



**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**, on August 19, 2021 the Town of Windsor Locks ordered that all individuals, unless exempt as provided for therein, shall wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times while in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than thirty days prior to today, the Town of Windsor Locks has maintained a case rate of less than 15 cases per thousand citizens based on a rolling 14 day average; and

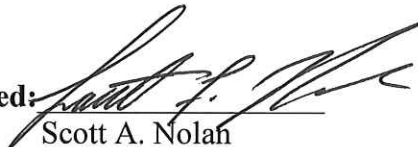
**WHEREAS**, the vaccination rate for Windsor Locks residents has increased since the order was issued including an increase in the vaccination rate of persons over the age of 65 years to 100 percent.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town of Windsor Locks, does hereby rescind the order of August 19, 2021, except that the order shall remain in effect for all public indoor spaces owned and/or operated by the Town of Windsor Locks. The Town of Windsor Locks **STRONGLY ENCOURAGES** its citizens and visitors to the community to continue utilizing masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status and to continue to observe all precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

**THIS ORDER SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT ON OCTOBER 15, 2021.**

**DATED October 14, 2021.**

**Attested:**

  
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Scott A. Nolan  
Town Clerk

  
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J. Christopher Kervick  
First Selectman