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**CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAYOR YVONNE M. SPICER  
ORDER REQUIRING MANDATORY MASKS IN CITY BUILDINGS  
(FOR RATIFICATION AND ISSUANCE BY BOARD OF HEALTH)  
EXECUTIVE ORDER #EO2021-003**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts for COVID-19 ("Commonwealth State of Emergency"); and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer declared a local state of emergency retroactive to March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2021, Governor Baker announced that Massachusetts will move forward in the Commonwealth's reopening of certain outdoor Phase 4 industries effective May 10, 2021, and announced the lifting of further restrictions on May 29, 2021, contingent on continued positive trends in the public health and vaccination data; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2021, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development published reopening Phase IV mandatory safety standards, recommended best practices and checklists effective May 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Governor Baker further announced that the Commonwealth State of Emergency will end on June 15, 2021, and that the Administration will work together with municipal and state officials to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during said state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Mayor ordered the termination of the March 22, 2020, Declaration of a Local State of Emergency effective as of on June 15, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. to coincide with the termination of the Commonwealth State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Mayor and Board of Health ordered that several Executive Orders, Joint Orders, and Orders of the Board of Health be rescinded effective on May 29, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. so that the City of Framingham will be fully consistent with and mirror the Orders issued by Governor Baker and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health and such safety standards, recommended best practices and checklists as may be issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the termination of the state and local states of emergency, the City of Framingham and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remain affected by the

COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus is slowed to protect the ability of our healthcare providers to handle the surge of new patients and safeguard public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2, the so-called "Delta" variant, currently circulating in the United States;

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the CDC identified Middlesex County as having a "substantial" Level of Community Transmission (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>), and:

- recommended that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of "substantial" or "high" Level of Community Transmission;
- provided information that fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease, or not fully vaccinated; and
- recommended that fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

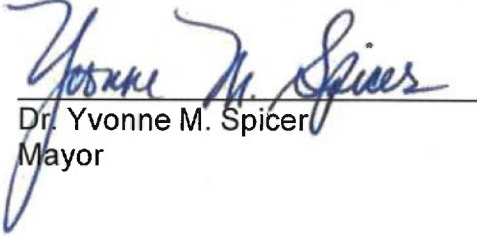
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Acting Director of Public Health have reviewed this Order and confirm that its issuance is necessary for the protection of public health during this COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor under Article III, Section 2 of the Framingham Home Rule Charter and the general municipal police power and power to protect public health incorporated therein, effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 5, 2021, all persons (including visitors and employees) over the age of five (5) entering City of Framingham municipal buildings, including but not limited to the Memorial Building and the Callahan Senior Center, shall wear a clean face covering, such as a fabric face mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose, and exercise social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines. This order shall not apply to children under five (5) years of age and persons for whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe for the following reasons as more fully described by Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidance as follows:

- the face mask or covering affects the person's ability to breathe safely;
- the person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering;
- the person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering; or
- the person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe.

This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

**MAYOR OF CITY OF FRAMINGHAM**  
(Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021)



Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer  
Mayor

**FRAMINGHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**

Pursuant to the authority granted the Board of Health in G.L. c. 111 generally and G.L. c. 111 sections 6, 7 and 104 in particular, as well as 310 CMR 11.05, the Board of Health hereby ratifies and adopts the mandatory mask order set forth herein and hereby requires and orders all persons entering City of Framingham municipal buildings, including but not limited to the Memorial Building and the Callahan Senior Center, to wear a clean face covering, such as a fabric face mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose, and exercise social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines. This order will remain in effect until further notice.

(Pursuant to vote at the duly posted public meeting on August 10, 2021)



David Moore, M.D., Board of Health Vice Chair



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cc: City Council, School Committee, City Division and Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, Chief Operating Officer, City Solicitor, Dr. Robert Tremblay, Media Outlets