Order of the Holbrook Board of Health

Practices to Prevent the Spread of Infectious Respiratory Droplets

April 23, 2020

**Pursuant to the declaration of a public health state of emergency on March 16, 2020, and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §31 we, the Board of Health of the Town of Holbrook, Massachusetts, hereby order the following:**

1.) All members of the public ages 2 years of age and older entering any essential business as defined by Governor Baker's Covid-19 Executive Orders, including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores and the like must wear a cloth face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana, over his or her nose and mouth.

2.) Face coverings can be made out of household fabrics and materials, and should ideally have multiple layers. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.

3.) All members of the public ages 2 years of age and older entering a restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth.

4.) All employees of all essential businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and within six feet of a co-worker.

5.) All grocery stores, retail stores and food service establishment staff must wear a face covering. Gloves must be readily available and used as necessary to avoid touching "ready to eat foods". Glove use is not a substitution for frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.

6.) Any resident or member of the general public ages 2 years of age and older entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex of greater than one (1) unit must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces and must exercise social distancing in these spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines. See these guidelines at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/

7.) An employee of the retailer shall be designated to ensure that members of the public ages 2 years of age and older are entering the establishment wearing a cloth face covering.

8.) Per the CDC, face coverings should not be placed on young children under 2-years-old, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

9.) Establishments must increase employee illness surveillance by:

* Continuing to ask if staff have been exposed to COVID-19
* Ensuring employees don't come to work while sick and
* Taking a daily temperature reading of employees at the start of each work shift.

**Key elements to remember when wearing a face covering include:**

* It should fit snugly against the side of your face;
* It should be secured with ties or ear loops;
* It should have multiple layers of fabric;
* It should allow for breathing without restriction;
* Fabric face coverings should be cleaned after each use and should be machine washable and dryer safe;
* Always remove the mask directly into the laundry or trash and then immediately wash your hands;
* Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing your mask.

Instructions for how to fashion a homemade face covering with no sewing required can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning Friday, APRIL 24, 2020 at 6:00AM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Board of Health officials, Holbrook Police Officers, Code Enforcement and Building Inspector.

Failure to comply with this order may result in additional penalties as permitted by law, including but not limited to, the filing of a complaint in District or Superior Court and any emergency court order(s) issued pursuant to any such complaint.

ORDERED by the Holbrook Board of Health via Zoom on the 23rd day of April 2020

Katie Goldrick, Chairman of the Holbrook Board of Health\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_