



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Office of the Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House, Boston, MA 02133**

ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE

COVID -19 Order No. 31

Governor Charles Baker Hereby Orders the following:

Effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020, any person over age two who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, whether indoor or outdoor, and is unable to or does not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or a cloth face covering, except where a person is unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or the person is otherwise exempted by Department of Public Health guidance. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition. This requirement applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations open to the public that are permitted to operate as COVID-19 Essential Businesses as defined in Appendix A of COVID-19 Order 13, as extended by COVID-19 Orders 21 and 30.

All persons *are required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times* when inside grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores. All persons are also required to wear masks or cloth face coverings when providing or using the services of any taxi, car for hire, livery, and ride-sharing, or similar service or any means of mass public transit, or while within an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop waiting area.

Governor Charles Baker 5/1/20