Overview

• Mask order passed by vote of BOH on June 29, 2020
  • Requires masks within outlined districts
  • Had low compliance initially, but has increased over time
  • Very few refuse to wear masks
**Authority**

- There are many complaints that the mask order is unconstitutional. That’s far from the truth.
- The Governor’s emergency orders on gatherings and mask wearing were issued as an exercise of the State’s authority to create laws and regulations. An authority that is enumerated in the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
- The local board of health was exercising its right to use police powers enshrined by the tenth amendment.
Jacobson V. Massachusetts

- "in every well ordered society charged with the duty of conserving the safety of its members the rights of the individual in respect of his liberty may at times, under the pressure of great dangers, be subjected to such restraint, to be enforced by reasonable regulations, as the safety of the general public may demand“
  - Justice John Marshal Harlan
Masks are a Public Health Intervention

- Examples include seatbelts, reflective strips on shoes, bike helmets, surfboard ankle straps
- All are similar interventions to that of mask wearing during the COVID crisis.
- All are based on proper usage of equipment by the user to prevent a needless death. Runners are still hit by cars, car accidents still kill passengers, bikers still get brain trauma, surfers still drown, and the public will still get COVID.
- But, the number of these deaths would be much higher without these interventions.
- If the person performing any of these activities improperly uses the equipment, including masks, it can cause deaths. However, even with a large amount of people improperly using the equipment described, hundreds of thousands of lives are saved each year by it.
# Testing

# of Total PCR tests to date (7/8 AM) = 2,179 (including OIH & Sherburne)

# PCR tests covered by Town funding (the $100k) = 85 (those tested met the criteria for being tested)

# PCR tests covered by private employers for their employees = 434
# Metrics

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**Legend**
- ![Green](#): Positive trend
- ![Yellow](#): In progress
- ![Red](#): Negative trend
Metrics (continued)

• **COVID-19 positive test rate** – Want to keep this number below 10%. Currently at 1.24%

• **Number of individuals who died from COVID-19** – Keep below 5% of cases. Currently 3.7% of cases but 0.05% of those tested

• **Number of patients with COVID-19 in hospitals** – Keep below 10. Currently 0

• **Healthcare system readiness** – Qualitative response. Currently “Yes”

• **Testing capacity** – Qualitative. Ability to keep up with demand. Currently, “yes”

• **Contact tracing capabilities** – Qualitative. Ability to keep up with demand. Currently “Yes”
Outreach

• Website
• Covid educators are out patrolling and giving out masks
• High School Students dressed in the Nantucket Whaler outfit passing out masks
• HHS staff doing restaurant audits
• Signs posted all around town getting information out
• Volunteer table will start this weekend
Next Steps

• Continue education throughout summer

• Maintain vigilance through testing and inspections.