



Mayor Dougherty Issues Executive Mask Mandate Order

Mayor Timothy P. Dougherty today signed an Executive Order amid a spike in new COVID-19 cases and the emergence of the Omicron variant. The Mayoral order goes into effect **tomorrow, Friday, December 24 at Noon.**

Under the Executive Order, all businesses and venues located in the Town of Morristown that are open to the public shall require both staff and customers (or visitors) to wear face coverings, unless eating or drinking inside an establishment that serves food or beverages.

“With cases rising sharply in the last few weeks, it’s important we all do our part to help ease the spread of transmission, which helps to lessen the strain on our hospitals and health care workers. Masking up is something we can all do to help our community,” said Mayor Timothy Dougherty.

The Mayor encourages everyone to protect themselves and others when out in public and gathering over the holidays. Everyone is encouraged to mask up and get tested if needed.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-01

December 23, 2021

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the Town of Morristown by law, I hereby issue this Executive Order. It shall be kept on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and Business Administrator and will be made available upon request. It shall also be posted on the Town's website.

WHEREAS, Covid-19 presents a threat to the public health of the residents of the Town of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is currently experiencing a rise in Covid-19 cases due to the Omicron variant at an alarming rate. This virus is easily transmitted by people interacting in close proximity; and

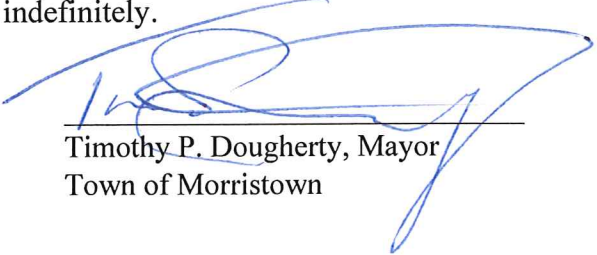
WHEREAS, medical experts expect that Covid-19 cases will continue to rise in the coming weeks and months; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued the following recommendations:

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is advising the use of face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others while reducing the burden on the health care system. In continuing the use of face coverings, we will be able to minimize Covid-19 morbidity and associated mortality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY, Mayor of the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the New Jersey Constitution and the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the following:

1. All businesses and venues located in the Town of Morristown that are open to the public shall require both staff and customers (or visitors) to wear face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment when in the presence of others (within six feet); and
2. The face covering requirement of this Executive Order does not apply to the following persons: young children under age 2; a person with a disability who cannot wear a face covering or cannot safely wear a face covering for reasons related to the disability; a person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidance; a person while eating or drinking inside any establishment that serves food or beverages; and
3. This Executive Order shall remain in effect indefinitely.



Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor
Town of Morristown