



APRIL 15, 2020

**CITY OF REVERE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDER TO
REQUIRE MASKS OR FACIAL COVERING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES**

The City of Revere Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ch. 111 ss. 95-105 and the Board's authority to prevent the spread of infectious disease deems that the following action is necessary to protect the public health.

Whereas the Coronavirus Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, inclusive of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control has advised that the spread of the disease from person to person is caused by close (within six feet) or actual personal contact and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and that people potentially can spread the disease even before they experience symptoms; and

Whereas the incidence of the Covid-19 virus, and deaths related to the illness in the City of Revere is among the highest in the Commonwealth; 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 Center for Disease Control, the United States Surgeon General, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, among other federal and state medical authorities have recommended that individuals wear masks or other suitable facial covering to prevent individuals from infecting others; and

Whereas, these recommendations observe 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;

Whereas, the City of Revere Board of Health recognizes additional measures are necessary to prevent or reduce activities that increase the likelihood of the spread of a highly contagious infectious disease; and

Whereas, the State of Emergency declared in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the City of Revere warrant emergency measures to prevent the spread of the infectious disease,

The City of Revere Board of Health hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. **All persons over the age of five (5) wear a mask, or some form of suitable covering over their nose and mouth** (i.e. a homemade mask, a scarf, bandana or handkerchief) **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. engaged in any activity within a confined or enclosed facility where other members of the public are present or have routine access.
2. **Every store, workplace, or other facility providing Essential Services AND open to the public is required to place a sign no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches and clearly visible on all doors and any point of entry into the facility stating that the use of a mask or other facial covering IS REQUIRED of every person upon entry into the facility and at all times while in the facility. A facility may impose stricter guidelines as it sees fit.**
3. **Every store, workplace, or other facility subject to this Order is authorized to refuse service to any person who fails or refuses to wear a mask or other facial covering while in such facility and is further authorized to expel such person from the facility.**
4. **Any person entering onto any store, workplace, or other facility, and any person remaining in such store, workplace or facility, who declines or refuses to wear a mask or such other facial covering as required by this Order shall be deemed a Trespasser upon the property and may be subject to arrest and civil or criminal prosecution.**

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, although every such person is ADVISED that the use of a mask or facial covering is encouraged.

In addition to this Order, the Revere Board of Health hereby reaffirms its **Updated Order Clarifying the Operation of Essential Businesses during the Declared Covid-19 State of Emergency** issued April 8, 2020.

ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER ARE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020



NATHALEE KONG, MD
Chair of the Board of Health



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