



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER

Pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency on March 17, 2020, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, the Town of Rockland Massachusetts hereby orders the following:

1) All consumers and employees of essential businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and within six feet of a co-worker. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be preserved for medical professionals and first responders. See this link for information on making a cloth face covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

2) All essential businesses shall post on their main entrance doors that consumers entering the store must wear a face covering, unless exempt. Exemptions include young children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

3) If this order is violated, your establishment may be subject to a forced closure.

4) Essential businesses as defined by Governor Baker's Covid-19 Executive Order, should implement certain practices and procedures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 including following social distancing protocols for workers and customers in accordance with guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Further, grocery stores shall establish maximum occupancy loads in accordance with the "Guidance for Grocery Stores and Local Boards of Health" issued by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health on April 7, 2020. See this order at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/order-grocery-stores-40-percent/download>

- a. Each Grocery store shall limit occupancy to 40 percent of its maximum permitted occupancy level as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the Rockland Building Department or other municipal record holder in order to provide for in-store social distancing while preserving sufficient access for the public to supplies of food and necessities.
 - i. Stores with a maximum occupancy of 25 persons or less are exempt from this requirement. Local boards of health should consult with these stores to ensure appropriate protections are in place.
 - ii. Maximum occupancy shall be posted at each entrance to the establishment and shall be readily visible to members of the public.
- b. An employee of the retailer shall be designated to ensure the maximum number of individuals inside of the store is not exceeded. Customers queued outside of the store must maintain a minimum of six feet distance.



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c. Any portions of the store requiring extra staffing solely dedicated to services that are deemed nonessential pursuant to Governor Baker's Covid-19 Executive Orders shall be closed.

d. Reusable shopping bags are prohibited. Single-use bags are permitted and shall be provided at no extra cost to customers.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning Monday, APRIL 27, 2020 and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by the Board of Health and or its Agents.

ORDERED at Town Hall this 27th day of April, 2020