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**Town of Southborough, MA  
Meeting of the Board of Health**

**Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:30 AM  
Virtual Meeting Room**

**Revised Agenda**

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation. No in person attendance by members of the public will be permitted.

This meeting may be watched or residents may participate in the meeting remotely with the meeting link at: <https://www.southboroughtown.com/remotemeetings>

**Business Item (Board may vote):**

1. Public Comment
2. Mask Mandate discussion and potential vote
3. Public Comment

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## Town-Wide Facial Covering Mandate

### Per Order of the Board of Health

In response to the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant and high number of cases in the community, the Southborough Board of Health met on January 10, 2022 to discuss a mask mandate. Given the high volume of cases, the Board of Health is requiring that everyone regardless of vaccination status, wear masks in public indoor settings in Southborough to try to minimize the spread.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 January xx, 2022 masks covering the nose and mouth are required for all individuals ages 2 and above at public indoor spaces within the town of Southborough. The board will revisit within 30 days.

**Public indoor spaces including but not limited to:**

- Restaurants, bars, retail food stores
- Healthcare facilities, gyms, recreational facilities
- Houses of Worship
- Retail establishments
- Event venues
- Salons, barbershops, nail salons, massage establishments

The most effective masks are multi-layer and should cover the mouth and nose entirely.

**Exemptions to mask requirements:**

- No one under the age of 2 years old should wear a mask due to suffocation risk
- Medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. No one should wear a mask that is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Anyone who is communicating with someone who is hearing impaired and relies on seeing the mouth for communication

**Enforcement**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 111; Sections 31 and 104 the Board of Health and authorized agents have the ability to enact and enforce an emergency regulation and order for a mask mandate. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 111 Section 104 and Chapter 40, section 21D, a violation of any provision of this order may result in a \$100 fine. If necessary, the Board of Health may rely on the Southborough Police Department for assistance in enforcement.