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MEMORANDUM

TO: Town of Bristol Personnel

FROM: Valerie Capels, Town Administrator

DATE: July 22, 2020

RE: Facial Coverings Required for Employees

Selectboard members and other people have observed a relaxed approach within Town facilities with regard to physical (social) distancing and the wearing of facial coverings when in the presence of others. This has been understandable since the offices have been closed, access to the public has been restricted, and given the close familiarity many of you have with one another.

However, with an increasing number of out-of-state and out-of-town visitors enjoying Bristol's downtown and recreation areas; occasions for summertime family and friend social gatherings; the new information about aerosol transmission of the novel corona virus; continued dispersed instances of positive cases statewide; and the concerning trends elsewhere in the country; the Selectboard and others have expressed concerns about the potential for inadvertent exposure to COVID-19.

At its July 20 special Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard voted to require that all employees wear some form of facial covering inside all Town buildings when in the presence of others, especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained, and in common areas, such as hallways, meeting rooms, break rooms, bathrooms, the mail/fax center, the vault, and the copier area. A facial covering is not required if you are by yourself in your office area, particularly if your door is closed and/or no one else is around.

This is consistent with what many other communities are requiring and is consistent with the State's and VLCT's guidance. It is also an opportunity to model the behavior we would like to see from others to protect us and our families. It will be in effect until further notice.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation during these challenging times.