

RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WITHIN MUNICIPAL PARKS

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Vermont Emergency Management statute, 20 V.S.A. 16, authorizes the towns of the state to make orders, rules, and regulations that may be necessary for emergency management purposes so long as they are not inconsistent with any orders, rules, or regulations promulgated by the governor or any state agency;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Richmond have demonstrated that they support taking all precautions to slow the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is an important act we can do in an effort to protect others from an infection that we may not even know we have; and

WHEREAS, as we move forward, citizens and visitors must understand that *how* they recreate and socialize is essential to staying safe and saving lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to the Resolution Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings Within Businesses and Town Owned Buildings this Selectboard hereby issues the following Resolution:

1. Requirement to Wear Face Covering or Face Shields:

Starting July 13, 2020, all persons using Volunteers' Green, Brown's Court or any other outdoor recreational areas under the control of the Town of Richmond, that are not participating in strenuous outdoor activity, shall wear a cloth face covering if not able to keep a 6' physical distance from anyone outside their own household or a trusted household.

2. Requirements for Cloth Face Coverings or Face Shields.

Cloth face coverings should meet the following criteria published by the CDC:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be machine washed and dried without damage or change to shape

If a cloth mask is not available, then a disposable face covering should be used.

Face shields should meet the following criteria:

- be made with a clear plastic such as PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) or PETG (Polyethylene terephthalate glycol)
- extend to below the chin and up to the ears
- have no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

3. Avoid Purchasing Medical Masks.

Unless necessary for medical reasons, non-medical professionals should avoid purchasing medical or N-95 masks so as not to deplete the supply of those critical medical masks available for healthcare workers and first responders.

4. Exceptions.

The CDC advises that cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

5. Effective Period.

This Resolution shall remain in effect until this Selectboard amends, rescinds, or suspends this Resolution or the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 emergency in the State of Vermont, whichever occurs first.

Dated at Richmond, Vermont this 13th day of July, 2020, effective upon passage.

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