

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022 - 2

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, due to the severe surge of COVID-19 caused by the highly contagious Omicron variant, former Town Manager Matthew W. Hart issued local Executive Order No. 2022-1, which required universal masking in West Hartford effective on January 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut has experienced a steady decline in COVID-19 infections over the past several weeks, and neighboring towns and cities have lifted their mask mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD C. LEDWITH, Acting 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. Executive Order No. 2022-1 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect at midnight on February 9, 2022.

Dated at West Hartford, this day, February 8, in the year 2022.



Richard C. Ledwith
Acting Town Manager