



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER #9

ORDER REQUIRING MASKS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency under Section 26-53 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport due to the recent pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); confirmed infections in Westport; shortages of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease; and national, state and local public health officials' recommendations to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 13A, which, among other things, authorizes municipal orders to be issued, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-8a, requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with Mark Cooper, Executive Director of the Westport-Weston Health District, Chief Foti Koskinas of the Westport Police Department, and Chief Rob Yost of the Westport Fire Department and the Director of Emergency Management, I am adopting this Executive Order #9.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Marpe, First Selectman of the Town of Westport, under the authority of Section 26 of Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport and Connecticut General Statutes § 28-8a, do hereby **DECLARE AND ORDER THAT, effective at 12:01am on Monday, August 23, 2021:**

1. Masks or face coverings that cover the nose and mouth shall be required to be worn by all persons in indoor public places in the Town of Westport, regardless of the person's vaccination status; and
2. As provided in the Governor's Executive Order No. 13A, Section 1(a), nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her 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 and any requirement to wear masks or face coverings promulgated in or pursuant to any COVID-19 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.

This action shall remain in effect until further notice.

TOWN OF WESTPORT

Eileen L. Hug
Witness

Date: 8/19/21

Local Time: 4:23 pm

BY:

James S. Marpe
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First Selectman