

## BOARD OF HEALTH ORDER TO REQUIRE FACIAL COVERINGS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES

Pursuant to MGL 111 ss 95-105, 310 CMR 11.05 and 105 CMR 300.200, the Board of Health deems the following action is necessary to protect the public health.

*Whereas the Coronavirus COVID-19 is a highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease, and*

*Whereas, evidence indicates that workers in Essential Services workplaces such as supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants offering take-out food, and other facilities where the public has general access are especially susceptible to the transmission of the disease; and*

*Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control, the United States Surgeon General and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, among other federal and state health authorities, have recommended that individuals wear face covering to prevent individuals from infecting others; and*

*Whereas, said authorities advise that covering an individual's nose and mouth can reduce the chance of spreading the virus as well as reduce the likelihood that an individual will touch their face,*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Melrose Board of Health hereby ORDERS as follows, effective immediately:

All persons over the age of five (5) must wear a form of suitable covering over their nose and mouth (e.g., homemade cloth mask, scarf, bandana, handkerchief, 3 ply paper mask) whenever:

- a) Entering into the inside of any building open to the public; or
- b) Using public transportation, taxis, or ride shares; or
- c) Pumping gasoline or otherwise using outdoor self-service facilities; or
- d) Engaging in activity within a confined or enclosed facility where other members of the public or other workers are present or have access.

All businesses and workplaces that allow customers inside their facilities and which provide Essential Services as determined by the Governor's Order are required to place a sign no smaller than 8.5 X 11 inches and clearly visible on all points of entry into the facility stating that the use of a facial covering is required of every person over the age of five upon entry into the facility. Businesses and workplaces may impose stricter guidelines as they see fit.

Every employee of a business or workplace that delivers food to the public from outside the business or workplace must wear a face covering and gloves during such deliveries.

Every business and workplace subject to this Order is authorized to refuse service to any person who fails or refuses to wear a facial covering while in such facility and is further authorized and required to expel such person from the facility.

This Order does not apply to persons who are engaged in permissible outdoor physical activity, riding in a personal vehicle, alone in a separate single space, or indoors with their own shelter group such as family or household members. We continue to advise having a face covering available at all times.

Any person or worker inside any business or workplace who declines or refuses to wear a facial covering as required by this Order shall be deemed in violation of this order and may be subject to civil fines and/or criminal prosecution.

To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Health Department staff and Police Officers.

Tickets may be issued for violating this Order as follows: Warning for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third offense, and \$300 for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

This Order is to take effect April 25, 2020 and remain in effect until such time as the Board of Health lifts its Declaration of Public Health Emergency.