



COVID-19 Vinalhaven Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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COVID-19 Update 11-05-20

GOVERNOR MILLS ANNOUNCES NEW FACE COVERING EXECUTIVE ORDER

Effective Immediately – An new Executive Order just released mandates that face coverings must be worn in public settings regardless of how far apart people are from each other.

Maine recorded 183 new cases of COVID-19 today, the highest single-day increase since the beginning of the pandemic. **Today's Executive Order requires everyone* to wear face coverings in public settings, regardless of the ability to maintain physical distance. The new order strengthens an earlier one stating that face coverings must be worn only when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.**

Additionally, owners and operators of all indoor public settings in Maine must now post plainly visible signs notifying entrants of the requirement to wear cloth face coverings, and may deny service or entry for non-compliance. Previously, only certain types of businesses like large retail businesses were responsible for implementing measures requiring customers to wear face coverings.

Public settings are defined in the executive order as:

- a. Indoor spaces that are accessible to the public
- b. Outdoor spaces including but not limited to playgrounds, parking lots, sidewalks, athletic and sports venues, and other areas such as lines for takeout service where the public typically gathers in a smaller area
- c. Public transportation
- d. Portions of municipal, county, state, and private buildings and grounds that are typically accessible to the public
- e. Other locations that the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) identify as presenting a risk of transmission of the virus

Read the complete announcement from the Mill's Administration

www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/following-record-covid-19-cases-governor-mills-announces-new-face-covering-executive-order

and the Executive Order

www.townofvinalhaven.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf3981/f/uploads/11-5-20execorder.pdf

**Face coverings are required for all children age 5 and older in public settings, including school and childcare settings, and are recommended for children ages 2 to 4 unless deemed developmentally inappropriate. Exemptions continue to exist for those who have serious medical conditions or who are otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.*

Follow the Community Guidelines to keep yourself, your family and the community safe. As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and comments.

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