

Town of Belmont

COVID-19 Public Health Mandate of the Belmont Board of Health and the Belmont Select Board

Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in Middlesex County the Select Board, and Board of Health held an emergency meeting on August 6, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111 sections 31 and 104 to adopt a **public health mandate**, adopting an indoor mask mandate in the Town of Belmont.

Effective at 12:01 AM on Monday, August 9, 2021 face coverings are required for all individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public or private spaces open to the public, or where individuals from different households can gather, except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability. This excludes private residences.

- Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated.
- Performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking. Indoor performers are required to wear face coverings, except where they are able to maintain a minimum of 25 feet of distance from members of the audience. Indoor bar and dance venue customers may only remove face coverings when seated at tables or seated at a bar. Patrons standing or ordering at the bar must be masked. Guests must be masked on indoor dance floors.
- Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
- Residents, visitors and employees in multi-unit homes and apartments are required to wear face coverings when inside common hallways and spaces.
- Members, visitors and employees in private membership clubs are required to wear face coverings while indoors. Houses of worship are covered by this order.
- Fitness Centers/Health Clubs workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
- At personal services establishments, including but not limited to barber shops, hair and nail salons, all customers and workers are required to wear face coverings, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
- Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.

All businesses open to the public, and multi-unit homes and apartments that this mandate affects, must conspicuously post signage (i.e. entry ways, points of service, etc.) advising customers that facemasks must be maintained inside the establishment. This **mandate** will be in effect whenever the Level of Community Transmission data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Middlesex County is categorized as either "Substantial" or "High" over a consecutive two week period.

This mandate will no longer be in effect whenever the Level of Community Transmission data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Middlesex County is categorized as either "Low" or "Moderate" over a consecutive two week period.

Violations:

Any violation of the requirements of this order pertaining to the posting of signage or the requirement that employees and staff of establishments subject to this order wear face coverings shall be punishable as follows:

1. In the case of the first violation, a written warning shall be issued.
2. In the case of two or more violations during the time that this mandate is in effect, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be issued.

Non-Criminal Disposition:

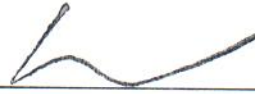
Whoever violates any provision of this regulation may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D or by filing a criminal complaint at the appropriate venue.

Each day a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense.

Enforcement:

Fines shall be issued by the Belmont Board of Health or its designated agent(s).

Date: September 20, 2021



Name: Adam Dash

Title: Chair, Belmont Select Board

Date: September 20th, 2021



Name: Donna David

Title: Chair, Belmont Board of Health