TOWN OF WINCHESTER MASSACHUSETTS, BOARD OF HEALTH DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and the Town of Winchester due to the coronavirus pandemic and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to this situation and has directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and declared and has directed the agencies of the state government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, upon advice from advisors or their designees, has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Winchester or their property so that it has become necessary for the Town government to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Winchester and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described situation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Winchester Board of Health, hereby declares that as of March 18, 2020 a Public Health Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Health and authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Town Manager, all Town personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration by its Public Health Director and her staff. It is hereby further ordered that Jennifer Murphy as Director of Public Health shall serve as the agent of the Board of Health to effectuate the intent of this Order. This Declaration of a Public Health Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment and consideration of state and national guidance, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

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Kerry Bartlett, Chair date

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Shannon Bottari, MD date

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Cathy Donaghey, date

EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Effective 12:01 am Friday March 20, 2020 all services offered to the public which cannot be provided at a distance of at least six (6) feet are hereby discontinued. This includes, but is not limited to:

* Hairdressers and barbers
* Nail salons
* Massage services
* Body work services
* Gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
* Private schools including, but not limited to: driving schools, academic/tutoring schools

This does NOT include childcare facilities licensed by the Dept. of Early Education and Care or services provided by a licensed health care provider such as, but not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractors, acupuncture, and mental health providers.

This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Winchester Board of Health's judgment, and consideration of state and national guidance, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

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