

COVID-19 Public Health Mandate of the Lexington Board of Health

Amended: October 27, 2021

January 11, 2022

RESCINDED: March 8, 2022

Effective: March 9, 2022, 12:01 AM

Notice is hereby given that on August 12, 2021 the Lexington Board of Health adopted the following emergency regulation under the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, § 31.

On October 27, 2021, at a regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting, the Board voted 5-0 to extend the **Public Health Mandate**. The Board voted unanimously to: maintain, and keep in place, the mask Order through January 15, 2022 and to review on January 11, 2022.

On January 11, 2022, at a Special Board of Health meeting, the Board voted 5-0 to extend the **Public Health Mandate**. The Board voted unanimously to: maintain, and keep in place, the mask Order to be reviewed on or before March 15, 2022, and to add enforcement wording (9)

On March 8, 2022, at a Special Board of Health Meeting, the Board voted 5-0 to Rescind the **Public Health Mandate**. The Board Voted unanimously to: rescind the mask mandate originally adopted on August 12, 2021, (effective August 18, 2021 and amended on October 27, 2021 and January 11, 2022) to be effective at 12:01 AM on March 9, 2022.

Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in Middlesex County the Select Board, and Board of Health held a meeting on August 12, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111 §§ 31 and 104; The Board of Health voted to adopt as a **Public Health mandate**, with the support of the Select Board, the following indoor mask mandate in the Town of Lexington.

1. Effective at 12:01am August 18, 2021 face coverings are required for all individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces, houses of worship, 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.
2. Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated.
3. Indoor performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking, if permitted in the venue.

4. Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
5. Fitness Center/Health Club workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
6. 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, where the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
7. Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, and buses), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.
8. All entry doors of businesses open to the public must post notice advising customers that face masks must be worn inside the establishment per Board of Health Order. Establishment staff must supervise and enforce this requirement.
9. Violations of this Regulation may be punished by a civil fine, if after a verbal education and written warning, of up to \$300 per violation in the manner provided for non-criminal disposition of violations of Board Health Regulations by MGL Chapter 40.
(Amended Jan 11, 2021)

This **mandate** will be reviewed on or by November 5, 2021. Amended: October 27, 2021, January 11, 2022

This **mandate** will be reviewed on or by, March 15, 2022

Wendy Heiger-Bernays, PhD
Chair, Lexington Board of Health
August 16, 2021

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Chair, Lexington Select Board

Date:


