

NH MANDATORY MASK ORDER PROVISIONS - Effective 11/20/2020

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, and 2020-21 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. Beginning on November 20, 2020, all persons over the age of 5 within the State of New Hampshire shall wear a mask or cloth face covering over their noses and mouths any time they are in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, where they are unable to or do not consistently maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.
2. For purposes of this Order, the term "public spaces" includes any part of private or public property that is generally open or accessible to members of the general public. Public spaces include, but are not limited to, lobbies, waiting areas, outside plazas or patios, restaurants, retail businesses, streets, sidewalks, parks, beaches, elevators, restrooms, stairways, parking garages, etc.
3. This Order is not intended to override any provisions related to the wearing of masks and cloth face coverings that are contained within industry specific guidance that is part of Exhibit B to Emergency Order 52. In any situation where the provisions of such industry specific guidance conflicts with this Order, the provisions of such industry specific guidance shall control.
4. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prevent municipalities within the State of New Hampshire from enacting their own ordinances related to the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings that contain stricter provisions than those contained within this Order.
5. This Order shall not apply to the following: a) Educators, students, and staff within K-12 schools; b) Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask or other face covering; c) Any person consuming food or drink or sitting at a restaurant or table to eat or drink; d) Any person engaged in physical strenuous physical activity; e) Any person giving a religious, political, media, educational, cultural, musical, or theatrical presentation or performance for an audience; f) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and any person while communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing or who has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a mask or face covering difficult; g) Any person obtaining or providing a service that requires the temporary removal of a mask or face covering; h) Any person asked to remove a mask or face covering to verify an identity for lawful purposes; or i) Any public safety worker actively engaged in a public safety role and when a mask or face covering would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities.
6. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue, or difficulty breathing, shall not be required to produce documentation, or other evidence, verifying the condition.
7. The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect through January 15, 2021.