

**CITY OF NEWTON**

**MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER AND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**EMERGENCY ORDER ESTABLISHING COVID-19 FACE COVERING MANDATE  
IN THE CITY OF NEWTON**

**WHEREAS**, the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of spread of the highly contagious Delta variant indicates a need for health and safety measures to protect members of our community;

**WHEREAS**, in order to maximize protection from the variants, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC) recommends that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear face coverings indoors in areas of substantial or high transmission;

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Order is to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent and immediate threat to public health.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority granted to the Mayor and Commissioner of the Health and Human Services of the City of Newton, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111 §§ 31, 104, 122, 105 CMR 300.200, and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, we hereby order as follows:

**Face Covering Mandate**

**All people, regardless of vaccination status, in any indoor space accessible to the public, must wear a mask or cloth face covering that covers their nose and mouth, as follows:**

1. Whenever indoors in a space accessible to the public on the premises of a business, or place of assembly, including but not limited to retail establishments, restaurants, bars, performance venues, social clubs, gyms, health clubs, event spaces and salons, places of religious worship and municipal buildings.
2. Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated and actively eating or drinking


3. This Order shall not apply to persons for whom wearing a mask or other face covering creates a health risk or to children under the age of two.
4. This order shall not apply to performers, while performing, provided they are at least 6 feet away from the public

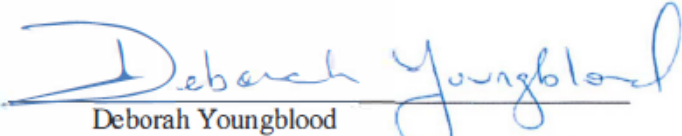
The City expects that all individuals will voluntarily comply with this Order. This Order may be enforced to the extent allowable under the law.

This Order shall take effect on 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 and will remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor and Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Department of the City of Newton.

**Business owners may download a sample sign here.**

SIGNED:

  
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Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor  
City of Newton

  
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Deborah Youngblood  
Commissioner of Health and Human Services  
City of Newton

Date of Order: August 27, 2021