

Falmouth Health Department

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER

Pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency on March 10, 2020, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, the Board of Health, acting by and through its agent authorized under G. L. c. 111, §31 the Health Agent for the Board of Health of the Town of Falmouth, Massachusetts, hereby orders the following:

1) All employees of all essential businesses defined as providing "COVID-19 Essential Services" under Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 Emergency Order, updated March 31 and April 28, shall wear a cloth face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public, handling food, and when within six feet of a co-worker. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.

2) All customers, vendors, and members of the public entering the interior of an essential business defined as providing "COVID-19 Essential Services" under Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 Emergency Order, updated March 31 and April 28, shall wear a cloth face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.

3) All persons, including residents and the public, entering the interior of residential multifamily dwellings containing common entryways and exits shall wear a cloth face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose while in common areas. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.

4) This order shall not apply to voters entering a polling place to vote in an election however all voters are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering upon entering a polling a place.

5) This shall order not apply to persons under the age of two years, or to individuals of any age who have a medical condition for which a cloth face covering is contraindicated. Per the CDC, face coverings should not be placed on young children under two years old, nor on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

6) All essential businesses except polling places shall post a sign on their main entrance doors stating that consumers entering the store are required to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose. Suggested wording for such signs is attached to this order.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning Thursday, APRIL 30, 2020 at 12:01AM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by the Board of Health and or its Agents.

ORDERED this 29th day of April 2020

Per Order of the Falmouth Board of Health

All Customers Entering This Establishment Are Required To Wear A Face Covering Over Their Mouth And Nose In Accordance With CDC Guidance.