



# *Town of Mansfield*

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*Public Health Agent*  
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Dear Mansfield Businesses & Local Organizations:

In an effort to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 within indoor public settings, the Town of Mansfield's Board of Health has issued a public health order requiring everyone to wear masks indoors in all public settings within the Town of Mansfield. This mandate is for everyone aged two and older, regardless of vaccination status. As part of this order, all entry doors of local businesses open to the public must post notice advising customers that face masks must be worn inside the establishment. This order is effect starting Wednesday, January 12, 2022 through Monday, February 28, 2022.

Complete information on this order is contained in the supplemental pages of this packet including the posting notice advising customers. I am also available to assist should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation as we all strive to protect employees and patrons during this spike of the virus.

Sincerely,

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# Board of Health Town of Mansfield

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## **Town-Wide Mask Mandate Per Order of the Board of Health**

*Effective at 12:01 am on Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022,  
through 11:59pm on February 28, 2022.*

### **Section 1: Order**

Under MGL Chapter 111, Sections 31 and 104, the Town of Mansfield Board of Health orders an indoor mask mandate in all public spaces for all individuals over the age of 2, to begin January 12, 2022, and remain in place until February 28, 2022.

### **Section 2: Definitions (Draft)**

**Public Indoor Spaces** – The term “public indoor spaces” shall include all places 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 transact any public or private business.

**Mask** - For purposes of this order, masks shall include surgical masks, N-95 respirators, KN-95 masks, and multi-layer cloth masks (single layer cloth masks alone are the least effective and we ask that you avoid those). Masks are to be worn to completely cover a person’s nose and mouth.

### **Section 3: Implementation Guidance (Draft)**

Within the Town of Mansfield, the masking requirements apply to **all** individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces including but not limited to:

- Indoor public settings and businesses that serve the public (E.g. workplaces, grocery stores, home improvement stores, pharmacies, retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, municipal buildings)
- Places of worship
- Gyms, fitness centers, health clubs, youth and adult sports activities
- Lodging (E.g. Hotels, motels, apartment complexes, Mansfield Housing Authority managed properties)

Additionally, masking remains mandatory for **all** individuals aged two years and above in all locations currently required by the State of Massachusetts:

- On public transit and in transportation hubs
- Healthcare facilities
- Congregate care facilities
- Emergency shelter programs
- Local correctional facilities and detention centers

*The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve, and improve the public health, environment, and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.*

- Health care and day services and programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or one of its agencies
- Home health care workers

Additional Guidance includes:

- Food service establishment customers may only remove mask when seated.
- Indoor performance venue customers may only remove mask in the actual act of eating and drinking, if permitted in the venue.
- The mask requirement shall not apply to performers while performing provided that they are at least 10 feet away from any customers.
- Members, visitors and employees in private membership clubs are required to wear masks while indoors.
- Lodging guests and workers are required to wear masks when inside hallways and common areas.
- Residents, visitors and employees in multi-unit homes and apartments are required to wear masks when inside common hallways and spaces.
- Fitness Center/Health Club workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear masks during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
- Athletes, coaches and referees are required to wear masks at all times, including during active and inactive play.
- At personal services establishments, including, but not limited to, barber shops, hair and nail salons, all customers and workers are required to wear masks, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, where the customer may temporarily remove the masks but must immediately put the mask back on for the remainder of the visit.
- All members of the public when entering an indoor municipal property or building, including but not limited to the Mansfield Public Safety Facility, Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield Library, Mansfield Council on Aging, and Mansfield Fire Stations.
- All other establishments not specifically mentioned above that interact with the public: all customers and workers are required to wear masks.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity, entry into a business, or employment, provided that such person elects to wear a mask that is designed to inhibit the transmission of COVID-19, but that is not designed to otherwise obscure the identity of the individual.

#### **Section 4: Public Notice (Draft)**

The person or entity in control of indoor space shall have the obligation to notify their employees and the public of the requirements of the mask mandate set forth in this order. All entry doors of businesses open to the public must post notice advising customers that face masks must be worn inside the establishment. Establishment staff must supervise and enforce this public notification requirement.

#### **Section 5: Exemptions to mask requirements (Draft)**

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a

mask could obstruct breathing or who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

- Persons who are communicating with a hearing-impaired person, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- 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.

This regulation shall be applied in a manner consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Massachusetts State Laws, and any other applicable provision of law.

### **Section 6: Enforcement**

The Town of Mansfield Board of Health expects that all individuals will voluntarily comply with this Order. This Order may be enforced to the extent allowable under the law.

### **Section 7: Effective Date**

Effective at 12:01 am on Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022, through 11:59pm on Monday, February 28, 2022. This order may be extended to a further date if the Board deems it necessary.

# FACE MASK



# REQUIRED

Per Order of the Mansfield Board of Health, effective January 12, 2022, anyone over the age of two entering this establishment must wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are to be worn to completely cover a person's nose and mouth.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*