

## **When do I need to wear a cloth mask?**

### **VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK**

### **COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

### **WEARING FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED**

#### **Requirement to Wear Face Covering.**

The Woodstock Village Trustees recognize the widespread value of face coverings to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Vermont Department of Health.

In accordance with Addendum 14 to Governor Scott's March 13, 2020 Executive Order, 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,"

In an effort to protect residents and visitors and to reduce the possibility of COVID-19 spread, the Village Trustees issue the following COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance to require wearing a face mask or a face shield.

1. Commencing July 9th, municipal buildings and all establishments located in the Village of Woodstock that invite the public into their premises for the purpose of receiving services, purchasing products, or otherwise transacting business, shall require both staff and customers (or visitors) to wear face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment.
2. Outdoor requirements: A face mask or a face shield is required to be worn by any person on any Village owned public outdoor location in the Village including but not limited to Village sidewalks, The Village Green, Vail Field (excluding active sports activity), East End Park, Teagle's Landing and Tribou Park.

#### **Exceptions.**

Face coverings or face shields are not required inside dining establishments once seating or dining has commenced or outside dining on sidewalks or village parks; while engaging in athletic activities such as running or bicycle riding; should not be placed on young children 2 years old and younger; on anyone who has trouble breathing; or on anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Municipal employees engaged in strenuous physical activity are also excluded. Federal, state, and county properties that are within the village that are excluded by law may be excluded from the ordinance.

#### **Enforcement.**

This face covering ordinance can be enforced by the Woodstock Village Police, Health Inspector or the Village Parking Attendants. These Village employees should approach any person not wearing a face covering, inform them of the ordinance and offer a free mask if the person does not possess one. Enforcing employees should use discretion at all times.

**Effective Period.**

This Order shall remain in effect until the Woodstock Village Trustees amend, rescind or suspend this Order or until the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Vermont, whichever occurs first.

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Make wearing cloth face masks or coverings a habit whenever you leave home. The covering should go over your mouth and nose. Since COVID-19 may be transmitted by someone who does not have symptoms, this covering helps you protect others. It is not a substitute for physical distancing and other prevention measures. You still need to stay at least 6 feet away from people. Learn more about [how to use and make cloth face masks or coverings](#) and [where you can buy one.](#)

Examples of when to wear a face covering	Examples of when you do not need to wear a face covering
Trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, or hospital	Going for a walk in the woods. But bring one in case you encounter other people and stop to chat
Essential workers at a grocery store, pharmacy, or other business setting where there they cannot maintain at least 6 feet distance between themselves and others	At home if everyone in the home is not showing symptoms
At home if you are sick and have other people in the house	Going for a run if it is not too crowded
Home care workers caring for vulnerable populations	Who should never wear a mask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children under the age of 2</li> <li>• anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious</li> <li>• anyone who is unable to remove the mask without assistance</li> </ul>
Riding the bus, taxi, or rideshare	
Walking on a busy and crowded street	

Source: [Vermont Department of Health](#)