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RE: Governor Baker Face Coverings Order

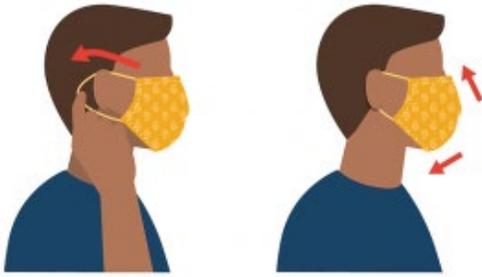
The Acton Board of Health is unfortunately continuing to receive many face covering complaints about both employees of Acton businesses and residents/consumers not wearing or improperly wearing face coverings. Face coverings are one of the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from transmission of this virus. I've sent this notice to many businesses and also want to let you all know what you can do to help. See below for some suggestions:

1. If you choose not to wear a mask or face covering for non-medical reasons businesses may refuse entry to you. Many establishments will be posting this requirement on their entry doors.
2. The face covering must cover both the nose and mouth and preferably be made of cloth, in order to save the medical masks for our first responders and healthcare workers.
3. Face coverings are required unless you can maintain a 6' separation between yourself, other customers and the employees of each business. We know that sometimes, even with good intentions, that this distance is not always achievable or can change in a minute's time, so our recommendation is to have a mask on or available at all times.
4. Face coverings are worn to protect you and others.
5. The Health Division or anyone of its agents can implement a fine of up to \$300 per violation.

Please see some helpful illustrations below provided borrowed from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) website.

Wear your Face Covering Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily



Wear a Face Covering to Protect Others

- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms
- Wear a face covering in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart
- Wear a face covering correctly for maximum protection
- **Don't** put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the face covering, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect

COVID-19 spreads from person to person through respiratory droplets when an infected person, coughs, talks, sneezes or even raises their voice. Many people are asymptomatic, don't realize that they are infected and their droplets can easily be inhaled into the lungs of anyone, including people that are older or immunocompromised who are at much higher of a risk. So even if you are healthy and not concerned about getting the virus, please think about the others that you come into contact with. You can easily transmit the virus to others just by talking so please do your part and help us contain the spread of this virus.

Massachusetts is currently doing ok with COVID-19 cases, however, many States are now seeing a surge. Please wear a face covering so we can keep our numbers low and not inundate our hospitals or worse yet death. For any questions or concerns please contact us at health@actonma.gov or 978-929-6632. Thank you.