

**COVID-19 Emergency Order – Wearing Face Coverings in Town Owned Buildings and Businesses Open to the Public within the Town of Wilmington**

**WHEREAS**, Consistent with Governor Scott’s *Stay Home, Stay Safe* Executive Order related to social distancing as well as the health care measures recommended by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Selectboard desires to enact and encourage measures that promote the public health safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors to further the goal of slowing the spread of COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Department of Health “recommends that all Vermonters wear cloth face coverings when outside the home to help slow the spread of COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Scott issued Addendum 14 to his Executive Order on May 15, 2020, which includes in paragraph 3, the following authorization for municipalities: “The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein”, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Vermont Emergency Management statute, 20 VSA § 16, authorizes the towns of the State to make orders, rules and regulations that may be necessary for emergency management purposes so long as they are not inconsistent with any orders, rules or regulations promulgated by the governor or any state agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Selectboard issues the following COVID-19 Emergency Order:

1. Requirement to Wear Face Coverings. Starting May 22, 2020, any member of the public entering a business located in the Town of Wilmington that will be open to the public or a Town-owned building must wear a face covering over their mouth and nose that is consistent with the Vermont Department of Health’s guidance on face coverings.
2. Exceptions. The Vermont Department of Health advises that face coverings should never be worn by children under the age of two, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone unable to remove a mask without assistance.
3. Posting Requirement. Each covered establishment must post signage at the entrance and at other appropriate locations stating that members of the public are required to wear face coverings by order of the Wilmington Selectboard.

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard and Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.