

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, April 16, 2020

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker; Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.

The meeting began with the Board thanking Andrew and staff for all their hard work

Andrew reported that there are 29,918 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. Also, there are 1755 new cases of COVID-19 and 1108 deaths as of today. The state public health laboratory and private testing facilities have now conducted over 132,000 tests for COVID-19. Approximately, 4000 tests are being conducted on a daily basis. Long term care facilities have been a significant area of attention for the COVID-19 response, since residents are almost always at high risk of infection and care setups make social distancing challenging. When a facility has become a “hot spot” for COVID-19, the state has begun sending rapid response critical care teams, including nurses and EMS techs to care for patients on-site. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has developed a COVID-19 public resources map showing the location of resources available to the public, such as food banks, houses of worship, and Project Bread locations.

There have been 52 COVID-19 cases in Marblehead with 25 now in recovery. No reported deaths at this time. Locally, there are 200 volunteers who are calling residents over 80 years old to check on their well-being. The Marblehead food pantry is accepting monetary donations to enable them to purchase food in bulk. The Village School is preparing 300 meals a day for those in need. The Council on Aging is helping with meal and grocery delivery.

Andrew read aloud the Board of Health Emergency Order of 4/16/20 regarding Face Coverings. See addendum.

MOTION to approve the Emergency Order of Face Coverings. All in favor and motion passed.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

**BOARD OF HEALTH
EMERGENCY ORDER OF 4-16-20 REGARDING FACE COVERINGS**

**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M. DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE TOWN OF
MARBLEHEAD TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is punishable by a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 122.

On March 23, 2020, the Marblehead Board of Health declared a Public Health Emergency in the Town of Marblehead.

Pursuant to the declaration of a Public Health Emergency on March 23, 2020, in accordance with M.G.L. c.111, § 95 through 105 and 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and any other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the Board of Health of the Town of Marblehead, Massachusetts, in order to take additional measures to protect the public health during the COVID-19 public health emergency in light of current conditions, including an expected surge in COVID-19 cases, hereby order the following:

1. **All members of the public entering any essential business** as defined by Governor Baker's COVID-19 Executive Orders, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, farm stand stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, banks, ice cream manufacturers/dairies, government agencies, liquor/beer/wine stores, convenience stores, and the like, **must wear a facial covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana**, over their nose and mouth. The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders. See this link for information on making a cloth facial covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/clothface-cover.html> .
2. **All members of the public entering a restaurant** for the purpose of picking up food for take-out **must wear a facial covering** over their nose and mouth.
3. **All employees of all essential businesses open to the public shall wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose.** Employers and employees must also comply with all applicable CDC and DPH protocols and guidelines for their particular business, which may include recommendations and/or directives concerning the use of personal protective equipment, such as gloves. *Essential businesses open to the public shall use discretion for occupational health hazards regarding the use of facial coverings (i.e. cooks over grills, employees using machinery, etc.) and exercise best professional judgment on use of facial coverings or not during such occupational operations.*

4. **Food/Goods delivery personnel** shall wear facial coverings over their nose and mouth when delivering the food/goods to the customer if there is a person-to-person exchange. Employees are required to comply with this requirement not contingent upon the ability of their employer to supply facial coverings.
5. **Any resident or member of the general public, including workforce, entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex** of greater than one (1) unit must wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces and must exercise social distancing in these spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines. See these guidelines at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/social-distancing.html> .
6. All **persons are required to properly dispose of all gloves, facial coverings** and other personal protection equipment or other potentially virus-contaminated items in appropriate disposal bins. Penalties for failure to properly dispose of these materials will be in accordance with state and local law.
7. Each applicable essential business **shall post signage** at public and employee entrances requiring facial coverings and social and physical distancing of six feet from one another. Attached is a template example.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning APRIL 17th, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M. and remain in effect until the Public Health Emergency declaration issued by the Board of Health has been lifted. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Board of Health officials and Marblehead Police Officers.

The Marblehead Board of Health order authorizes the Public Health Director or Public Health Nurse to further enhance physical and distancing procedures or requirements upon discretion and direction.