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Mayor

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, according to the CDC, as a result of increased infection rates and the higher transmissibility of the Delta variant, all eight of Connecticut’s counties are considered areas of substantial, or high, transmission; and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of August, 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 September 27, 2021, the House of Representatives adopted HR 302 in Special Session and on September 28, 2021, the Senate adopted SR 76 in Special Session, extending the emergency declaration of Governor Ned Lamont until February 15, 2022, pursuant to Special Act 21-5; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford has determined that in order to slow the spread of the Delta variant, protect our residents and those visiting and conducting business within our communities, it is right and proper and consistent with good preventive public health practices to follow the current CDC guidelines on wearing masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, stopping the spread of COVID-19 and particularly the Delta variant will require more widespread vaccination, and the City of Hartford renews our call for members of our community and the State to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, as we continue to encourage vaccination as our best defense against COVID-19, given the rate of infection and the substantial danger the Delta variant poses to the most vulnerable among us, we must take other action to slow the spread of the virus;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HARTFORD, by virtue of the authority in Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 13a, issued the 5th of August 2021, as extended by Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 14, issued on September 28, 2021, and Sec. 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes, does hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The City of Hartford's Executive Order dated September 7, 2021 is hereby repealed and superseded in its entirety by this order.
2. In the City of Hartford it is hereby Ordered that all individuals, unless exempt as provided for herein, shall be required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times while in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.
3. This Order shall extend to all public indoor spaces including, but not limited to: businesses, inclusive of restaurants and bars, retail stores, professional buildings and complexes, other commercial enterprises and the like; museums and historical structures open to the public; congregate living settings, including nursing homes, senior housing, group homes and shelters; health care facilities; indoor entertainment venues or any portion of an outdoor entertainment venue that is indoors, such as indoor suites, conference rooms/gathering spaces and restrooms; public transportation, including waiting areas for public transportation, except for outdoor waiting areas; schools, including elementary and secondary schools, technical colleges, two-year colleges, colleges and universities; and houses of worship.
4. **EXEMPTIONS:** Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the following are not required to wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces:
 - a. Persons younger than two years old.
 - b. Persons currently consuming food or beverage at a restaurant, bar, or venue serving food and/or beverage.
 - c. Persons in a non-public area of a building or facility when such persons are separated from others by a sufficient distance as recommended by the CDC.
 - d. Persons performing in theater, musical, comedy or other indoor professional artistic productions, either during rehearsals or during shows, provided that they are fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID-19 within 24-hours of the show or rehearsal, except that this exemption does not apply to persons performing in schools or other locations where universal masking is required by order of the Governor or the Connecticut State Department of Public Health.

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- e. Persons who are competing in indoor athletic events, provided that they are fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID-19 within 24-hours of the event, except that this exemption does not apply to persons competing in schools or other locations where universal masking is required by order of the Governor or the Connecticut State Department of Public Health.
- f. Any person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability, 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 counsel, social worker, or behavior analyst, the State 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 an such agency. Such documentation shall not be required to name or describe the condition that qualifies the person for the exemption.
- g. Employees of employers that implement a vaccine mandate requiring employees to be vaccinated or submit to weekly required testing for COVID-19 in a manner approved by the CDC or public health officials, when working in non-public areas of said employer's facilities.

5. ENFORCEMENT:

From Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 13A (b), as extended by the Governor's Executive Order No. 14:

- (i) Any person who fails to wear a mask or cloth-face covering as required herein, other than a person who qualifies for exemption, shall be guilty of a violation and fined one hundred dollars. An employer, rather than the employee, is liable for the fine for any employee's failure to wear a required mask or cloth-face covering while at work.
- (ii) In any case in which a person is charged with a violation pursuant to this order, the procedures set forth in Section 51-164n through 51-164r of the Connecticut General Statutes shall apply. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit, alter, modify, or suspend any penalties or remedies that otherwise apply to violation of an order issued pursuant to the civil preparedness and public health emergencies.

6. TERM:

This Order to which I affix my signature today shall remain in effect until the expiration of Governor Lamont's Emergency Declaration and Executive Order No. 14 on February 15, 2022, or as may be extended from time to time by the Connecticut General Assembly, or as terminated by the City of Hartford.

THIS ORDER SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR NED LAMONT pursuant to Executive Order No. 13A issued on the 5th day of August, 2021, as extended by Executive Order No. 14 issued on the 28th day of September, 2021.


BY:



LUKE A. BRONIN
MAYOR OF HARTFORD

Date:

CERTIFIED:



NOEL MCGREGOR *Asst. T.C.* 10/1/21
CITY AND TOWN CLERK