



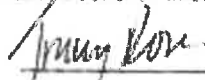
RULE AND ORDER REQUIRING THE USE OF MASKS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: AMENDED 3-1-2022

Pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 31 and 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the members of the Truro Board of Health hereby order the following:

1. On March 3, 2022 the indoor mask mandate for municipal buildings will transition to a voluntary program based on the continued decrease in the incidence and prevalence of cases of COVID-19, improved availability of testing and improved availability of COVID-19 vaccines for Truro residents and visitors.
2. Masking requirements may continue to be retained for certain activities and events, such as the Annual Town Meeting, where maintaining physical separation may be difficult, and a “mask-optional” environment may reduce participation.
3. The Board of Health supports those business establishments in Truro that exercise their right to continue to require the public to mask in their establishments to mitigate impacts from high volumes of customers where physical distancing is difficult, in order to protect their staff and vulnerable members of the public.
4. In this voluntary masking phase, the Board of Health underscores the need for the public to respect the personal preferences expressed by others to wear a mask because of another person’s level of risk.
5. The Board of Health continues to advise that a fully vaccinated person wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated.
6. For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, it is important to continue to wear a face covering or mask in public to prevent you from becoming infected with COVID-19 and possibly spreading the virus to other people.
7. Individuals with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or their positive test, and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), should wear a mask when around others for the 5 days that follow to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.

8. If you come into contact with someone with COVID-19, you should quarantine if you are not fully vaccinated or have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days. You should speak with your healthcare provider about when to get tested for COVID-19 after an exposure to determine your length of quarantine.
9. This Order may be updated at any time that the Board of Health determines that local conditions such as the incidence and prevalence of cases of COVID-19, and the availability of testing would require the public to resume the mitigations of masking and distancing to reduce the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus to others.

This Order, as amended shall be effective beginning March 3, 2022 and remain in effect until further notice is given and pursuant to the Truro Board of Health's judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.



Tracey Rose, Chair of Truro Board of Health