



Board of Health

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BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTIVE PERTAINING TO THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19

Recently, positive cases of Covid-19 and its variants have been on the rise in Massachusetts as well as closer to home here in Berkshire County. It has been shown, unquestionably, that use of facial coverings and social distancing have reduced or prevented the transmission of the virus between individuals. Data also shows that immunization is the most effective form of protection against the virus.

In light of these facts and in an effort to help keep the community healthy, the Board of Health, at their most recent meeting, and under authority granted by MGL Chapter 111, Section 31, voted in favor of upgrading their previous advisory regarding the use of masks and social distancing measures to the following Directive, effective as of November 19, 2021. The Board will review these directives in future meetings with an aim to amending or canceling them.

FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

- Appropriate CDC approved masks or face coverings must be worn at all times by individuals entering all public indoor spaces in the Town of West Stockbridge. Public spaces shall include but not be limited to Town Municipal Buildings, Post Office, library, churches, entertainment venues, and retail establishments.
- Masks are not required for individuals seated at a table consuming food or drink. However, the tables must be situated six or more feet apart.
- A sign must be posted at the entrances to all indoor public spaces stating that masks are required for entrance.
- Food service employees must wear a mask or face covering when interacting with customers, both indoors and outdoors.
- Masks must be worn by employees who cannot maintain a six-foot distance from other employees or the public.
- At outdoor events, if the event does not allow individuals to maintain a six-foot distance from each other, masks or face coverings are required.
- Masks are not required for children under the age of two.
- Exceptions may be granted for individuals with a medical condition, with sufficient proof certified by a physician, that does not allow them to wear a mask.