



# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

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### ORDER PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY BY THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUED APRIL 15, 2020

On April 23, 2020, the Newburyport Board of Health unanimously voted the following revisions and additions to the above mentioned order original issued on April 15, 2020:

Pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency on March 16, 2020 by Mayor Holaday, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300, 200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §31 we, the Board of Health of the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts, hereby order the following:

- 1. Gatherings in all public areas including but not limited to parks, public buildings and walkways are hereby restricted.** Gatherings include physical and interactive sports activities to include but not limited to playing frisbee, catch, tennis and other activities that may spread the Covid-19 virus from sweat, droplets and physical contact from an individual. Individual passive recreational activities, such as walking, jogging and biking are exempt from this provision. All individuals must practice social distancing of 6 feet and not gather in one setting.
- 2. All members of the public entering any essential business** as defined by Governor Baker's Covid-19 Executive Orders, including, but not limited to, restaurants, grocery stores, farm stand stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, banks, ice cream manufacturers/dairies, government agencies, liquor/beer/wine stores, convenient stores, and the like, must wear a facial covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana, over his or her nose and mouth. The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.
- 3. All employees of all essential businesses open to the public shall wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose, provided by their employers, during all hours of operation.** Employers and employees must also comply with all applicable CDC and DPH protocols and guidelines for their particular business, which may include recommendations and/or directives concerning the use of personal protective equipment, such as gloves. Essential businesses open to the public shall use discretion for occupational health hazards using facial coverings (i.e. cooks over grills, employees using machinery, etc.) and can make best professional judgement on use of facial coverings or not during such occupational operations. Food/Goods delivery personnel are considered employees and shall wear facial covering over their nose and mouth when delivering the food/goods to the customer if there is a person to person exchange. The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.
- 4. Each applicable essential business shall post** at the public and employee entrances signage requiring a facial covering and must exercise social and physical distancing of six feet from one another.
- 5. Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement & R.E. business:** No landlord and/or owner shall enforce an eviction upon a resident of Newburyport, residential or commercial, during this public health

crisis. Real Estate showings of homes, dwellings or other properties shall be limited to two people from the public. R.E (Real Estate) agents shall not be considered in this count but limited to the R.E agent only. All surfaces must be sanitized before and after showing and all social distancing protocols shall be followed.

6. **Any resident or member of the general public, including workforce, entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex** of greater than one (1) unit must wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces and must exercise social distancing in these spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines.
7. **Social distancing of 6 feet or more** should be practiced at all times. Everyone should comply with the Governors “stay at home” advisory to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus
8. **Board of Health hereby strongly advises** that anyone out in public ways, areas, buildings and such shall wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth

This emergency order shall be effective beginning APRIL 15th, 2020 and remain in effect until the Public Health Emergency declaration has been lifted by the Board of Health.