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EMERGENCY ORDER OF 9-15-20 REGARDING FACE COVERINGS with Exhalation Valves

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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> . **A facial covering with an exhalation valve is prohibited. Respirators or facial coverings with exhalation valves protect the wearer from SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, but may not prevent the virus from spreading from the wearer to others (that is, they may not be effective for source control). If only a respirator with an exhalation valve is available, cover the exhalation valve with a surgical mask, procedure mask, or a cloth face covering that does not interfere with the respirator fit.**

This emergency order shall be effective beginning SEPTEMBER 18th, 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.