

**Town of Peru**  
**Selectboard Resolution**  
**COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**WEARING FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED**

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and to help prevent people who may unknowingly have the virus from transmitting it to others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Department of Health “recommends that all Vermonters wear cloth face coverings when outside of the home to help slow the spread of COVID-19;” and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Phil Scott and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development have issued the following instructions in conjunction with the Governor’s executive orders regarding COVID-19:

“Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the presence of others. In the case of retail cashiers, a translucent shield or “sneeze guard” is acceptable in lieu of a mask. Businesses and non-profit and government entities may require customers or clients to wear masks” while on their premises and “The legislative body of each municipality may enact more strict local requirements regarding mask use than those set forth herein;” and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 remains a health hazard to residents of Peru and a significant threat to vulnerable populations and the people of Peru believe in protecting our loved ones and our neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, wearing a face covering is an important act we can do in an effort to protect others from an infection that we may not even know we have.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that beginning July 20, 2020 all establishments located in the Town of Peru that invite the public into their premises for the purpose of transacting business, shall require both staff and customers (or visitors) to wear cloth face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside the building of the establishment.

Provided, that cloth face coverings or face shields are not required to be worn by any employee during the time they are eating or exercising, and cloth face coverings or face shields are not required to be worn by any customer (visitor) during the time they are eating or exercising. As additional categories of businesses and uses are allowed to re-open by order of Governor Scott after the adoption of this Amendment, the Select Board, or the Select Board’s designee, shall provide interim

guidance as to the application of the Emergency Order, as amended, to such additional categories of businesses or uses. The guidance of the Select Board, or the Select Board's designee, shall be in force under the authority of the Emergency Order, as amended, unless and until an amendment to the Emergency Order revising the guidance is adopted by the Select Board.

Provided, employees in a private room, such as an office, inside a building that is not otherwise occupied by another employee or customers (visitors) may abstain from wearing a face covering while alone in that private room.

Provided, cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 5; anyone who has trouble breathing; or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Provided, each establishment is responsible to post signage at the entrance and at other appropriate locations stating that customers (or visitors) are required to wear face coverings by order of the Peru Selectboard.

This Order shall remain in effect until the Peru Selectboard amends, rescinds, or suspends this Order or until the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Vermont, whichever occurs first.

Dated at Peru, Vermont this 15th day of July, 2020

*Selectboard, Town of Peru, Vermont*



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Jon Mowry, Selectboard Chair

Date: July 15, 2020