

**CITY OF MALDEN**  
**Health Department / Board of Health**

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**CITY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS, BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and City of Malden due to the coronavirus pandemic and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to this situation and has directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and declared and has directed the agencies of the state government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Malden has declared a state of Emergency in the City of Malden and has directed all agencies and departments in the City of Malden to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Malden, Massachusetts, upon advice from advisors or their designees, has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Malden or their property so that it has become necessary for the Mayor, which such assistance and staff as he deems necessary, to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described situation; and

NOW THEREFORE, Mayor Gary Christenson and the Malden Board of Health, hereby declares that as of March 18, 2020 a Public Health Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Health and authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Mayor, all City personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. It is hereby further ordered that Christopher Webb as Public Health Director shall serve as the agent of the Board of Health to effectuate the intent of this Order. This Declaration of a Public Health Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

### EMERGENCY ORDER

Effective immediately, the following requirements are in effect for employers, employees and customers of essential businesses:

1. At no time is it acceptable to have the presence of any employee or agent of the business who is sick, feels sick, or exhibits symptoms of being sick; and any such person is to be sent home.
2. All employees of essential services as defined by Governor Bakers Covid19 Executive Orders, including but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, drive thru food and coffee establishments, home improvement stores and the like should wear a face covering such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and within six feet of a co-worker. Employees shall be allowed to bring their own face coverings with them to work and the employer must allow them to use same. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders. Employees whose duties involve handling food or in-person public interaction should also use other recommended personal protective equipment such as gloves.
3. Essential Businesses shall implement a work policy mandating that employees self-certify to their supervisor at the start of each shift that: (1) the employee has no fever, (2) the employee has no measured temperature above 100 degrees, (3) the employee has no cough, sore throat, or trouble breathing, (4) the employee does not have diarrhea, (5) the employee has not been ordered to self- isolate by a doctor, or local health official, (6) the employee has not been ordered to quarantine by a doctor, health care provider or local health official, (7) neither the employees or household members have tested positive for COVID 19 or clinically diagnosed as having COVID 19, (8) the employee has not had "close contact" or exposure to an individual diagnosed with COVID 19.

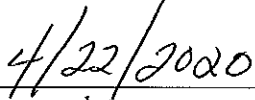
“Close contact” may include but is not limited to, situations where an employee is within six (6) feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID 19 for approximately 15 minutes, where an employee is caring for a person who has tested positive for COVID 19, or where an employee is in direct contact with secretions or respiratory droplets of a person who has tested positive for COVID 19 by cough, sneezing, sharing utensils, or other means, in environments where the exposed employee was not wearing proper PPE ( personal protection equipment)

4. 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, pharmacies, home improvements stores and the like must at all times wear a face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana, over their mouth and nose. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical grade or N-95 respirators, which must be left for medical professionals and first responders.
  
5. All members of the public entering a restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out must wear a face covering over the mouth and nose.

This order is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Director of Public Health or his Agents.

  
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Christopher Webb  
Dir. Public Health  
Malden Board of Health

  
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