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Town-Wide Facial Covering Mandate **Per Order of the Board of Health**

In response to the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant and high number of cases in the community, the Southborough Board of Health met on January 10, 2022 to discuss a mask mandate. Given the high volume of cases, the Board of Health is requiring that everyone regardless of vaccination status, wear masks at indoor settings open to the public in Southborough to try to minimize the spread.

Effective Date: 12:01 January 13, 2022 masks covering the nose and mouth are required for all individuals ages 2 and above at indoor spaces open to the public within the Town of Southborough. The board will revisit within 30 days.

Public indoor spaces including but not limited to:

- Restaurants, bars, retail food stores
- Healthcare facilities, gyms, recreational facilities
- Houses of Worship
- Retail establishments
- Event venues
- Salons, barbershops, nail salons, massage establishments

The most effective masks are multi-layer and should cover the mouth and nose entirely.

Exemptions to mask requirements:

- No one under the age of 2 years old should wear a mask due to suffocation risk
- Medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. No one should wear a mask that is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Anyone who is communicating with someone who is hearing impaired and relies on seeing the mouth for communication

Enforcement

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 111; Sections 31 and 104 the Board of Health and authorized agents have the ability to enact and enforce an emergency regulation and order for a mask mandate. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 111 Section 104 and Chapter 40, section 21D, in addition to any other remedy available in law or equity, a violation of any provision of this order may result in a \$100 fine and/or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars in accordance with MGL Chapter 111 Section 31. If necessary, the Board of Health may rely on the Southborough Police Department for assistance in enforcement.

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