



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER #10

ORDER REGARDING MASKS IN INDOOR AREAS OF GYMS AND SPORTS FACILITIES

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, on August 19, 2021, I issued Executive Order #9, requiring face masks as provided in that Executive Order, effective Monday, August 23, 2021; 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, and in order to further clarify Executive Order #9, I am adopting this Executive Order #10.

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 immediately:**

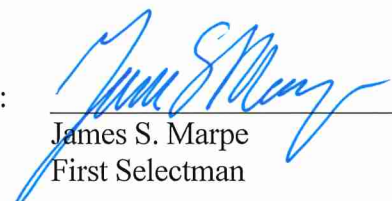
1. This Executive Order #10 modifies Executive Order #9, but only to the extent provided herein.
2. Masks or face coverings that cover the nose and mouth ("Masks") are required to be worn in indoor areas of gyms and sports facilities except for the following situations:
 - a. Masks must be worn during indoor athletic activities that involve contact (i.e., hockey, basketball). Athlete participants, coaches, officials, spectators, and any others associated with athletic events are required to wear Masks.

- b. Masks are not required for no-contact sports where distance can be maintained (e.g., tennis, running on a track, weightlifting); however, trainers are required to wear Masks.
 - c. Masks are not required for activities where individuals can keep a safe social distance (6 feet).
 - d. Masks should be removed where there is a possibility of getting wet during swimming.
 - e. This Executive Order does not apply to school-based sporting activities.
3. 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


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BY: 
James S. Marpe
First Selectman

Date: 9/1/2021

Local Time: 2:10 pm