



TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

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

Effective at 12:01 am on Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022

Mask Mandate

To reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in indoor public settings, the Board of Health requires that everyone, including fully vaccinated people wear masks in indoor public settings across Westborough. All businesses must display a clearly visible sign upon entry stating that masks are required (please see the sign attached).

The masking requirements apply to all individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces including but not limited to:

- On public transit and in transportation hubs
- Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare
- Emergency shelters
- Healthcare settings
- Local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters
- Physical Fitness Centers
- Places of worship
- Long Term Care Settings & Adult Senior Care Facilities
- Indoor public settings and businesses that serve the public (retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers)

For purposes of this order, masks shall include surgical masks, N-95 respirators, and cloth masks (single layer cloth masks alone are the least effective and we ask that you avoid those). Masks are to be worn to completely cover a person's nose and mouth.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity, entry into a business, or employment, provided that such person elects to wear a mask that is designed to inhibit the transmission of COVID-19, but that is not designed to otherwise obscure the identity of the individual.

Exemptions to mask requirements

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are communicating with a hearing-impaired person, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

- Persons who are actively eating or drinking in an area that is approved for eating or drinking
- Persons who are clearly socially distant, for example, 6' markings on the floor or the only person in a room

This regulation shall be applied in a manner consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Massachusetts State Laws, and any other applicable provision of law.

Effective Date

Effective at 12:01 am on Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022, although all people and businesses should try to implement this as soon as possible. This order is in effect until January 31, 2022, and may be extended to a further date if the Board deems it necessary.

Penalties and Enforcement

A violation of any provision of this order is subject to all civil penalties as provided for by law. Individuals or entities that violate this order may be subject to a fine of \$100 for each violation. For purposes of civil penalties, each day that an individual or entity operates in a manner inconsistent with the order shall constitute a separate violation under this Section.

The Board of Health and authorized agents pursuant to MGL chapter 111, § 30, are authorized to enforce this regulation and if necessary, may do so with the assistance of the Police Department, in the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.