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Mr. Yunits and members of the Select Board,

RE: COVID-19 update and mask mandate

Unfortunately, I have been unable to access our Maven account since 8-3-2021. I have been working closely with Maven staff to resolve this issue. Meanwhile, all of our Covid related cases are going directly to the CTC for case investigation/Contact Tracing.

Based upon the numbers that I am able to access and the information that is posted both on the CDC site as well as the Massachusetts DPH site, our numbers are certainly getting higher.

- As of 7/29 Norton's 14 day *percent positivity was 2.53%
- As of 8/5 Norton's 14 day *percent positivity is 3.84%

*Percent Positivity is calculated by dividing the number of positive molecular tests by the total number of tests during the time period.

Based upon the increase in cases and taking into consideration the guidance from both the CDC and the Mass DPH, it is the feeling of the Board of Health and its Agent that All Municipally Owned Buildings should require masks be worn by All employees and All patrons when inside the buildings until further notice. This is regardless of Vaccination Status. Norton Board of Health would like to strongly advise that all of the public when entering a public place, please wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and protect those around you. Also, continue to socially distance the best you can, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and wear a mask that covers your Nose and Mouth

If at anytime you or someone you know is experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19(regardless of vaccination status) please isolate yourself, get tested asap, and contact your primary care provider.

Christian Zahner

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