

Text of Law For Influenza Mask Wearing

HERE is the full text of the mask-wearing ordinance passed yesterday by the Board of Supervisors:

Section 1. During the period of the epidemic of the so-called "Spanish influenza," which is now prevalent in the city and county of San Francisco, which for the purpose of this ordinance shall be deemed to exist until proclamation, provided for in section 2 of this ordinance, shall have been issued, every person appearing on the public streets, in any public place, or in any assemblage of persons or in any place where two or more persons are congregated, except in homes where only two members of the family are present, and every person engaged in the sale, handling or distribution of foodstuffs or wearing apparel, shall wear a mask or covering, except when partaking of meals, over the nose and mouth consisting of four-ply material known as butter cloth or of fine-mesh gauze, at the four corners of which are attached tape or other fastening, so that the mask or covering can be made to firmly cover the nose and mouth, said mask to be not less than five inches in width and seven in length.

Section 2. When the Board of Health shall determine that the said epidemic of Spanish influenza has ceased to exist in the city and county of San Francisco, said board shall communicate its determination to the Mayor of the city and county of San Francisco, who thereupon shall issue a proclamation to the people of the city and county of San Francisco proclaiming the fact that the Board of Health has determined that said epidemic has ceased to exist.

Section 3. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars or more than one hundred (\$100) dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until the date of said proclamation provided for in section 2 hereof.