

Apple figures out how Face ID can work even if you're wearing a mask... buy an Apple Watch



The newest update to Apple's iOS includes a feature allowing mask wearers to unlock their phones, despite the barrier the masks pose to Face ID.

Face ID allows iPhone users to unlock their device simply by holding it up to their faces - but the COVID-19 pandemic has meant people's faces are obscured most of the day.

Many iPhone users are finding this means they need to laboriously enter their passcodes every time they want to use their phone, potentially hundreds of times a day.

Fortunately, Apple is now testing a workaround in the beta testing of iOS 14.5 which began rolling out to developers on Monday, as spotted by gadget reviews site [Pocket Lint](#).

Unfortunately the workaround is dependent upon the iPhone user also having an Apple Watch, the cheapest of which - the Series 3 - will set consumers back £195.

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The Apple Watch unlock is already available for Mac users, when the devices are paired, and will only enable people to remove their iPhones from a locked state - it won't authenticate them when using the App Store or making an iTunes purchase.

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