

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH Updated Mask Order

Effective 8/19/2020

Effective August 19, 2020, the Plymouth Board of Health signed the following [order](#):

On Wednesday August 12, 2020, the Town of Plymouth Board of Health passed an emergency order pertaining to the use of face coverings (masks) in the downtown dining and shopping district.

This order conforms with the Face Covering Order that Governor Charles D. Baker, announced on May 1, 2020 and further clarified on August 11, 2020. Effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020, any person over the age two who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, whether indoor or outdoor, and is unable to or does not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering. This requirement will not apply to any person unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or otherwise exempted by Public Health guidance. This requirement applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations open to the public.

Violations of the terms of this order may result in a civil fine of up to \$50.00 per violation. Appeals may be made in writing to the Plymouth Department of Public Health and will be considered at a full meeting of the Board of Health.

Children under the age of 2 years old are not required to wear face coverings.

The mandatory use of a face covering does not apply to eating while seated in public establishments that are following existing state and public mandates for safe restaurant service. These mandates are clearly stated under the MA Covid-19 restaurant requirements and checklist. Anyone leaving their restaurant seat must immediately apply the facial covering.

Other Exceptions:

1. **The face covering mandate does not apply to those inside of their vehicles.**
2. **No person is required to wear a face mask or covering in a situation that creates a health risk or is not safe because of any of the following conditions or circumstances:**
 - a. **The face mask or covering affects the person's ability to breathe safely**

- b. The person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering**
- c. The person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering**
- d. The person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe**
- e. The person is engaged in outdoor exercise and is fully able to do so in a manner that complies with social distancing requirements.**

Businesses shall not allow a patron to enter their establishment who is not wearing a face covering unless the patron has an exemption.

All businesses shall post at the entrance a sign clearly stating that it is mandatory for everyone entering establishment to wear a face covering. This requirement includes patrons waiting to enter the establishment.

This order does not eliminate in anyway the requirement of maintaining a safe distancing of at least 6 feet from other individuals, excluding members of the same household.

This regulation will be strictly enforced in the area designated as the downtown dining/shopping and waterfront area as defined below:

As we are aware the Plymouth Downtown dining/shopping and waterfront area is a magnet for residents and visitors. This order is to provide a safer environment for our community, as well as to stimulate our businesses and economy. Providing a strong mandate for the proper use of masks, shows that we as a community are serious about slowing down the spread of Covid-19 and protecting America's Hometown.

The following is a list of the proposed streets and sites that would be affected by this order:

- Brewster Garden
- Water St
- Pilgrim memorial Park
- Nelson Park Ave
- Town Wharf
- North Park Ave
- South Park Ave
- Memorial Dr

- Brewster St
- North St
- Middle St
- Carver St
- Leyden St
- Main St Extension
- Main St
- Market St
- Town Square
- School St
- Court St
- South Russell St
- Russell St

This emergency order shall be effective beginning on August 19, 2020 and remain in effect until notice is given by the Board of Health that the emergency no longer exists.

Ordered on August 12, 2020

Board of Health Town of Plymouth Massachusetts