

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, September 15, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Andrew read aloud the emergency order of 9/15/20 regarding face coverings with exhalation valves. See attachment.

MOTION to approve emergency order of 9/15/20 regarding face coverings with exhalation valves. All in favor and motion passed.

Andrew stated there have been are 265 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead and no recent deaths. There are less than five active cases currently.

In Massachusetts, there were 286 new cases this week which brings the total to 123,425 cases and 6 new deaths which brings this total to 9016 confirmed deaths.

Helaine reported that the school reopening committee met on 9/14/20. The superintendent reported to having visited several schools to check on the process. Most of the schools were good; some had minor “glitches.” She then related some comments about each (Eveleth, Coffin, Glover, Village, Veterans, and the high school.) The kindergarteners were screened in person at the Eveleth in small groups; Glover had painted some 6 ft. circles; Village was doing some tours for first time students; there was a minor Chromebook glitch that was solved; teachers had proactively prepared materials for students to pick up at all schools; etc. A number of subcommittees reported their efforts: teaching/learning = had a boot camp for computer learning; facilities = transport for special Ed students, air purifiers, HVAC upgrades, micron size filters, new compressors, providing staff with face shields and Plexiglas barriers; technology = 300 laptops for staff as an upgrade in the next 2 weeks; health/safety = before going to school each day, parents should self-certify their children; for those exempt from masks, their temperatures will be taken at school.

A rapid response mobile unit will be asked to come to any school and test all asymptomatic staff and students for free should there be two or more cases. The initiative is to identify asymptomatic people with COVID-19.

The fall sport season will begin October 5th. There will be no football or cheering this year.

Helaine commended the school department who worked all summer on the safest way to reopen schools for students.

All local businesses need to report any cases of COVID-19 to the health department.

Outdoor dining has been extended beyond November 1st. Heaters will be brought in and will need to be further approved by the fire and building departments.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

**BOARD OF HEALTH
EMERGENCY ORDER OF 9-15-20 REGARDING FACE COVERINGS with Exhalation Valves**

**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M. DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE TOWN
OF MARBLEHEAD TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND
OTHERS FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is punishable by a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 122.

On March 23, 2020, the Marblehead Board of Health declared a Public Health Emergency in the Town of Marblehead.

Pursuant to the declaration of a Public Health Emergency on March 23, 2020, in accordance with M.G.L. c.111, § 95 through 105 and 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and any other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the Board of Health of the Town of Marblehead, Massachusetts, in order to take additional measures to protect the public health during the COVID-19 public health emergency in light of current conditions, including an expected surge in COVID-19 cases, hereby order the following:

1. **All members of the public entering any essential business** as defined by Governor Baker's COVID-19 Executive Orders, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, farm stand stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, banks, ice cream manufacturers/dairies, government agencies, liquor/beer/wine stores, convenience stores, and the like, **must wear a facial covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana**, over their nose and mouth. The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders. See this link for information on making a cloth facial covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/clothface-cover.html>. **A facial covering with an exhalation valve is prohibited. Respirators or facial coverings with exhalation valves protect the wearer from SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, but may not prevent the virus from spreading from the wearer to others (that is, they may not be effective for source control). If only a respirator with an exhalation valve is available, cover the exhalation valve with a surgical mask, procedure mask, or a cloth face covering that does not interfere with the respirator fit.**

This emergency order shall be effective beginning SEPTEMBER 18th, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M. and remain in effect until the Public Health Emergency declaration issued by the Board of Health has been lifted. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Board of Health officials and Marblehead Police Officers.

The Marblehead Board of Health order authorizes the Public Health Director or Public Health Nurse to further enhance physical and distancing procedures or requirements upon discretion and direction.