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Advisory Recommended Use of Masks

Effective: December 7, 2021

Whereas, the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of highly contagious variants indicates a need for health and safety measures to protect Yarmouth residents.

1. The Yarmouth Board of Health hereby Advises the use of mask, as noted.
 - a) It is Advised that all persons maintain a distance of six feet when possible in an indoor location that is open to the public.
 - b) In addition to physical distancing and in an effort to protect public health, all persons regardless of vaccination status, including customers and staff working within indoor areas accessible to customers, are Advised to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth, such as a fabric or surgical mask. Wearing a mask is not a substitute for maintaining six feet of physical distancing.
 - c) Mask or face coverings are Advised to be worn whenever indoors on the premises of a business, club, or place of assembly, including but not limited to retail establishments, restaurants, bars, performance venues, social clubs, event spaces, places of religious worship, health clubs, nursing homes and independent living public areas, and within municipal buildings. Food service establishment customers are Advised to only remove face coverings when seated. Lodging workers and guests are Advised to wear face coverings inside hallways and common areas.
 - d) This Advisory shall not apply to performers, while performing, in which they are Advised to be at least 10 feet away from the public.
 - e) Personal services (including hair salons, barber shops and massage/body work) customers and workers are Advised to wear a face covering.
 - f) Mask are Advised for all individuals on public and private transportation systems including ride shares, taxis, transportation shelters and the CCRTA bus.
 - g) This Advisory shall not apply to informal gatherings at private residences in which no compensation for use of the property is paid to the owner and it shall not apply to unorganized gatherings in unenclosed, outdoor space such as a park, athletic field, or parking lot.
2. Full vaccination against COVID-19 remains important to reduce transmission, hospitalization and morbidity from the virus. The Board encourages all eligible persons who are not fully vaccinated to get immunized.
3. Notwithstanding any provision in this Advisory, pursuant to guidance issued by CDC face coverings should not be placed on a child under two years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, or anyone who due to disability is unable to wear a mask, or has a medical exemption.

The Board of Health will continue to follow COVID-19 data, and when the positivity rate goes below 5% or the vaccination rate is above 80%, the Board will reevaluate the Advisory.

The Advisory shall be effective 12:01 AM December 7, 2021 and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Yarmouth Board of Health judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

The Board of Health MASK MANDATE to be worn indoors of town buildings within meeting rooms remains effective, as adopted November 15, 2021.

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