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Hallowell Mask / Face Covering Order 20-09

Dear friends and citizens of Hallowell,

I met last week with the physician members of the Hallowell Board of Health, and in consultation with them and Hallowell's Emergency Operations Center Staff, and with the City Council members present at the EOCS meeting, we discussed the community health benefits of a local order requiring the proper use of face masks or coverings while people are in enclosed spaces and/or outside in places where the minimum of six feet of distance can't be consistently maintained.

On July 8, the Governor ordered that certain businesses in Maine's larger municipalities and coastal tourism destinations are required to enforce her April 28 mask / face covering order, to protect public health and the safety of both patrons and employees. Recognizing that Hallowell is a neighbor to one of those larger municipalities, and also that our popular restaurants, businesses, cultural assets, and open spaces are a destination for summer tourists from around the nation, we want to do more to ensure public safety.

Hallowell is a community that cares. We're home to four large residences / care facilities for older people and also for people who may have mitigating health issues. And, we're a welcoming community with a broad cross section of personal health needs and family challenges resulting from the COVID-19 emergency. For these reasons, and to protect our small business, restaurant, pub, and lodging economy, we will today implement an executive order under our city-wide state of emergency that requires businesses to enforce the Governor's face covering / mask order in retail stores, restaurants and dining establishments, bars, recreational facilities, lodging facilities including inns, bed and breakfasts, and short term rentals, on public transportation, and in public buildings and open spaces.

Our neighboring Town of Winthrop has implemented similar requirements, recognizing that a regional approach will make things easier and safer for everyone in central Maine: same rules, same reasons, same concern for the health, safety, and well-being of our friends, neighbors, elders, veterans, and first responders.

Residents with questions or concerns about compliance with this order can contact Doug Ide, the Hallowell Code Enforcement Officer, at 207-430-4405, or Nate Rudy, the City Manager and Health Officer, at 207-430-4403, and we will work with any entities identified for non-compliance with the most current guidance from the State of Maine on complying with local and state requirements. The state has established an [online form](#) where residents can report non-compliance with COVID-19, and has also created a [list of Maine-based companies](#) that provide masks, COVID-19 related supplies, and other goods and services. We have received reports that public facilities like the playground at Vaughan Field and the RES park have been misused or abused by people who are not honoring safe distancing practices or are leaving their trash and refuse behind. For these spaces to remain open and available to the public, citizens must monitor their own COVID-19 safety and risk exposure while using public parks and open spaces, and City parks are “Carry In, Carry Out” for all trash—**bring your mask when you visit, take your trash with you when you go**. Facility users are encouraged to contact the Hallowell Police Department at 207-623-3131 to report any misuse or abuse of City parks and open spaces.

Numerous City and State resources and other contact information and updates are available on the City website, along with registration information for our Constant Contact and NIXLE public safety mailing lists: <https://hallowell.govoffice.com/>

Please join us in bringing your mask and/or face covering with you wherever you are shopping, dining, and recreating throughout central Maine, and thank you for your support!

Respectfully yours,

S/

Nate Rudy

Attachments: Memo from the Board of Health to the Mayor and City Council
City of Hallowell Executive Order 20-09



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July 30, 2020

TO: Mayor Walker and Hallowell City Council
RE: Recommended support of a face covering / mask ordinance in Hallowell

At our Board of Health meeting on July 28 we again discussed our recommendation that the City of Hallowell implement an order under the current city-wide State of Emergency that requires Hallowell businesses to enforce a face mask / covering policy for patrons.

Governor Mills' Executive Order of July 8 requires large retail businesses, restaurants, outdoor bars, tasting rooms, and lodging establishments in Maine's more populous cities and coastal counties, including Augusta, to enforce the State's face covering requirement. Winthrop has recently enacted a local ordinance that mimics the level of enforcement required in Augusta.

Daily reports show how countries and US states that enforce safe distancing and face covering policies are faring in both favorable health statistics and economic recovery, vs. those who have rushed back to a false sense of "normal" and are seeing record daily numbers of citizens contracting COVID-19. We recognize that due to the diligence of Maine people following guidance from the Maine CDC that we have managed to control COVID-19 spread, but without proactive prevention measures in place we could become a hotspot similar to other sparsely populated states that have seen large spikes in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks. It will not be effective to wait until there is a COVID-19 spike in Kennebec County or in the Augusta area—at that point we will be as many as six weeks behind the curve of the disease spreading, and we risk uncontrolled spread in the community which would be especially dangerous in our care facilities for older people.

