This is an important message from the Board of Health and the Town of Marblehead.

Last night, the Board of Health voted to require, at minimum, the use of face coverings for all customers and workers in any and all essential businesses. This includes grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, home improvement stores, banks, liquor/beer/wine stores and restaurants.

Any resident or member of the general public, including workforce, entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex of greater than one unit must wear a facial covering while in common areas and communal spaces.

If you are out in the public, it is important that you wear these face coverings or masks in situations where it is difficult to maintain a social distance of six feet from others. ie waiting in lines outside of stores.

As a reminder, the Town has closed all playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts as well as the parking lots at Devereux Beach, Chandler Hovey and Riverhead.

The Board of Health releases updated figures on positive cases each Monday afternoon at 4pm. You can now go on Mass.gov to see case count by town and city.

The transfer station is closed tomorrow, Saturday, April 18. We plan to return to regular schedule after this long weekend.

Residents are encouraged to stay in their own neighborhood when taking a walk, riding your bike, or jogging.

If you are using the rail trail please keep to the right hand side of the trail and stay single file and keep as much distance as possible when passing others.

Please stay up-to-date on the latest information on the COVid-19 crisis by visiting the Town website at www.marblehead.org. If you don't have access to a computer but want to stay informed please call the Selectmen's office at 781-631-0000.

If you are in need of assistance you can either call the Community Center at (781) 631-6737 or the volunteer hotline at 781-241-4603 to either request assistance or volunteer to help others in need.

Collectively, we are making a difference. Please continue to act responsibly.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives.