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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER

Whereas, in the interest of further protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Chatham, employees and patrons of all retail establishments, professional offices, and government/postal facilities, and staff and patrons of food service establishments, the Board of Health has determined that patrons and employees of such establishments may be at increased risk for exposure to COVID-19.

Now, Therefore, in an effort to contain and minimize the spread of COVID-19 cases in Town, the Board of Health adopts the following Emergency Order:

All Food Service Establishments shall notify the public of the incidence of any confirmed positive case(s) of COVID-19 among its employees and staff, patrons, or vendors by physically posting, conspicuously at each entrance, a written notice thereof at the Establishment, on the establishment's website, and/or on the Establishment's social media presence. Said notice shall be posted immediately upon receipt by the Establishment's management of notice of the positive case(s) and said posting shall be maintained for a minimum of 96 hours or until all contact tracing is complete.

All Food Service Establishments shall close for a minimum of twenty-four hours and undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection in accordance with CDC guidelines prior to reopening following notification to Establishment management of such a confirmed case of COVID-19 among its employees and staff, patrons, or vendors.

All Business Establishments open to the public, including retail, professional offices, and government/postal facilities, shall inform the Board of Health of any positive cases of COVID-19 amongst its employees and staff, patrons, or vendors upon management being notified of such positive case(s), but no later than 24 hours after notification. All such businesses open to the public shall notify the public of the incidence of any confirmed positive case(s) of COVID-19 at the Establishment among its employees by physically posting, conspicuously at each entrance, a written notice thereof at the Establishment, on the Establishment's website, and/or on the Establishment's social media presence. Said notice shall be posted immediately upon receipt by the

Establishment's management of notice of the positive case(s) and said posting shall be maintained for a minimum of 96 hours or until all contact tracing is complete.

All such businesses open to the public shall close for a minimum of twenty-four hours following notice of a confirmed case of an employee and undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of the Establishment in accordance with CDC guidelines prior to reopening.

Notification shall be submitted to: BusinessClosureCOVID19@chatham-ma.gov.

Violations of this Order may result in the following enforcement action/fines:

- 1) In the case of a first violation, a written warning shall be issued;
- 2) In the case of a second subsequent violation a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed.
- 3) In the case of a third or subsequent violation a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed.

Each day, or portion thereof, of non-compliance with any provision of this Order shall be deemed a separate violation hereunder.

Non-Criminal Disposition: Violations of any provision of this Order may be enforced by non-criminal disposition, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, or by any other lawful means.

Enforcement of this regulation shall be implemented by the Chatham Board of Health or its designated agents, (including Town of Chatham Police Officers).

The Order supersedes the Order adopted by the Board of Health on October 5, 2020.

This Emergency Order as amended shall be effective beginning January 22, 2021 at 12:01AM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgement that the Order is no longer necessary.

ORDERED on this Day January 20, 2021.

CHATHAM BOARD OF HEALTH:

John Beckley, Chairman
Edward Sheehan, Vice Chairman
Ronald Broman, Member
Dr. Noble Hansen, Member
Dr. Allen Ward, Alternate Member