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Public Health
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Official Order of the Board of Health: **Face Coverings**

The Easthampton Board of Health is urging residents to wear face coverings when social distancing is difficult to achieve including but not limited to shopping at essential businesses, walking outdoors in confined areas (i.e. Manhan Rail Trail, boardwalk at Nashawannuck Pond, sidewalks), and/or when interacting with each other. **Face coverings do not substitute the need to socially distance at least 6 feet from others.** Persons infected with COVID-19 may not initially exhibit symptoms and therefore the use of a face covering helps to minimize transmission to those around you.

Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

A face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves, bandanas, and homemade masks made of t-shirts/cloth materials.

Note: Employees at all essential businesses that remain open to the public are required to wear face coverings per the Official Order of the Board of Health titled: All Essential Businesses Open to the Public and dated April 9, 2020.

Per CDC guidelines, cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Per CDC guidelines, cloth face coverings should NOT-

- be placed on a child under the age of 2
- anyone who has trouble breathing, or
- is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

More Information:

To create your own cloth face covering, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

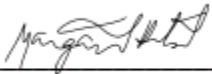
To donate:

Cloth face coverings for essential employees and residents in Easthampton can be dropped off in the lobby at the Public Safety Complex located at 32 Payson Ave.

To obtain a mask:

If you and your family is in need of a cloth face covering, please contact the Easthampton Health Department at: beichstaedt@easthamptonma.gov or by phone at (413) 529-1400 x 430. At this time, there are limited quantities of donations, please only request one per person in your household.

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Margaret Hebert, Chair, Board of Health

April 21, 2020

Date