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## **Temporary Emergency Order By The Public Health Department and Town Manager To Discontinue Personal Care Services and Certain Services in Congregate Settings in The Town Of Randolph**

**March 21, 2020** - To slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout Massachusetts and the Town of Randolph, it is necessary to practice “*social distancing*”. Social distancing is a public health tool that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order to reduce opportunities for disease transmission or community spread. The United States Centers for Disease Control defines social distancing as it applies to COVID-19 as “*remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining distances of six (6) feet or two (2) meters apart from another person when possible*”.

In consultation with the Town Manager and the Randolph Board of Health, the Director of Public Health has determined that the continued operation of Personal Care Services and certain Congregate Settings in the Town of Randolph will likely contribute to the spread of COVID-19 among the staff and patrons of such establishments. The Director of Public Health and the Town Manager have determined that the continued operation of these establishments poses a present and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Randolph so that it has become necessary to take extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public. Immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people which may otherwise result from COVID-19.

### **Temporary Discontinuation of Personal Care Services in the Town of Randolph**

Personal Care Services are business services offered to the public which cannot be provided at a distance of at least six (6) feet, whether those services are provided to the public in an individual home, a commercial location, or otherwise, in the Town of Randolph. Personal Care Services located in the Town of Randolph are hereby discontinued and ordered to close effective 12 Noon on Monday March 23, 2020. For the purposes of this Order, Personal Care Services businesses include, but are not limited to: *Hairdressers and Barbers, Nail Salons, Massage Services, Cosmetic/ Spa / Facial Care Services, Waxing and Threading Services, Body Work Services, Body Art Services (Including Tattoos and Body Piercing), Health Clubs / Fitness Clubs / Gymnasiums / Workout Facilities, Swimming Pools, Tanning Facilities, Exercise Studios, Martial Arts Studios, Group Dance Facilities and Yoga Studios.*

**Limit on Use of Congregate Settings in the Town of Randolph**

Congregate Settings that provide any services other than Personal Care Services, and which can provide those services while maintaining at least a six-foot separation between people, may continue, but those service locations shall not allow more than ten (10) persons in one space at a time and said service providers shall practice social distancing at all times.

**Disease Transmission Facts**

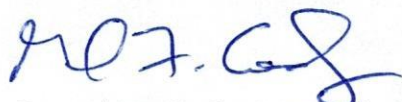
COVID-19 / Coronavirus disease transmission takes place mostly from droplets like those formed during a sneeze or cough from an infected person. The infected person can be asymptomatic or without symptoms. Infection develops from droplets being inhaled or introduced to your mouth, nose or eyes from unwashed contaminated hands. For this reason, social distancing is significant in preventing infection because it keeps people away from droplets that may be spread from an uncovered cough or sneeze.

**NOTE:** This Order does NOT prohibit childcare facilities licensed by the Department of Early Education and does NOT prohibit Care or services provided by a licensed health care provider such as, but not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractors, acupuncture, mental health providers, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists or doctors.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of this Order, Congregate Settings do not include *Pharmacies*, *Grocery Stores* or *Retail Food Stores*. More than ten persons may be in such locations at one time. However, social distancing should still be practiced in such locations.

**This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Public Health Director that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.**

If you have any questions about this Order, or if you need any of this information translated, please contact the Randolph Public Health Department at 781-961-0924 or by email at [gcody@randolph-ma.gov](mailto:gcody@randolph-ma.gov).



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