

# Frequently Asked Questions About The Village of Cooperstown During the COVID-19 Pandemic

These FAQs provide information that you need for your safety and the safety of our residents. As we progress through the New York Forward Reopening Plan (<https://forward.ny.gov/>), we'll continue to update this page.

## General Questions about Visiting the Area and Mask Requirements

### Will the quarantine on out-of-state guests to New York impact my visit?

New York State's travel advisory requires that travelers from any state currently hard hit by COVID-19, as determined by an infection rate formula, **must quarantine** for 14 days upon arrival. This presently applies to travelers from 22 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

The New York State Department of Health provides information on the travel advisory and the necessary traveler health form (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>).

The Otsego County Health Department monitors those in quarantine within our county ([https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/health\\_department/index.php](https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/health_department/index.php)).

### Is Cooperstown welcoming out-of-state guests?

Yes, we welcome visitors from states that are not impacted by the required travel restrictions that are in effect at the time of their visit. **We welcome visitors from states on the restricted travel list when they have completed their mandatory 14-day quarantine.** That being said, it is important for prospective visitors to realize that the Village of Cooperstown is currently operating with an increased emphasis on the safety and well-being of guests, employees, and the community. Your visit to the area this year will be different than what you may have experienced in the past.

**If you choose to visit Cooperstown, it is imperative that you adhere to all guidelines in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. This includes wearing a mask when indoors and when you cannot maintain six feet separation from other parties, even when outside. Note that the sidewalks are narrow, less than six-feet wide, in our historic Village so mask wearing is required on Main Street and adjacent Pioneer Street.**

### Where do I have to wear a mask?

**You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth if you are in a public closed (indoor) environment, or when you cannot keep a proper social distance** (six feet away from people who aren't part of your household)—**even when outdoors.** You should always have your mask available in case you are not able to social distance.

In restaurants and bars, masks must be worn when you are not at your table or designated seating area. Businesses must enforce facial covering and social distancing policies, and local law enforcement is prepared to help as needed. Be sure to pay attention to any signs that businesses have posted and always have your mask on hand.

# Masks n Main

STAY STRONG, PUT THE MASK ON



Please wear a mask  
while enjoying  
downtown  
Cooperstown

THANK YOU - THE VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN

## Cooperstown has adopted a Masks on Main policy.

In an effort to help our Main Street and Pioneer Street businesses maintain social distancing, we have permitted them to set up tables and displays adjacent to their businesses on the public sidewalk. This reduces the area where people can safely walk to less than six feet wide. We ask that everyone on our Main Street and on adjacent Pioneer Street **wear their masks at all times.**

## Why do I have to wear a mask? I am healthy and am not worried about contracting COVID-19.

You have to wear a mask as part of New York State's collective effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Even if you are not showing any symptoms of the virus, it is still possible that you could carry it with you and unknowingly transmit it to more vulnerable populations. When you follow the rules and wear your mask, not only are you helping to stop the spread, but you're also improving the likelihood that the Village of Cooperstown, an area you know and love, will recover sooner rather than later.

## How Are Masks and Social Distancing Enforced?

The NYS Department of Health has issued an emergency rule, effective Thursday July 9, 2020 ([https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency\\_regulations/Enforcement%20of%20Social%20Distancing%20Measures.pdf](https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency_regulations/Enforcement%20of%20Social%20Distancing%20Measures.pdf)).

Section 66-3.2 imposes an explicit, enforceable requirement on all building owners and operators:

- Business operators and building owners, and those authorized on their behalf shall deny admittance to any person who fails to comply with this section [requiring face-coverings] and shall require or compel such persons' removal. Provided, however, that this regulation shall be applied in a manner consistent with the federal American with Disabilities Act, New York State or New York City Human Rights Law, and any other applicable provision of law.

The rule specifies that any individual violating any provision of the rule concerning mask wearing is subject to civil penalty up to \$1,000 per violation, while businesses are subject to civil penalties specified in statute, up to \$2,000 per day of violation.

## What should I do if I have concerns about lack of adherence to the COVID requirements?

If you observe businesses or people who are not following New York State mandates concerning COVID, please notify local law enforcement by calling 607-547-2500 and choosing 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. If a food service business, you may also contact the NYS DOH at [www.health.ny.gov/environmental/indoors/food\\_safety/complaints.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/indoors/food_safety/complaints.htm). **We recommend that you do not confront non-compliant persons.**