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Holbrook Board of Health
Order Requiring the Wearing of Masks/ Facial Covering Indoors
to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19
December 23, 2021

Pursuant to the declaration of a Modified Public Health Emergency issued May 28, 2021, by Governor Baker, and in accordance with statutory authority granted to the Holbrook Board of Health under the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited to M.G.L. Chapter 111, the Holbrook Board of Health enacts the following order.

Whereas, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious and potential fatal respiratory disease, which is prevalent throughout the world, including the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, despite a significant reduction in deaths and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in Massachusetts and a high proportion of vaccinated residents in the Commonwealth relative to other states, COVID-19 cases are on an upward trajectory in Holbrook and neighboring communities; and

Whereas, the rise of new infections in Holbrook and the State corresponds with the emergence of the new variant of concern; and

Whereas, on July 27, 2021, the CDC recommended that everyone in areas of high or substantial COVID-19 transmission wear face coverings when in indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status, and currently Norfolk County had a high transmission rate; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health metrics indicate an increase in COVID-19 cases for the Town of Holbrook; and

Whereas, that fully vaccinated individuals who become infected with COVID-19 can transmit the virus to others, masks are one of the most effective available tools to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Therefore, the following public health order shall be in effect for the Town of Holbrook as follows:

1. All persons over the age of 2 must wear a mask or face covering, such as a fabric or surgical mask, covering the nose and mouth, while indoors in any public space, including but not limited to retail establishments, restaurants, bars, social clubs, houses of worship,

personal care and fitness establishments, school, enclosed spaces such as but not limited to ride shares or buses, event spaces and municipal property.

2. Customers in indoor restaurants, bars, and events may only remove face coverings when they are actively eating or drinking.
3. This order shall not apply when alone in a workplace that allows for appropriate social distancing.
4. This order shall not apply to outdoor dining, outdoor events or otherwise any outdoor activity.
5. This order shall not apply to informal gatherings at private residences in which no compensation for use of the property is paid to the owner.
6. This order shall not apply to persons for whom a mask or face covering creates a health risk or is not safe, or to children under two years of age.

This Order shall be effective immediately on December 23, 2021 and will be re-evaluated at the end of January 31, 2022.