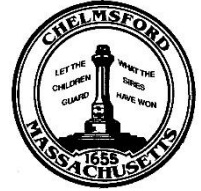




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Wearing of Cloth Face Covering When in Public Settings

As the number of COVID-19 cases in the area continue to rise, and in light of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recent recommendation regarding the wearing of cloth face coverings in public settings, the Chelmsford Board of Health recommends that residents wear cloth face coverings whenever they are out in public, especially in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) or in areas of significant community-based transmission.

The use of cloth face coverings will help to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 from those individuals with coronavirus, who are asymptomatic, to others in our community. Be advised that cloth face coverings are not a replacement for existing evidence-based strategies for slowing the spread of disease, which include proper social distancing and handwashing. Instead, cloth face coverings are recommended as an additional tool that can protect others from possible exposure to respiratory droplets that may come from our mouth when we talk, sneeze or cough.