



**Town of Harwich
Board of Health**

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER

Whereas, the Board of Health is concerned that as summer approaches and visitors return to Harwich the combination of large crowds and narrow roads and sidewalks will make it difficult to maintain social distancing as required by Governor Baker's Face Covering Order, dated May 1, 2020.

Now, therefore, the Board of Health adopts the following Emergency Order:

Any member of the public utilizing Route 28, between Lower County Road and Bank Street between 9 am and 10 pm, must wear a face covering at all times over their nose and mouth and must exercise social distancing, whenever possible, in accordance with Governor's Baker's Order, dated May 1, 2020, effective May 6th, *Order Requiring Face Covering in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible.*

Face coverings required by this Order may be removed for the consumption of food and or drink only when the consumer is practicing appropriate social distancing from persons not of their immediate family unit.

Violations of this Order may result in the following enforcement action/fines:

- 1) In the case of a first violation, a written warning shall be issued;
- 2) In the case of a second subsequent violation a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed.
- 3) In the case of a third or subsequent violation a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed.

Each day, or portion thereof, of non-compliance with any provision of this Order shall be deemed a separate violation hereunder.

Non-Criminal Disposition: Violations of any provision of this Order may be enforced by noncriminal disposition, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, or by any other lawful means.

Enforcement of this regulation shall be implemented by the Harwich Board of Health or its designated agents, (including Town of Harwich Police Officers).

This Emergency Order shall be effective beginning Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 12:01AM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgement that the Order is no longer necessary.

ORDERED on this Day July 21, 2020

HARWICH BOARD OF HEALTH:

Pamela Howell, Chairman
Sharon Pflieger, Vice Chairman
Ronald Dowgiallo, Member