

Town of Belmont

COVID-19 Public Health Mandate of the Belmont Board of Health and the Belmont Select Board

Notice is hereby given that on August 6, 2021 the Belmont Board of Health adopted the following emergency regulation under the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, § 31

Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in Middlesex County the Select Board, and Board of Health held an emergency meeting on August 6, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111 sections 31 and 104 to adopt a **public health mandate**, adopting an indoor mask mandate in the Town of Belmont.

Effective on 12:01am August 9, 2021 face coverings are required for all individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces, or private spaces open to the public except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability.

- Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated.
- Indoor performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking.
- Indoor bar and dance venue customers may only remove face coverings when seated at tables or seated at a bar. Patrons standing or ordering at the bar must be masked. Guests must be masked on indoor dance floors.
- Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
- Houses of worship are covered by this order.
- Fitness Centers/Health Clubs workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
- At Personal Services establishments, including but not limited to barber shops, hair and nail salons, all customers and workers are required to wear face coverings, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
- Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.
- All entry doors of businesses open to the public must be posted – advising customers that facemasks must be maintained inside the establishment. Establishment staff must supervise and enforce this requirement.

This **mandate** will be in effect whenever the [Level of Community Transmission](#) data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Middlesex County is categorized as either “Substantial” or “High” over a consecutive two week period.

This mandate will no longer be in effect whenever the [Level of Community Transmission](#) data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Middlesex County is categorized as either "Low" or "Moderate" over a consecutive two week period.

Date: August 6, 2021



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Date: August 6th, 2021

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