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Board of Health Implements Mask Mandate for all Indoor Public Spaces

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The Chelsea Board of Health has implemented an Indoor Mask Mandate for all Indoor Public Spaces. The order goes into effect this Friday, December 3, 2021 at 5:00am. This emergency order is part of a continued effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Chelsea community.

Masks and face coverings are one of the most effective ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This order applies to all public spaces within private businesses as well as to public spaces located within public buildings. A mask mandate had already been in place at Chelsea City Hall, the Chelsea Public Library, the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea Public Schools.

This public health order indicates that all persons over the age of two years old must wear a mask or face covering indoors, and it must cover both the nose and mouth. Public spaces where this order is in effect include:

- Retail establishments
- Restaurants and bars
- Performance venues
- Social clubs
- Houses of worship
- Personal care and fitness establishments
- Event spaces
- Municipal buildings.

Within restaurants, bars and dance venues specifically, customers may only remove face coverings when they are actively eating or drinking. Masks must be worn while ordering, and they must be worn when on a dance floor.

This order does not apply to outdoor dining, outdoor events or any outdoors activity. It does not apply to performers, while performing, provided that they are six feet away from any customers. It does not apply to persons for whom wearing a mask or face covering creates a health risk, is not safe or to children under two years of age.

The indoor mask mandate is another layer of protection for Chelsea residents as public health officials continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19. Vaccinations continue to be available to Chelsea residents for free at the [Chelsea Senior Center](#). The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (ages 5-11) and COVID-19 booster shots (ages 18+) are all available. Any resident can receive the vaccine for free, regardless of immigration status.

In the community, La Colaborativa hosts a mobile vaccination clinic every Tuesday at its 318 Broadway location from 4:00-7:00pm. The mobile clinic will be open until Tuesday, Dec. 14. Chelsea Public Schools will have a Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1:00-5:00pm at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex.

COVID-19 testing also remains available for free for Chelsea residents at Saint Rose School on 580 Broadway. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm.

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