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**EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS FOR CERTAIN
ORGANIZED OR STRUCTURED INDOOR
YOUTH ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the City of Beverly has determined that the threat of COVID-19 continues to pose a present, real, imminent, and ongoing danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Beverly;

WHEREAS, the annually recurring time period characterized by the prevalence of outbreaks of influenza, otherwise known as “flu season,” occurs in the fall and winter;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control believes that both influenza and COVID-19 viruses will be spreading this flu season;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 variants continue to emerge, which are more contagious and are resulting in increased risk of infection and transmission;

WHEREAS, the rate of vaccination of school aged children lags behind the rate of vaccination for adults;

WHEREAS, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on August 24, 2021, voted to authorize the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to require masks for public school students (age 5 and above) and staff in all grades through at least October 1, 2021, which the Commissioner has extended to at least January 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association on November 23, 2021, issued guidelines requiring all student athlete, coaches, and officials who participate in indoor sports to be masked;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health on December 21, 2021, issued a Winter Advisory Regarding Face Coverings advising that all residents of the Commonwealth, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask or face covering when indoors and not at your own home;


WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Health that the daily infection rate in Essex County will continue to rise in the coming months, and appropriate steps must be taken at this time to mitigate the risk of transmission and protect the health and safety of individuals between the ages of 5 and 18 through safety measures addressing organized or structured indoor group youth activities;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the foregoing, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200, and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under G.L. c. 111, § 30, we, the Board of Health of the City of Beverly, Massachusetts, hereby order the following:

1. Individuals between the ages of 5 and 18 years old participating in any organized or structured indoor group youth activity that is open to the public are required to wear face coverings. This mandate applies to such activities whether occurring in a publicly or privately owned space. All Facility Operators and Activity Organizers shall ensure compliance with this mandate.
2. "Activity Organizer" includes any person, organization, business, or entity that organizes or oversees organized or structured indoor group youth activities that are open to the public. A "Facility Operator" includes any person, organization, business, school, or entity that operates a facility where organized or structured indoor group youth activities take place.
3. "Organized or structured indoor group youth activities open to the public" shall include but not be limited to:
 - (a) Organized or structured group sports programs such as gymnastics, basketball, hockey, fitness classes, swimming, track and field, and/or martial arts, or any other sport;
 - (b) Organized or structured group instructional courses or classes in subjects such as dance, art, music, driving, flight, occupational or trade skills, test preparation, educational tutoring, and/or any other similar activity.
4. Exceptions to face covering requirement.
 - While eating or drinking
 - While outdoors
 - While an individual is in the water
 - When a person is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition
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5. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

ORDERED, at City Hall at 8:30 AM/PM

This 24th day of December, 2021.


William T. Burke, III, RS, CHO
Director of Public Health
Emergency Agent of the Beverly Board of Health