



PROCLAMATION AND ORDER FOR THE TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat COVID-19 disease infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the First Selectman of the Town of Windsor Locks declared a civil preparedness emergency as a result of the clear and present risk to the public health posed by the rapid proliferation of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, as a result of the increased transmissibility of the now-dominant Delta variant of SARS-COV-2 (the "Delta variant") and the resulting increase in COVID-19 infections, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance recommending that all people, including those who are vaccinated, wear masks or face coverings indoors in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 13A pursuant to emergency declarations of the Governor and in accordance with the requirements of Special Act 21-5, which among other things authorizes individual municipalities "to require masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status" pursuant to Sec. 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes (municipal chief executive officers' powers during emergency); and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, all eight of Connecticut's counties are considered areas of substantial, or high, transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor Locks has determined that in order to slow the spread of the Delta variant, protect our residents and those visiting and conducting business within our communities, it is right and proper and consistent with good preventive public health practices to

follow the current CDC guidelines on wearing masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, as we continue to encourage vaccination as our best defense against COVID-19, given the rate of infection and the substantial danger the Delta variant poses to the most vulnerable among us, we must take other action to slow the spread of the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Windsor Locks, by virtue of the authority in Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 13a, issued the 5th of August 2021, and Sec. 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes, does hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. Effective at Midnight, August 20, 2021, in the Town of Windsor Locks it is hereby ordered that all individuals, unless exempt as provided for herein, shall be required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times while in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

2. This Order shall extend to all public indoor spaces (with a capacity greater than 20), including but not limited to: businesses, inclusive of restaurants and bars, retail stores, professional buildings and complexes, other commercial enterprises and the like; museums and historical structures open to the public; congregate living settings, including nursing homes, senior housing, group homes and shelters; health care facilities; indoor entertainment venues or any portion of an outdoor entertainment venue that is indoors, such as indoor suites, conference rooms/gathering spaces and restrooms; public transportation, including waiting areas for public transportation, except for outdoor waiting areas; schools, including elementary and secondary schools, technical colleges, two-year colleges, colleges and universities; and houses of worship.

3. EXEMPTIONS: Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the following are not required to wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces:

a. Persons younger than two years old.

b. Persons currently consuming food or beverage at a restaurant, bar, or venue serving food and/or beverage.

c. Persons in an indoor space when they are alone or otherwise separated from others by a partition and at least six feet of distance.

d. Persons who are fully vaccinated and performing in theater, musical, comedy or other indoor professional artistic productions, either during rehearsals or during shows, though masking during rehearsals is strongly recommended.

e. Any person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability, but only if such person provides written documentation that the person is qualified for the exemption from a licensed or certified medical provider, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, social worker, or behavior analyst, the State Department of Developmental Services or other state agency that provides or supports services for people with emotional, intellectual or physical disabilities, or a

person authorized by an such agency. Such documentation shall not be required to name or describe the condition that qualifies the person for the exemption.

4. ENFORCEMENT: From Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 13A (b):

(i) Any person who fails to wear a mask or cloth-face covering as required herein, other than a person who qualifies for exemption, shall be guilty of a violation and fined one hundred dollars. An employer, rather than the employee, is liable for the fine for any employee's failure to wear a required mask or cloth-face covering while at work,

(ii) In any case in which a person is charged with a violation pursuant to this order, the procedures set forth in Section 51-16411 through 51-164r of the Connecticut General Statutes shall apply. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit, alter, modify, or suspend any penalties or remedies that otherwise apply to violation of order issued pursuant to the civil preparedness and public health emergencies.

5. TERM: This Order to which I affix my signature today shall remain in effect until the expiration of Governor Lamont's Emergency Declaration and Executive Order No. 13A on September 30, 2021, or as may be extended from time to time by the Connecticut General Assembly, or as terminated by the Town of Windsor Locks

THIS ORDER SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 20, 2021.

DATED AUGUST 19, 2021.

J. Christopher Kervick
First Selectman

Attested: _____
Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk