



## TOWN OF AUBURN

### Mask Order Effective September 29, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, inclusive of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, other variants of COVID-19 have and may become prevalent over the coming weeks and months; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated guidance on the need for urgently increasing COVID-19 vaccination coverage and a recommendation for everyone in areas of substantial or high transmission to wear a mask in public indoor places, even if they are fully vaccinated;

WHEREAS, the Delta variant is a threat to non-vaccinated individuals including those who are health-compromised and young children, and can strike vaccinated individuals (i.e. break through cases);

WHEREAS, the Delta variant is a growing public health threat and can have a significant impact on municipal operations;

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to protect our employees and the members of the public whom we serve and to take measures to prevent exposure and the spread of the Delta variant in our municipal buildings;

WHEREAS, the Auburn Board of Health has determined that immediate action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread of the Delta variant by and among Town employees and visitors to Auburn municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Board of Health voted on September 28, 2021, effective immediately, to mandate that all persons over the age of two, employees and visitors, wear a face covering when inside any municipal building where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be met;

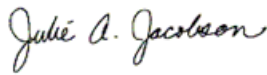
NOW THEREFORE, I, Julie Jacobson, Town Manager of the Town of Auburn, Massachusetts, in accordance with the power granted to me by the Town Charter of the Town of Auburn and in accordance with the September 28, 2021 vote of the Auburn Board of Health, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. All town employees in departments under the Town Manager shall wear a face covering while in the performance of their official duties, whether in a town building or working in a non-town building where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be met, regardless of vaccination status.
2. All visitors to municipal buildings over the age of two must wear face coverings while inside municipal buildings where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be met. This includes Town Hall,

Library, Senior Center, Department of Public Works, Pakachoag Golf Course Clubhouse, Police Station, and Fire Station or any indoor location where a town program or event is held.

3. Employees may remove the face covering while in the employee's own private office, provided that the employee is alone. Employees in shared workspaces must wear face coverings where six (6) foot social distancing cannot be met.
4. Social distancing should be practiced in offices and when interacting with the public, especially in break rooms and areas where employees are eating and drinking. When possible, department heads should stagger employee breaks to reduce occupancy in shared break rooms.
5. When two or more employees are inside a town vehicle, the employees shall wear a face covering. Face coverings are not required when employees are alone in town vehicles.
6. The face covering requirement does not apply to employees working outdoors.
7. A face covering may include, but is not limited to, dust masks, scarves, bandanas, and other coverings that cover the person's nose and mouth.
8. The face covering requirement does not apply to individuals with a medical condition or disability.

This Mask Order will take effect immediately, today, September 29, 2021. This Order will remain in effect whenever the Level of Community Transmission data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Worcester County is categorized as either "Substantial" or "High" over a consecutive two week period. This mandate will no longer be in effect whenever the Level of Community Transmission data from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Worcester County is categorized as either "Low" or "Moderate" over a consecutive two week period.

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Julie A. Jacobson  
Town Manager

September 29, 2021

Dated