



Georgetown Board of Health

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Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic is resurging in the Town of Georgetown and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Georgetown Board of Health has determined that due to the significant rise in the number of positive cases and the emergence of variant strains of Covid 19, there is again need for face coverings inside public spaces to help limit the spread of the virus and its variants.

Therefore, pursuant to MGL Chapter 111 §§ 31 and 127A, and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, the Board of Health of Georgetown, Massachusetts issues the following Order requiring face coverings in town, government, and commercial businesses for the protection of its residents from infection from the disease known as COVID-19.

1. All members of the public 2 years of age and older entering any municipal or commercial buildings, including but not limited to town offices, post offices, stores, and restaurants, must wear a single piece face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana; that covers the entire nose and mouth area.
2. When dealing with the public, all employees of all town, and government offices; and all employees of commercial businesses, must wear face masks covering the mouth and nose, and must maintain, as possible a minimum six foot distance from co-workers and the public. Patrons of a restaurant seated at a table for service may remove their face coverings while seated.
3. Face masks are not necessary for employees who do not interact with the public or other town employees who work in a singular location, such as at a desk in a private office.
4. Whoever violates any provision of this Order may be penalized by a noncriminal disposition process as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, section 21D and the Town's Noncriminal Disposition By-law, Article II of the Code of the Town of Georgetown. If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this Regulation shall be issued one warning. A second and subsequent violation will be subject to a penalty in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offence. To the extent necessary, this Emergency Order shall be enforced by the Board of Health and Georgetown Police Officers, as agents for the Board of Health.
5. This Emergency Order shall be effective beginning on 7 December 2021 at 8:00 AM, and shall remain in effect until notice is given that the public health emergency no longer exists, as demonstrated by a reduction in positive cases, to a level which indicates low risk of continued transmission as outlined by the MADPH.
6. A copy of this order and the two door signs attached to this order are required to be posted in a location visible to all persons entering the building at ALL building entrances for those buildings covered by this order.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH