



### **A Resolution Requiring Face Coverings Be Worn Within the Town of New London**

In our fight against the ongoing COVID-19 threat, this Resolution is issued in consideration of the health and safety of the residents of the Town of New London, the visitors and employees of the public and private sectors, and the success, economic stability, and well-being of the businesses of our community.

Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New London recognizes that additional measures are necessary to prevent or reduce activities that increase the likelihood of the spread of the highly contagious and potentially life-threatening virus known as COVID-19;

That the best means of slowing the spread of the virus is through minimizing close personal contact with individuals in a public environment, social/physical distancing by keeping a distance of six feet between yourself and others, covering your mouth and nose by wearing a face covering, and proper hand washing;

That the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has concluded that the wearing of face coverings by all persons under certain circumstances is an effective method to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, by providing a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the face covering coughs, sneezes, talks or raises their voice;

And that COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms (asymptomatic carriers) and therefore are unaware they are infected. It is therefore important that everyone wear face coverings in public settings, whether or not they are feeling ill;

Therefore, we, as the Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town of New London, require that face coverings made of cloth fabric, or other soft material, that covers the nose and mouth of the person wearing the face covering. The face covering may be factory-made or homemade as long as it covers the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face.

These requirements shall apply to any individual who is age two (2) or older, and not otherwise exempt per CDC guidelines. A face covering is also not required to be worn by any person if said person has been advised by a medical professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to said person for health-related reasons.

Nor will these requirements apply to persons walking, biking, or exercising so long as physical separation of at least six feet is maintained or when persons are members of the same household;

All businesses, healthcare facilities and any other establishment, including government facilities, which are open to the public, shall require all those entering the business including, without limitation any outdoor area where business of any sort is conducted or work site, to wear a mouth and nose covering mask and may refuse entry and service to anyone who refuses to wear a mask.

All employees of all businesses must wear a mouth and nose covering mask when interacting with the public and when within six feet of a co-worker.

Members of the public entering or queued to enter any restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out or an alcohol-serving business or any other purpose must wear a mouth and nose covering mask. Members of the public dining at a restaurant may remove masks while seated at their table but must wear a mask when entering and exiting the restaurant or moving around the interior or exterior of the restaurant.

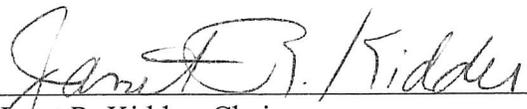
All such businesses, restaurants, government facilities shall post the requirement for a mask.

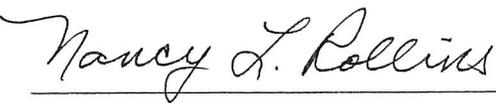
This Resolution is a good-faith effort to encourage the New London community, that includes residents, visitors, shoppers, diners, and employees to wear a face covering whenever they are inside a building and whenever they are outside and social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

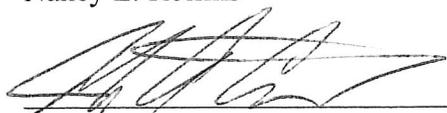
This Resolution will remain in effect until it is no longer necessary either because the New London Board of Selectmen declares that COVID-19 no longer poses a threat to New London citizens or when it is replaced by an Ordinance that will impose fines for violations.

Issued this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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