



# CITY OF CONCORD FACE COVERINGS ORDINANCE INFORMATION



## WHY THIS ORDINANCE?

City Council passed this ordinance in order to continue to reduce the spread and infection of COVID-19, and in the interest of the health and safety of all Concord citizens, residents, visitors, businesses, and the employees of our City and businesses.



## WHO IS REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS?

Customers (ages 5+) are required to wear a face covering at all times when inside a retail establishment.



## WHERE ARE THEY REQUIRED?

Retail establishments: this includes, but is not limited to, department stores, drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores, and retail or wholesale stores.

Face coverings are not required when utilizing City trails, sidewalks and other pedestrian public ways, or public recreational lands, but are strongly encouraged when social distancing (6+ feet) cannot be maintained.



## WHAT IS A FACE COVERING?

A covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers at least the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face. A face covering may be factory made, homemade, or improvised from ordinary household material.



## HOW IS THIS ORDINANCE ENFORCED?

Education is the first step in enforcement, which is why we are providing information.

Penalties under the ordinance are as follows: 1st offense: a written warning; 2nd offense and subsequent offense: a \$15 fine. The failure to pay the penalty within 10 days shall result in the fine doubling. The failure to pay the penalty within 20 business days shall result in an additional fee or four times the original fee. Failure to pay the penalty fee after 20 business days may also result in the issuance of a summons to appear in court to answer to the charge of violating the ordinance.



## WHAT SHOULD RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS DO ABOUT NON-COMPLIANCE?

Retail establishments should contact the Concord Police Department on their business line at (603) 225-8600 if they need help addressing a customer's non-compliance with the ordinance.

**More info. available at:  
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