There is still so much we do not yet know about COVID-19, but for right now the easiest thing people can do to reduce the risk of community health and safety is to wear a mask. Broad use of mask and observance of safe distancing is also the quickest pathway to economic recovery. For these reasons, we urge the Council and Mayor to support an Executive Order that brings Hallowell in-line with neighboring Augusta and Winthrop, and recognizes that Hallowell is an attractive tourist destination for out-of-state visitors and others who may unknowingly spread COVID-19 through preventable exposures in our public places and popular businesses.

Submitted by the Hallowell Board of Health:

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ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER

Order 20-09

Pursuant to Sections 4-910 through 4-924 of the City of Hallowell Revised Code of Ordinances (1997), the City Manager hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread of COVID-19 seriously impacts the life, health and safety of the public, and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Janet Mills, the Governor of the State of Maine, declared a Civil State of Emergency on March 15, 2020 related to the spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") and renewed that order on April 14, May 13, June 10, and again on July 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hallowell declared under Order 20-01 a city-wide State of Emergency due to imminent civil emergency effective March 18; and

WHEREAS, the Hallowell City Council voted unanimously to declare Order 20-02, extending the city-wide State of Emergency effective March 23; and

WHEREAS, Janet Mills, the Governor of the State of Maine, issued an Executive Order effective March 25, 2020 mandating that all non-essential businesses and operations in Maine close their physical locations that are public facing and extended that order through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Janet Mills, the Governor of the State of Maine, issued an Executive Order effective May 11, 2020 instituting a Rural Reopening Plan that allowed for reopening of certain businesses in rural Maine, including those in Kennebec County; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mills' Rural Reopening Plan also provided a set of "COVID-19 Prevention Checklists" which offer specific health and safety practices for Maine businesses to protect the public and their employees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mills implemented a “Stay Safer at Home” Executive Order requiring Maine people to wear cloth face coverings in public places where physical distancing is difficult to maintain on April 28, 2020, and issued an Executive Order requiring large retail businesses, restaurants, outdoor bars, tasting rooms, and lodging establishments in Maine’s more populous cities and coastal counties to enforce the State’s face covering requirement on July 8, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me through the statutes of the State of Maine, Sections 4-910 through 4-924 of the City of Hallowell Revised Code of Ordinances (1997), and common law authority to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare in the event of an emergency, I, Nathaniel Rudy, City Manager of the City of Hallowell, do hereby ORDER as follows:

Retail stores, grocery stores, health care facilities, exercise facilities, restaurants and dining facilities, outdoor bars, pubs, public transportation providers including ride sharing, and lodging establishments in Hallowell including short term rentals are required to enforce the Governor’s mask / face covering orders of April 28 and July 8, 2020. This requirement also includes waiting areas and take-out service for restaurants and pubs, congested areas in the downtown district including parking lots, and any instance where the public typically gathers in a smaller area.

City Hall administrative offices will continue limited service, and will be suspended at the discretion of the City Manager in the event of a resurgence of Coronavirus in Kennebec and/or surrounding counties.

City buildings will remain closed to the general public through Monday, September 7, 2020, except as necessary for delivery of essential services and limited access to the Clerk’s office, as determined by the City Manager and following the Governor’s Executive Orders.

The North Bay recycling center will remain open on a limited basis, with only two (2) people allowed inside the center at a time, and will be suspended at the discretion of the City Manager in the event of misuse, and/or a resurgence of Coronavirus in Kennebec and/or surrounding counties.

The Vaughan Field Playground is reopened for public use. Citizens must monitor their own COVID-19 safety and risk exposure while using all public parks and open spaces, and use of this facility will be suspended at the discretion of the City Manager in the event of reported misuse, abuse, or disregard for COVID-19 safety.

The RES gate will remain open for permitted users to access the RES park, and will be subject to closure at the discretion of the City Manager. Citizens must monitor their own COVID-19 safety and risk exposure while using the RES facilities.

Interested parties are required to obtain a permit **via mail** from the City Clerk's office to park in the RES parking lot. The permit application form is available on the City website, and payment may be made via check or money order:

[https://hallowell.govoffice.com/vertical/Sites/%7B9B342949-3E79-4064-B52A-92C27ED57113%7D/uploads/Recreation Area Parking Permit Application rev 2019.pdf](https://hallowell.govoffice.com/vertical/Sites/%7B9B342949-3E79-4064-B52A-92C27ED57113%7D/uploads/Recreation%20Area%20Parking%20Permit%20Application%20rev%202019.pdf)

This Order shall be effective immediately and the directives issued under it and previous Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08 that are not rescinded here shall remain in effect until the City Manager is satisfied that the Civil Emergency no longer exists and terminates the emergency proclamations by another proclamation.

S/

Nathaniel Rudy, City Manager

8/3/2020

Monday, August 3, 2020