

Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE.

- a) This bill may be referred to as the [Temporary Municipal Mask Mandate Act].

Sec. 2. MUNICIPAL FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS.

- a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of COVID-19 prevention and mitigation, the legislative body of a town or city may make and enforce rules in such town or city to require individuals to wear masks or cloth facial coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are in indoor public spaces where they come in contact with others from outside their households, especially in congregate settings, and where it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet.
 - 1. ¹Nothing in the rules of a town or city shall require the use of a mask or cloth facial covering when:
 - A. someone is engaged in strenuous exercise or activity;
 - B. for anyone under the age of 2;
 - C. any child or adult with a medical or developmental issue or challenge that is complicated or irritated by a facial covering;
 - D. anyone with difficulty breathing; or
 - E. or as further set forth in guidance issued by the Vermont Department of Health.
 - 2. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue, or difficulty breathing, shall not be required to produce documentation, or other evidence, verifying the condition.
 - 3. Nothing in the rules of a town or city shall preempt the policies of the school board applicable to schools.
 - 4. The rules shall be posted and published in the same manner that ordinances of the municipality are required to be posted and published.
 - 5. The rules may continue in effect for a period not to exceed 30 days, but may be renewed by further action of the legislative body for successive periods of up to 30 days through April 30, 2022, when all such rules then in place shall be deemed repealed and of no further force and effect.

- b) This section is repealed on May 1, 2022.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

¹ Sections (1) and (2) reflect language in the Governor’s Emergency Declaration, Addendum 2 to Amended and Restated Executive Order No. 01-20 issued July 4, 2020.