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ORDER
Requiring Use of Facial Coverings or Masks in Public Places
from the
UXBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH
4/23/2020

The Town of Uxbridge Board of Health, pursuant to MGL chapter 111 sections 122-124 and the Board's authority to prevent the spread of infectious disease, deems that the following action is needed to protect the public health:

Whereas the Coronavirus Covid-19 is a highly contagious disease which can cause serious injury and death; and

Whereas the State of Emergency declared in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts warrants emergency measures to prevent the spread of the infectious disease; and

Whereas evidence indicates that workers in Essential Service¹ workplaces and other facilities where the public has general access, are especially susceptible to the transmission of the disease; and

Whereas the Center of Disease Control² and the MA DPH³ have recommended that individuals wear masks or other suitable facial covering which covers the mouth and nose, based on evidence that such coverings can reduce the chance of spreading the virus,

The Town of Uxbridge Board of Health hereby orders that:

1. All persons (including customers, employees, vendors, and visitors of any kind) over the age of five (5) years of age wear a mask or other suitable covering over their nose and mouth whenever:
 - a. Entering the inside of any building or enclosed space open to the public; or
 - b. Using public transportation or ride sharing; or
 - c. Employed in a food service or retail food establishment who prepares, serves, delivers or otherwise handles food intended to be consumed outside of that person's immediate family or household; or

¹ Governor Baker's COVID order number 13 March 23, 2020 and extended by COVID order number 21 April 1, 2020. All future revisions to the definitions of Essential Services will apply to the scope of this order.

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

³ https://www.mass.gov/news/advisory-regarding-face-coverings-and-cloth-masks?_ga=2.156063474.89571966.1587592535-1870248168.1523117411

- d. Engaged in any activity within a confined space or enclosed facility where other members of the public have routine access or are present.
2. Every store, workplace or other facility providing Essential Services as defined by Executive Orders Issued by Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker⁴ AND open to the public is required to place a sign no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches and clearly visible on all doors and any point of entry into the facility stating that the use of a mask or other facial covering is required of every person upon entry into the facility and at all times while in the facility.
3. The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be reserved for health care workers or first responders. The facial covering may be a fabric mask, scarf, neck gaiter, bandana or other similar covering that covers the mouth and nose.

This Order does not apply to persons who are engaged in permissible outdoor physical activity, riding in a personal vehicle, alone in a separate physical space or indoors with their own shelter group such as family or household members. Nor does this order apply to anyone whose health would be in jeopardy because of wearing a face covering. However, every person is advised to wear a mask or facial covering at all times when outside of their personal dwelling or private vehicle.⁵

To the extent necessary, this order shall be enforced by the Uxbridge Board of Health or any of its authorized agents.

All provisions of this order are effective as of **6:00 AM on Monday April 27, 2020** and will remain in effect until notice is given by the Board of Health that the need for this order no longer exists.

This Order was passed by unanimous vote (3,0,0) at the Uxbridge Board of Health Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

⁴ Governor Baker's COVID order number 13 March 23, 2020 and extended by COVID order number 21 April 1, 2020. All future revisions to the definitions of Essential Services will apply to the scope of this order.

⁵ COVID-19 Order of Recommendation from BOH for all Uxbridge residents to wear masks in public places, passed at emergency meeting of April 6, 2020: Motion: David Tapscott moved that the Uxbridge Board of Health issue an advisory to all Uxbridge residents, places of business and government facilities that a mask be worn at all times when outside of a home or other dwelling. This applies to all public spaces, outdoor spaces and private businesses. Joann Lindenmayer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0-0.