

**CITY OF WALTHAM**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**Waltham Board of Health Minutes**  
**November 10, 2021**

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 4:05PM.

Dr. Lerner, Susan Piantedosi, and Bill Hanley were present

Dr. Merola and Bernie Mullin were absent

Motion made by member Piantedosi that Dr. Lerner be Acting Chairperson for this meeting, motion approved by member Hanley

The minutes of the last meeting (September 29, 2021) were reviewed and approved by the Board.

1. No new business to discuss
2. Dr. Lerner requested to bring Mask Mandate out from Old Business to discuss, motion to discuss was approved by Members Hanley and Piantedosi
3. All members present discussed the draft mandate that was given to them, they reviewed and made a couple of changes: change from 30 days in paragraph two of the draft mandate to: the next Board of Health Meeting. If the Waltham Dashboard reaches 2% positivity rate, the Mandate will automatically go into effect. Motion was made to approve the changes by all members present
4. Motion to table the Mask Mandate until the May, 2022 Board of Health meeting by Bill Hanley, members Piantedosi and Lerner approved
5. Reminder by Dr. Lerner that the Law Department is requested to appear at next BOH meeting to discuss Gardencrest in Executive Session. Members Hanley and Piantedosi agreed

The meeting adjourned at 4:25PM.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

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## City of Waltham

### COVID-19 Public Health Mask Mandate of the Waltham Board of Health

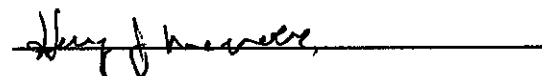
Based upon review of current COVID-19 caseload and testing positivity rates in the City of Waltham, at the Board of Health meeting on November 10, 2021 and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111 sections 31 and 104 the Board voted to adopt a **public health mask mandate**, adopting an indoor mask mandate in the City of Waltham, when the positivity rate is at or above 2% for two consecutive weeks.

Effective at 12:01AM on \_\_\_\_\_, until the next Board of Health meeting, face coverings are required for all individuals aged five years and above in all indoor public spaces or private spaces open to the public, except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability.

- o Food service establishment customers may only remove face coverings when seated.
- o Performance venue customers may only remove face coverings in the actual act of eating and drinking.
- o Indoor bar and dance venue customers may only remove face coverings when seated at tables or seated at a bar. Patrons standing or ordering at the bar must be masked. Guests must be masked on indoor dance floors.
- o Lodging guests and workers are required to wear face coverings when inside hallways and common areas.
- o Houses of worship are covered by this order.
- o Fitness Centers/Health Clubs workers, customers, and visitors are required to wear face coverings during fitness activity, including strenuous activity.
- o At personal Services establishments, including but not limited to barber shops, hair and nail salons, all customers and workers are required to wear face coverings, except for skin or beard care that occurs on the face, the customer may temporarily remove the face covering but must immediately put the face covering back on for the remainder of the visit.
- o Masks remain mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.
- o All entry doors of businesses open to the public must be post the mask mandate – advising customers that facemasks must be maintained inside the establishment.

This **mandate** will be in effect when the positivity rate in Waltham is at or above 2% over a consecutive two week period. This mandate **will** stay in effect until the next Board of Health Meeting.

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Henry J. Merola, MD  
Chairperson, Waltham Board of Health