



TOWN OF HINGHAM

Board of Health

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Health Advisory on the Use of Facial Coverings in Hingham

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The Hingham Board of Health (the Board) today issued a Health Advisory regarding the strongly recommended use of Facial Coverings by all patrons, visitors and employees within any indoor space open to the public in Hingham. The Health Advisory is also directed to all visitors and employees within any indoor space in all public places, public housing, assisted living facilities, membership associations and workplaces in Hingham.

The Town of Hingham and our region is currently experiencing an unprecedented number of COVID-19 cases. Aside from personal vaccination, the wearing of a Facial Covering is the next best step to protect our population from being exposed to, or unwittingly exposing others to, the COVID-19 virus.

The federal Centers of Disease Control and Infection (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA DPH) guidance on Facial Coverings can be found on their respective websites. The Board recommends the use of an N-95, KN-95, or a (non-woven, multi-ply) surgical mask. Woven cloth masks, gators and bandanas provide significantly less protection against this airborne respiratory virus. Also remember that any facial covering should be fitted closely to one's skin to prevent unwanted gaps and leaks.

So ordered,

Hingham Board of Health