



HOLLISTON – At a Monday, May 4 meeting of the Select Board, the board requested that the Emergency Management Director clarify the intent of one of the bullet points of the Board of Health [order](#) dated April 28.

Consistent with Governor Baker's order which goes into effect on May 6, individuals in Holliston *should use an approved face covering in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are not possible.*

In comments to the Select Board during their regularly scheduled meeting, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Michael Cassidy urged that everyone use common sense. Cassidy stated, "If they are going to their mailbox in an empty cul de sac, just because they step on the sidewalk in front of their home does not mean public officials are going to fine them if they are not wearing a face covering. If, however, they are in a public space, and are in proximity to others, all parties should have face coverings. If they're alone in the woods, their face coverings can be down around their neck. If someone comes around the bend ahead of them on a trail, both parties should reposition their face coverings."

Cassidy conveyed that these mitigation strategies are necessary to slow the spread of disease, and compliance by those in the community is greatly appreciated.

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