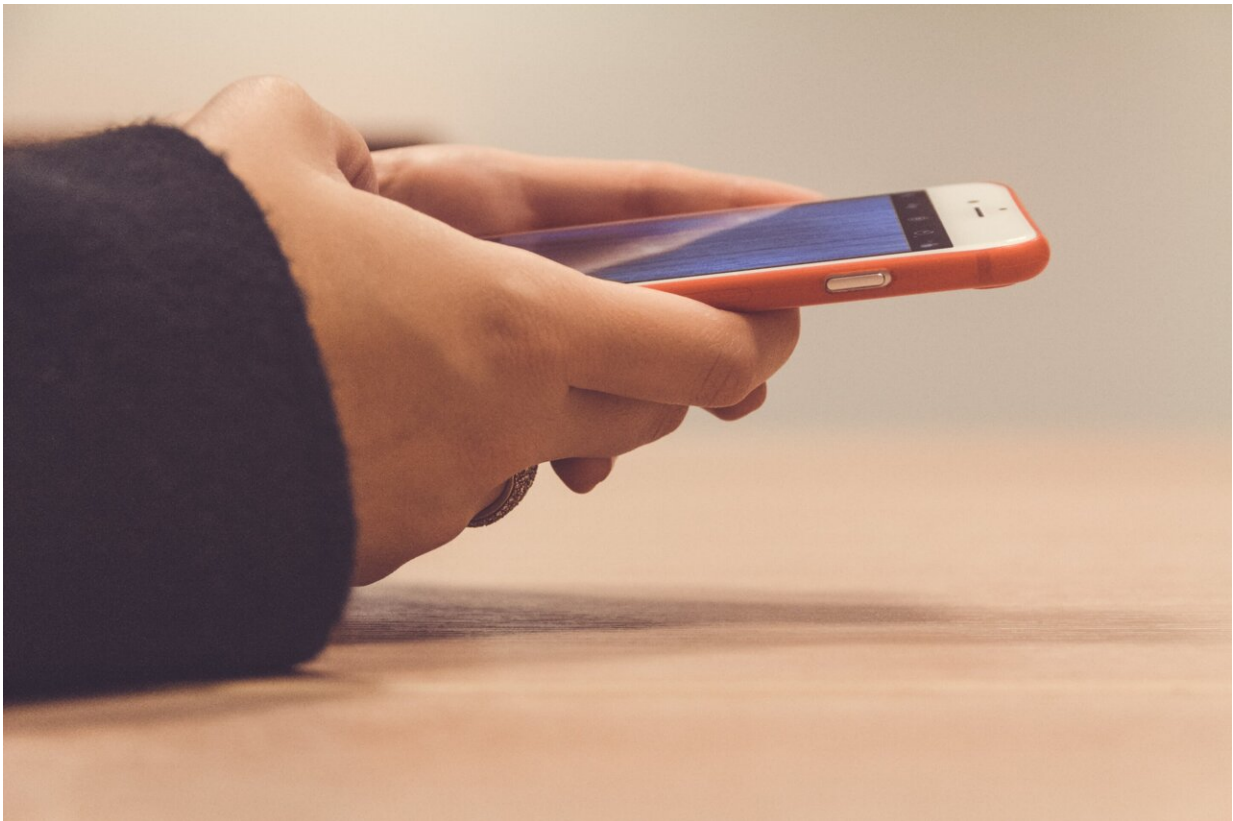


# iPhone owners could soon be able to use Face ID while wearing a mask

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iPhone owners could soon be able to use Face ID while still wearing their masks.

Apple launched the first developer beta for iOS 15.4, which provides an opportunity to test upcoming features planned for the iPhone.

Among them is the ability to use Face ID while wearing a mask.

Currently, the only way to unlock iPhones with Face ID and a mask on involves owning an Apple Watch. The iPhone has an option to unlock the phone with Apple Watch. Once enabled, users wake their iPhone then glance at the screen to unlock it.

With the update in the developer beta, if you're wearing a mask, Face ID would work without the watch.

Other new features available in the developer beta include fresh emojis and the option to copy text from objects using the iPhone camera in the Notes or Reminders apps.

Apple also released a new developer beta for macOS Monterey, which introduces the Universal Control feature, allowing Mac owners to seamlessly use a keyboard and mouse between Mac and iPad.

Apple did not say when the features will become available for all devices.

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