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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

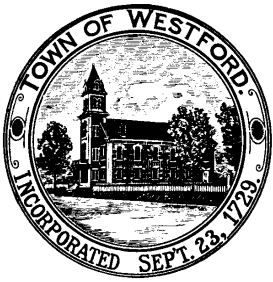
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**September 24th, 2021**

**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Regulation of the Westford Board of Health**

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Regulation of the Westford Board of Health is hereby given that on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 the Westford Board of Health adopted the following emergency regulation under the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, § 31: Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in Westford and Middlesex County the Westford Board of Health held a meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111 §§ 31 and 104; The Board of Health voted to adopt as a public health mandate, the following indoor mask regulations in the Town of Westford.

- i. Effective at 12:01am Friday, October 1st, 2021, face coverings that cover the nose and face are required for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces, houses of worship, or private spaces open to the public except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability.
- ii. Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated and consuming food and beverages.
- iii. Indoor performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking, if permitted in the venue.
- iv. Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
- v. Residents and employees of multi-family dwelling units are required to wear face coverings inside hallways and other common areas. Notice of this requirement shall be posted at all entry doors to the building and common areas.
- vi. Fitness Center/Health Club workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity and group activity.
- vii. At Personal Services establishments, including, but not limited to, barber shops, hair and nail salons, massage, all customers and workers are required to wear face coverings, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, where the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
- viii. Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, and buses), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings, as directed by the Governor and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



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- ix. All entry doors of businesses open to the public must post notice advising customers that face coverings must be worn inside the establishment. Establishment staff must supervise and enforce this requirement. If a customer refuses to wear a face covering for non-medical reasons, a business may decline entry to the individual.
  
- x. The Westford 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 Westford Police Department and other designees appointed by the Town Manager. Violations of this regulation may be punished by a civil fine of up to \$300 per violation in the manner provided for non-criminal disposition of violations of Board Health Regulations by MGL Chapter 40, § 21D and Code of Bylaws of the Town of Westford.

This mandate will be reviewed by the Board of Health at each subsequent regular meeting. All permanent data will be reviewed and discussed at each meeting. If no action is taken by the BOH to rescind it, this regulation will remain in effect.