors to those we meet when shopping, we wear face coverings during this pandemic crisis. They keep us safe, they keep others safe, and they signal to those we encounter that we care about their safety and health.

But, if you use your iPhone and the Notes app to refer to your shopping list while you shop, you know it's a hassle to have to unlock your iPhone while wearing a face covering. The iPhone locks automatically while you shop, and it's not fun to have to enter your passcode 20 times during your shopping visit to access your list in the Notes app.

Here's how to set up your iPhone for shopping while wearing a face covering:

1. Enter your shopping list into the Notes app on your Mac or iPhone as usual

2. Before you get out of the car at the grocery store, do this:

   a. Open the Settings app on your iPhone

   b. In Settings, tap Accessibility, then scroll all the way down and tap Guided Access

   c. In Guided Access, tap the On/Off slider to turn Guided Access on

   d. Quit Settings

   e. Open Notes

   f. Open your shopping list note

   g. On iPhone X or newer, triple-click the right side button on your iPhone. On iPhone 8 or older, triple-click the Home button. Triple-click means clicking and releasing the lock button three times quickly.

   h. Enter a passcode as directed. This will be the passcode you will use to turn Guided Access off when you're done shopping.

   i. Now put on your face covering and start shopping!

3. With Guided Access on, your iPhone will lock after a screen timeout as usual. But once it is locked, you can unlock it instantly and resume use of the Notes app (or any other single app you choose, such as Evernote) without Face ID or an unlock passcode slowing you down!

4. Once you're done shopping and you've removed your face covering, triple-click the side button or home button again, then enter the passcode you entered to turn on Guided Access. Your iPhone is back to its normal configuration.

To read more about Guided Access, **click here**.