

7/20/2020 Statement from the Village of Cooperstown Board of Trustees

In the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we remind all businesses, residents, and visitors that public health and safety are paramount for our Village and surrounding community.

Everyone must follow the CDC guidelines, which include: wearing a mask when in enclosed spaces or when 6-feet of distance cannot be maintained between others. Anyone who has had contact with someone who tested positive or is travelling from one of the 22 states currently on the New York State travel advisory must quarantine. States currently on the list are available at: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

In an effort to help our Main Street and Pioneer Street businesses maintain social distancing, we have authorized tables and displays adjacent to their businesses on the public sidewalk. This reduces the area where people can safely walk to less than 6 feet wide. Accordingly, everyone on Main Street and adjacent Pioneer Street **MUST WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES**. Whenever other areas in the Village are congested, including parks, sidewalks, and parking lots, masks must also be worn.

On July 9, 2020, the NYS Department of Health updated its regulation—“Enforcement of Social Distancing Measures”—to authorize fines for non-compliance. The Cooperstown Police Department will issue citations for violations of New York’s Covid-19 rules under New York State Department of Health Emergency Rule Section 66-3.2.

Because police officers cannot be in all places at all times, we need your help. Follow the mask wearing mandates yourself and if you observe businesses or people who are not, call 607-547-2500 and choose option #2. This will allow you to speak to the officer on duty or to leave a message with details to allow for later follow up in the case of a business violation.

Only by working together can we protect our Village from Covid-19.