



Town of Lexington

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Mask Mandate Compliance Guidance for Houses of Worship & Indoor Performances in Lexington Venues August 17, 2021

***Amended October 27, 2021**

The following protocol is provided as guidance to assist in compliance with the Lexington Mask Mandate of 17 August 2021. The guidance was developed by the Town of Lexington in consultation with and with the approval of the Lexington Board of Health.

In those circumstances where all individuals remain masked, including speakers, singers, and performers, no further measures will be necessary beyond what is specified in the Order. If it is desired that speaking, singing, or performing individuals wish to do so unmasked, then the following testing protocol shall apply.

Approved Testing Methodology

The unmasked individual(s) shall have negative test results for SARS CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use-Authorized (EUA) or Approved test used for the detection of current COVID-19 infection, in which the manufacturer's instructions have been followed. Note that some COVID-19 tests require a series of tests spaced out over the course of several days to have a negative result for current COVID-19 infection. If more than one test is required per the manufacturer's instructions, the final test shall be taken within the 24 hours prior to the performance and each test within the series must be negative before removing one's mask for the performance.

Test Performed at a Doctor's Office or Testing Center

If having a test performed at a doctor's office or testing center, the test must be taken within 24 hours of the performance or service and you must receive the results before removing your mask for the performance or service.

Self-Testing

If using a [self-testing](#) kit at home, read the manufacturer's instructions carefully to see if a series of tests over several hours/days are required. Please plan accordingly. For instance the Abbot BinaxNOW testing kit available at drug stores requires two negative tests spaced out by at least 36 hours. The Ellume testing kit is a single test. If the testing kit you choose requires a series of tests, each test needs to be negative and the last test in the series must be taken within 24 hours of removing your mask for the performance or service. More information on self-testing can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>

The results of any single test (and results of the final test when a test series is required) shall be reported to the Town Health Office within one business day of taking the test (send to *Joanne Belanger, Director of Public Health at jbelauger@lexingtonma.gov). Should any of the tests be positive the individual shall not participate in the scheduled event and shall isolate until otherwise directed by a Town Health official.

COVID-19 Public Health Mandate of the Lexington Board of Health

Amended: October 27, 2021

Notice is hereby given that on August 12, 2021 the Lexington Board of Health adopted the following emergency regulation under the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, § 31.

On October 27, 2021, at a regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting, the Board voted 5-0 to extend the Public Health mandate. The Board voted unanimously to: maintain, and keep in place, the mask order through January 15, 2022 and to review on January 11, 2022.

Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in Middlesex County the Select Board, and Board of Health held a meeting on August 12, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111 §§ 31 and 104; The Board of Health voted to adopt as a **public health mandate**, with the support of the Select Board, the following indoor mask mandate in the Town of Lexington.

1. Effective at 12:01am August 18, 2021 face coverings are required for all individuals aged two years and above in all indoor public spaces, houses of worship, or private spaces open to the public except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability.
2. Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated.
3. Indoor performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking, if permitted in the venue.
4. Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
5. Fitness Center/Health Club workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
6. At Personal Services establishments, including, but not limited to, barber shops, hair and nail salons, all customers and workers are required to wear face coverings, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, where the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
7. Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, and buses), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.
8. 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 requirement.
9. The Town Manager working with Town staff will develop criteria for consideration for specific businesses which will be submitted to the Board of Health for review and approval.

This **mandate** will be reviewed on or by November 5, 2021.

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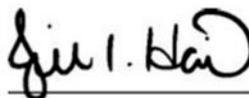
This **mandate** will be extended to, and reviewed on or by, January 15, 2022

The Town Manager is authorized to carry out this mandate.

Date: August 16, 2021



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