

## Tired of taking off your mask to unlock your phone? Apple's face recognition now works when wearing face coverings

Apple Inc.'s next iPhone software update will finally address a grumble that's been bugging users since the Covid pandemic started: You'll finally be able to unlock your phone without first taking off your mask.

The updated Face ID feature is expected to work on iPhones and iPads and is likely to be included in iOS 15.4, expected to be released sometime in the first half of March.

Apple's 3-D facial recognition system was launched back in 2017, as a feature of the new iPhone X. But it became a headache as Covid swept around the world in 2020, as mask wearers were forced to remove their coverings to unlock their iPhones. A temporary solution for some came last year, when a software update allowed Apple Watch users to access their phones even when wearing a mask or sunglasses.

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