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**COVID-19 MANDATORY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR WEARING OF MASKS OR OTHER
FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES IN THE TOWN OF LONGMEADOW**

Due to the current prevalence, transmissibility, and health consequences of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the Board of Health for the Town of Longmeadow voted on December 27, 2021 to institute the following indoor masking policies and recommendations, effective December 30, 2021.

Masking is to be implemented at all times in all public indoor spaces in the Town of Longmeadow. Public indoor spaces shall include all places in the Town of Longmeadow into which members of the public are invited or otherwise allowed to enter a building or structure to interact with any persons in order to or transact any public or private business. This includes, government buildings, restaurants, bars, indoor performance and event venue, gyms, fitness clubs, salons, and places of worship.

This order does not extend to Longmeadow Schools. The Board of Health has recommended that all schools continue to follow current guidelines in the Town of Longmeadow as well as those from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

As specified below, masks are required in all indoor public places as well as private places open to the public, regardless of vaccination status, for those over the age of five (5) years old.

1. Employees of public indoor spaces in the Town of Longmeadow must wear masks or other face coverings at all times while on the premises of the facility.
2. Customers and visitors of public indoor spaces in the Town of Longmeadow must wear masks or other face coverings at all times while on the premises of the facilities.
3. All mask or face coverings worn in accordance with this order shall conform to the following:
 - a. Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; and
 - b. Worn so as to cover the nose and mouth, and
 - c. Include multiple layers of fabric; and
 - d. Allow for breathing without restriction; and

- e. Be either of a disposable surgical/procedural type mask or be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape; and
- f. Be easily removed for eating, drinking; where allowed.

Nothing in this order is intended to encourage residents to act as an enforcement authority for the Town of Longmeadow. Residents should not take it upon themselves to approach people in violation of this order. Residents are urged to focus solely on their personal compliance with this order. This is a temporary measure to secure the safety of all residents of Longmeadow. The Board of Health will continue to monitor cases and vaccination status and adjust accordingly.

Employees that are alone within closed office spaces are exempt from wearing a mask or face covering when not interacting with the other people.

The Board of Health continues to remain strongly in favor of, and encourages, all eligible residents to be vaccinated against COVID-19.



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