

## ORDER OF THE MAYOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 due to the virus that caused the Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of COVID-19 poses a present, real and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Somerville and as such declared a State of Emergency in the City of Somerville on March 15, 2020;

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

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Somerville have requested that residents stay home to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the Governor has requested that the Department of Public Health issue a stay at home advisory;

WHEREAS, medical masks and N-95 respirators should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have established guidelines for face covering, available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have established guidelines for social distancing available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>;

1. All members of the public aged two years and older entering any essential business as defined by Governor Baker’s Covid-19 Executive Orders, including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, laundromats, home improvement stores, restaurant pick-up sites, should wear a clean face covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf, or bandana, over their mouth and nose and exercise social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
2. All members of the public aged two years and older entering, exiting, or occupying common areas of any multi-unit residential or commercial building should wear a clean face covering over their nose and mouth and exercise social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services  
Acting Agent of the Board of Health

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Date: April 10, 2020