EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 7 OF THE SWAMPSCOTT BOARD OF HEALTH

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY DECEMBER 23, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

In accordance with G.L. c.111, §122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and any other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the Board of Health of the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts, in order to take additional measures to protect the public health during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency in light of current conditions, including the continued high positive test rates in Town and in surrounding communities and the possibility of a surge in COVID-19 cases, hereby order the following:

- 1. All persons must wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose when in public indoor spaces at all times.
- 2. Indoor public spaces are defined as any indoor place open to the public, including but not limited to Town buildings, grocery stores, places of worship, restaurants, retail businesses, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, fitness centers, and social clubs.
- 3. This Order shall apply to all individuals over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status.
- 4. This Order shall not apply to persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition, or persons requiring a reasonable accommodation/modification as a result of a qualifying disability as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or any applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A person is not required to provide proof of medical condition.
- 5. This Order shall not apply to persons who are seated at a restaurant or a bar.
- 6. This Order shall not apply to musicians/performers who need to be unmasked in order to perform in any indoor public space.
- 7. Businesses shall not allow any patron to enter their establishment who is not wearing a face covering unless the patron qualifies for an exemption. All businesses shall post a sign on their main entrance doors advising consumers or patrons that it is mandatory that the consumer or patron entering the business or establishment wear a face covering. All businesses shall be responsible for requiring and overseeing that patrons waiting or queued to enter their place of business wear a face covering while waiting.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2021 AT 6:00 PM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment.

To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by the Board of Health, its authorized agents and the Swampscott Police Department. Violation of the terms of this Order may result in a fine of \$300 per violation in the manner provided for non-criminal disposition of violations of Town Bylaws, rules or regulations pursuant to G.L. c.40, §21D. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense. The Swampscott Board of Health may enforce this Order or enjoin violations thereof through any lawful process, and the election of one remedy by Board of Health shall not preclude enforcement through any other lawful means.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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