

**Emergency Order of the Wellesley Board of Health and the Wellesley Select Board Regarding Practices to Prevent the Spread of Infectious Respiratory Droplets**

In light of the recent increase in the COVID-19 Virus Delta Variant, which has been proven to be significantly more transmissible, the Wellesley Board of Health and the Select Board are issuing the following Emergency Order Regarding Practices to Prevent the Spread of Infectious Respiratory Droplets, pursuant to their joint authority under M.G.L. c.111, §104:

**1. Masking Indoors**

- a. All members of the public ages 5 and up, shall wear a mask over their mouth and nose except as stated in Section 2 (Exceptions) below, whenever entering into the inside of any municipal building or office. This includes and is not limited to Town Hall, Tolles Parsons Center, Warren Building, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Municipal Light Plant and Libraries.
- b. Municipal employees shall wear a mask while engaging with the public indoors.
- c. All unvaccinated employees shall wear a mask while inside all municipal buildings or offices.

**2. Exceptions**

The mask requirement shall not apply in the following circumstances:

- a. Where a person is unable to wear a mask covering due to a medical or disabling condition;
- b. Where a mask would impede communication by or with a person who has a hearing or speech impairment or other disability;
- c. While eating or drinking during designated lunch or snack periods.

**3. Term and Termination**


- a. This order shall go into effect as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 12:01am. It shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by the Board of Health and Select Board.
- b. The decision to rescind shall be based upon a periodic review of existing conditions by the Board of Health.

**4. Enforcement**

- a. The Board of Health or its designated agent pursuant to G. L. c. 111, § 30, are authorized to enforce this Order.

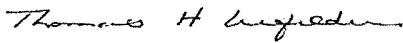
**5. Effective Date of Order : September 1st, 2021**

Agreed and Accepted:

  
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Shepard Cohen, Chair, Board of Health

Date 8/27/21

  
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Thomas Ulfelder, Chair, Select Board

Date August 26, 2021