

**Town of Brattleboro
Selectboard Resolution**

Be it resolved by the Selectboard of the Town of Brattleboro, Vermont, as follows:

**COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER
WEARING FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and to help prevent people who may unknowingly have the virus from transmitting it to others; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Department of Health “recommends that all Vermonters wear cloth face coverings when outside of the home to help slow the spread of COVID-19;” and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Scott and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development have issued the following instructions in conjunction with the Governor’s executive orders regarding COVID-19:

“Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the presence of others. In the case of retail cashiers, a translucent shield or “sneeze guard” is acceptable in lieu of a mask. Businesses and non-profit and government entities may require customers or clients to wear masks” while on their premises

and

“The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein;” and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a health hazard to residents of Brattleboro and a significant threat to vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is an important act we can do in an effort to protect others from an infection that we may not even know we have.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Selectboard hereby issues the following COVID-19 Emergency Order:

WEARING FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED

Requirement to Wear Face Covering.

Starting May 20, 2020, all establishments located in the Town of Brattleboro that invite the public into their premises for the purpose of receiving services, purchasing products, or otherwise transacting business, shall require both staff and customers (or visitors) to wear cloth face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment.

Exceptions.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 5; anyone who has trouble breathing; or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Posting of Requirement.

Each establishment is individually responsible to post signage at the entrance and at other appropriate locations stating that customers (or visitors) are required to wear face coverings by order of the Brattleboro Selectboard.

Effective Period.

This Order shall remain in effect until the Brattleboro Selectboard amends, rescinds, or suspends this Order or until the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Vermont, whichever occurs first.

Adopted by the Brattleboro Selectboard at its meeting on May 19, 2020:

Tim Wessel, Chair

Elizabeth McLoughlin, Vice Chair

Ian Goodnow, Clerk

Daniel Quipp

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