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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDER MANDATING ALL FOOD WORKERS WEAR PROTECTIVE FACE COVERINGS

WHEREAS,

On March 11, 2020 the Covid-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS,

the number of presumptive and confirmed cases continues to rise in Southbridge

WHEREAS,

The Department of Public Health continues to urge all residents of the Commonwealth to practice social distancing and, the nature of jobs at food facilities may interfere with employees exercising that practice,

WHEREAS,

Food is a common transfer of many communicable diseases

NOW THEREFORE:

On April 16, 2020, at a meeting of the Board of Health, the Board did vote to **ORDER** that all food workers in the Town of Southbridge **SHALL** wear a face covering in accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on the "USE OF FACE COVERINGS TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19"

[CDC use of face coverings to help slow the spread of Covid-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)
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Food worker are considered to be:

- any person employed in a Food Service establishment,
- any person employed in a Retail Food establishment, or
- any person who prepares food, serves food, delivers food or otherwise handles food intended to be consumed by persons outside the worker's immediate family

Andrew R. Pelletier, Director of Public Health

Date