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**Order of the Wellesley Board of Health and the Wellesley Board of Selectmen Regarding  
the Wearing of Face Coverings which Supplements the Order of the Massachusetts  
Governor of May 1, 2020**

On May 1, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places where Social Distancing is Not Possible. The Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen are issuing the following local Order regarding the wearing of face coverings in public in Wellesley that supplements the Governor's May 1, 2020 Order, the terms of which are incorporated into this Supplemental Order, pursuant to their joint authority under M.G.L. c.111, §104:

Face Coverings Indoors

1. Pursuant to the terms of the Governor's May 1, 2020 Order, any person over the age of 2 who is in a place indoors and open to the public, and is unable to or does not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from other persons, shall cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, subject to the exceptions described below.
2. In accordance with the Governor's May 1, 2020 Order, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's May 1, 2020 Guidance, the following persons are exempt from wearing face coverings: a) children 2 years of age or younger; b) children 2-5 years of age if, in the discretion of their parent/guardian, are unable to wear the face covering; c) persons who cannot breathe safely; d) persons who due to a behavioral health diagnosis are unable to do so; e) those persons communicating with people who rely upon lip reading; and f) those persons who require supplemental oxygen to breathe.
3. All members of the public shall wear a face covering whenever entering any building open to the public or engaging in any activity within a confined or enclosed facility where other members of the public are present. This includes essential businesses, enclosed worksites, common areas and communal spaces of commercial and residential buildings, and Town-owned buildings. Essential businesses, in Wellesley, include but are not limited to pharmacies, grocery stores, home improvement stores, banks, and restaurants. This requirement shall extend to parking lots and gas station pumps that are appurtenant or adjacent to the essential business.
4. Social distancing of six feet shall be maintained while inside the essential business. Clear markings of such distance for purposes of queue formation shall be visible for members of the public.

5. Members of the public may make their own [face coverings](#); the Centers for Disease Control has published helpful instructions. If a resident of Wellesley does not have a face covering, or needs assistance with obtaining one, please call the Supporting Wellesley Call Center at 781-239-0256.
6. All employees working inside an essential business shall wear a face covering. Essential businesses shall increase employee illness surveillance by ensuring that employees do not come to work while sick and asking employees if they have been exposed to COVID-19 at the beginning of a shift.
7. Signage must be posted at all entry doors advising members of the public that face coverings and social distancing must be maintained inside the facility and outside while waiting to enter.
8. Restaurants and other food establishments may only serve food through drive-thru, curbside takeout, counter service, or delivery. Employees who bring food to curbside delivery stations must wear a face covering even while outside.
9. To the extent necessary, the Wellesley Police Department and the Board of Health shall enforce this Supplemental Order with respect to essential businesses, and such businesses that are not adhering to its requirements may face legal action.
10. Essential businesses are encouraged to take other action to enhance social distancing efforts, such as offering home delivery options and encouraging online ordering and payment; establishing one-way flow for aisle shopping; and, relocating high-demand items to easily accessible areas to limit the amount of time customers are inside the business.

#### Face Coverings for Outdoor Physical Activity

Pursuant to the terms of the Governor's May 1, 2020 Order, any person over the age of two who is in a place outdoors and open to the public, and is unable to or does not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from other persons, shall cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, subject to the exceptions described above. Members of the public shall maintain social distancing while engaging in outdoor physical activity. Pedestrians are advised to pass each other on opposing sides of the street when safely able to do so and to step aside to avoid close proximity to other persons. All persons are requested to maintain social awareness when in or on narrow pathways or trails to allow for safe passage by others; those passing others are requested to allow for safe social distance while doing so; and all dogs must remain on leash at all times until further notice. In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's May 1, 2020 Guidance, persons exercising outdoors are not required to wear a face covering provided they maintain a distance of approximately six feet from other persons.

#### Timing

This Supplemental Order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, and shall remain in effect until notice is given pursuant to the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen's

judgment that it is no longer needed, or until the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency or May 1, 2020 Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places where Social Distancing is Not Possible are lifted, whichever occurs first.

We, the undersigned, in counterpart, certify that the foregoing Supplemental Order was made at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen duly noticed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, as amended, and with the advice and consent of the Director of the Health Department representing the Board of Health.

On Behalf of the Board of Health:

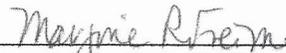
Date: May 4, 2020



Name: Shepard Cohen  
Title: Chair

Date: May 4, 2020

On Behalf of the Board of Selectmen:



Name: Marjorie R. Freiman  
Title: Chair