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*Mayor Donna Holaday and Health Director Frank Giacalone announce a new emergency order requiring that all residents and visitors wear a face mask or cloth face covering when in **downtown Newburyport**, on the boardwalk and when using the Clipper City Rail Trail.*

*The emergency order went into effect on Friday, Aug. 7 and will remain in effect until further notice. **The order applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces, and all businesses will be required to enforce this order.***

All community members should also continue to practice social distancing by remaining at least 6 feet away from others and should wash or sanitize their hands frequently when in public.

“Over the last few months, we’ve seen the number of visitors to our downtown and rail trail continue to rise, making it difficult to practice proper social distancing at times, so we want to further emphasize the importance of wearing a mask or face covering,” Mayor Holaday said. “The emergency order will help to keep our community and downtown businesses and employees safe by helping to limit the spread of COVID-19. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.”

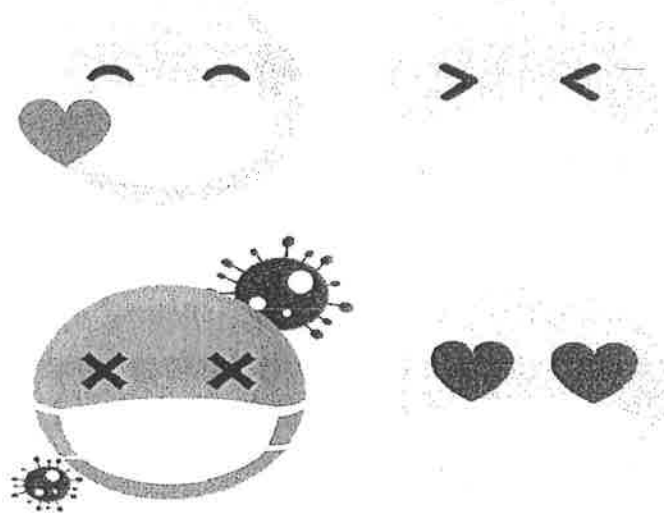
“It’s essential that everyone take responsibility and embrace their role in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by covering their face when in public, and especially in crowded areas like downtown,” Health Director Giacalone said.

Those under the age of two or with certain health conditions identified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) are exempt from the requirement. Masks do not need to be worn while eating or when sitting in personal vehicles.

Signage will be added downtown to remind residents and visitors of the requirement, and “mask ambassadors” will be downtown to hand out masks for those who may need them.

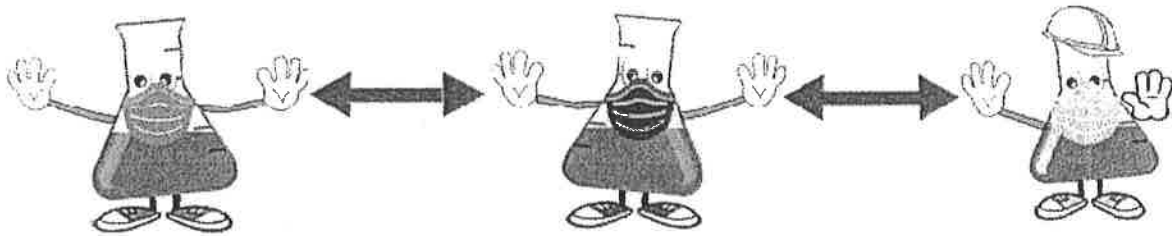


REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS!!!



**It is still imperative that residents
WEAR A MASK AND SOCIALLY DISTANCE
in common areas AT ALL TIMES.**

Social distance, please



**The pandemic has NOT ended and we are trying very hard
to keep our residents as safe as possible.**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS FOR YOUR SAFETY
AS WELL AS YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!**

Newburyport Senior Center News

The Newburyport Senior/Community Center remains closed for indoor programming, but there is a tent outside where fun things are happening every weekday!

**The Council on Aging vans are available to meet your transportation needs!!
Call the Center for Details!**

New Programs in August/September

Gentle Movement with Susan Tribble – this Monday class at Noon is for anyone who would like to improve their posture, balance, flexibility and mobility.

Ukulele for Beginners – Bring your instrument and learn how to use it - Every Thursday at 10:00

Chair Yoga with Mary Van Abs - every Thursday at 2:30

FRESH FOOD & STAPLES!!



**Nourishing the North Shore is giving away free local fruits and vegetables!
Every Wednesday at 3:30 at the Center!**

**The COA is also a resource for FREE deli ham and cheese as well as some shelf stable foods such as crackers, granola bars, etc. DELIVERIES can be coordinated if needed!
KELLEHER GARDENS FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
THIS PROGRAM TOO!!**

Just call the Center and ask for Roseanne!

Call the Council on Aging to sign up for rides and programs: 978-462-0430

IN UNIT INSPECTIONS TO RESUME!!!



Annual Inspections of units will resume this month! This means that inspectors will be entering your homes as they always have prior to the pandemic. This is happening under the direction and guidance of The Department of Housing and Community Development and will be conducted by PHI Inspectional Services.

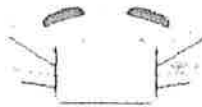
Residents will need to follow strict safety protocols for the safety of themselves as well as the inspectors!

Resident will need to either VACATE the unit for the inspections or remain in another room fully distanced from the inspector. Inspectors will wear masks and we strongly encourage residents who cannot leave their unit to do so as well even if socially distanced from inspector. As a side note inspections will NOT be cancelled because a resident cannot leave their unit - social distancing and masks will be used if residents must remain in their homes.

IF WORK ORDERS are generated from these inspections these work orders will be completed by the Maintenance Staff. The same safety protocols will be used for the duration of time it takes to complete the work orders.

If residents do not comply with protocols work orders will not be completed. Residents who refuse to comply will be considered non-cooperative and in violation of their lease.

PLEASE COMPLY for the safety of YOU and STAFF!



Residents with upcoming inspections will be contacted individually with the date and time as we have done so in the past.

RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR TO JOIN OUR TEAM!!

As many of you are aware the Amesbury, Merrimack, Newburyport and West Newbury Housing Authorities were awarded a regional grant for a Resident Services Coordinator. The Resident Service Coordinator will provide professional crisis intervention, assessment, referral, advocacy and supportive services for all the residents of our region. The RSC will also plan and coordinate programs for residents as well as work with local community and social agencies for the betterment of all our residents.

I am more than pleased to announce that Ms. Judy Hinkle will be joining our team this month in this role!

More details regarding her office hours and contact info will follow once she is on board. Please keep an eye out for those memos!



