

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE:
EMERGENCY REGULATION OF THE LITTLETON BOARD OF HEALTH

Based upon the review of current COVID-19 caseload and positive testing rates in the Town of Littleton and Middlesex County and based further upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consideration of the transmissibility and contagious nature of the delta variant of COVID-19, the Board of Health hereby votes to adopt this public health mandate as a regulation pursuant to M.G.L. c.111, §§ 31 and 122, and all other authorizing statutes and regulations.

1. Face coverings that cover the nose and mouth, are required for all persons, regardless of vaccination status, aged 2 years or older in all indoor public spaces, social clubs, municipal buildings, houses of worship, or private spaces open to the public.
2. Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated and consuming food and beverages.
3. Indoor performance venue customers may only remove face coverings when seated and consuming food and beverages, if permitted in the venue. Performers must wear a face covering during the performance.
4. Lodging guests and employees are required to wear face coverings inside hallways and other common areas of the establishment.
5. Residents and employees of multi-family dwelling units are required to wear face coverings inside hallways and other common areas. Notice of this requirement shall be conspicuously posted at entry doors to the building and common areas.
6. Indoor fitness center/health club employees, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during all fitness activities including group exercise classes.
7. All customers and employees of personal services establishments (including but not limited to barber shops, hair and nail salons, and massage and esthetician establishments) are required to wear face coverings during services, except that customers may temporarily remove their face covering for skin and/or hair care that occurs on the face.
8. All establishments open to the public must conspicuously post notice at entry doors advising customers that face coverings must be worn inside the establishment. Employees of the establishment must supervise and enforce this requirement.
9. Nothing in this regulation shall affect the state and federal orders already in effect regarding the wearing of facial coverings for all persons on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, and buses), in healthcare facilities, and in congregate care settings. Nothing in this regulation shall affect the mandates established by the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the wearing of facial coverings in schools.
10. Notwithstanding any provision in this regulation, employees that are alone within closed office spaces are exempt from wearing a face covering.
11. Notwithstanding any provision in this regulation, face coverings should not be placed on children under 2 years old, or anyone who has trouble breathing, or who is unconscious,

- incapacitated, otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance, or anyone who due to disability is unable to wear a face covering.
12. To the extent necessary, this regulation shall be enforced by agents of the Board of Health. Establishments that violate this Order may be punished by a civil fine, if after verbal education and written warning, of up to \$50 per violation in the manner provided for non-criminal disposition by M.G.L. c.40, §21D and §1-4 of the Town of Littleton Code.
 13. This regulation will be reviewed by the Board of Health on or before November 1, 2021 and may be rescinded at any time by a vote of the Board of Health. The optimal criteria for rescinding this regulation will be based on health data that indicates:
 - a. The level of community transmission data from the Centers for Disease Control for Middlesex County is categorized as either “low” or “moderate” over a four-week consecutive period; and/or
 - b. The vaccination rate of town residents who are fully vaccinated reaches 80% of the total population of the Town of Littleton.
 14. If any provision of this regulation shall be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, such determination shall in in way affect the legality or enforceability of any other provision.
 15. This regulation shall be published in the Lowell Sun and become effective at 12:01am on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Date: August 30, 2021

Signed on behalf of the Board of Health:



Chair, Littleton Board of Health