

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022 - 1**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic has resulted in the spread of infections throughout the State of Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State pursuant to sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on several occasions since March 10, 2020, acting within his authority pursuant to sections 19a-131 and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as Special Acts 21-2, 21-4 and 21-5 of the General Assembly, Governor Lamont renewed the declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2021, Governor Lamont renewed through February 15, 2022, the aforementioned emergency declarations in accordance with the requirements of Special Act 21-5; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2021, the General Assembly approved by resolution the renewal of such emergency declarations; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2021, Governor Lamont renewed Executive Order No. 13A through February 15, 2022, which permits municipalities to issue orders pursuant to section 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut is currently experiencing a severe surge of COVID-19 infections, which is being driven by the highly contagious Omicron variant and increased indoor activity due to cold weather; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that masks should be worn in public settings; and

**WHEREAS**, universal indoor masking is necessary to meet the civil preparedness and public health emergencies caused by the spread of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW W. HART**, Town Manager of the Town of West Hartford, by virtue of the authority vested in me by order of Governor Ned Lamont and section 28-8a of the General Statutes, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

**Section 1.** Any person in an indoor public place in West Hartford who does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering.

**Section 2.** Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to their health or safety because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability, or anyone under the age of 2 years. Any person who declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability shall be exempt from this order, 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 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 any such agency. Such documentation shall not be required to name or describe the condition that qualifies the person for the exemption.


**Section 3.** Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone while eating or drinking.

**Section 4.** This order shall not apply to any residential dwelling.

This Order shall take effect at 12:00 p.m. on January 6, 2022.

Dated at West Hartford, this 5th day of January in the year 2022.



  
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Matthew W. Hart  
Town Manager