



## ORDINANCE

### RELATIVE TO FACE COVERINGS

### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty*

*The City of Nashua ordains* that the following regulation adopted by the Nashua Board of Health is hereby approved.

Infectious diseases are caused by germs, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Some diseases have the ability to be spread from person to person very easily through respiratory droplets. Public Health Officials have determined that it is possible for an infected individual to transmit certain diseases without exhibiting any symptoms. The best means of slowing the spread of a virus is through minimizing close personal contact with individuals in a public environment, social distancing, covering your mouth and nose by wearing a face covering, and proper handwashing. For optimal protection, the following key factors should be considered while wearing a face covering. The safe use of face coverings requires the wearer to maintain proper hand hygiene by frequently handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds. The wearer should prevent the spread of disease by not touching their face, nose, or eyes with unwashed hands and not touching the outside of the face covering at all times. Lastly, social distancing by keeping a distance of at least six feet between yourself and others also protects the spread of our respiratory droplets.

The Nashua Board of Health adopts and urges the Nashua Board of Aldermen approve this Emergency Public Health Order as follows:

1. Employees of all businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and whenever they are within six feet of a co-worker or a customer.
2. Members of the public entering any business, including without limitation any outdoor area where business of any sort is conducted, work site, or government building must wear a face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana over their nose and mouth.

3. Members of the public entering a restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out or any other purpose must wear a face covering over their mouth and nose. Members of the public dining outdoors at a restaurant may remove face covering while seated at their table.
4. Residents, visitors, and members of the public entering or present at a residential or commercial building complex of greater than two (2) units must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces.
5. As used herein “face covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face. A face covering may be factory made or homemade and improvised from ordinary household material.
6. Notwithstanding the above this order does not require children under 10 years of age to wear face covering (parents should make their own judgment). Face covering is not recommended for children less than 2 years of age.
7. A face covering is also not required to be worn by any person if said person can show a medical professional has advised that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to said person for health related reasons.

This order shall be effective immediately and shall continue in effect until rescinded by action of the Board of Health or the Board of Aldermen.

The City Clerk is directed not to codify this ordinance in the Nashua Revised Ordinances but to designate it as **Covid-19 Emergency Measure No. 4** (City Clerk to assign appropriate number upon passage) and publish it and any subsequent emergency measures on the city website.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN – MAY 21, 2020  
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR – MAY 22, 2020  
ATTEST: SUSAN K. LOVERING, CITY CLERK