

## **RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WITHIN BUSINESSES AND TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Selectboard hereby issues the following Resolution:

1. **Requirement to Wear Face Covering or Face Shields.** Starting June 15, 2020, all establishments located in the Town of Richmond that are open to the public for service and/or the retail sale of products and commodities shall require both staff and customers to wear cloth face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth. Additionally, members of the public are required to wear cloth face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside Town buildings. Town staff are required to wear face coverings as provided in the Town's face covering guidelines.
2. **Covered Establishments.** This Resolution covers business establishments, including but not limited to:
  - stores selling clothing, shoes, furniture, gifts, books, and other products to the public;
  - grocery stores;
  - hardware stores;
  - convenience stores;

This Resolution also applies to Town Buildings that are open to the public.

3. **Establishments Not Covered.** Establishments that are not primarily selling products to retail customers, such as offices, restaurants, bars, and hotels shall not be subject to this Resolution, but must abide by all state requirements for safe operation.

4. 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 laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shapeIf 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.
5. 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.
  6. 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.
  7. Posting of Requirement. Each covered establishment must post signage at the entrance and at other appropriate locations stating that customers are required to wear face coverings. Signage is available for pick up at the Town Center lobby and by downloading it from the Town website. The Town Manager will ensure that this Resolution is posted in suitable posting locations throughout the Town, including the Town website.
  8. 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.
  9. THIS RESOLUTION is non-binding and is not enforceable by law enforcement officers. Concerned citizens should work with the businesses' owners/managers to support this resolution.

Dated at Richmond, Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, effective upon passage.

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