

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021 - 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 August 5, 2021, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 13A, 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, on August 20, 2021, I issued Executive Order No. 2021-1, which implemented a universal mask mandate for the Town of West Hartford due to the rapid spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 and rising rates of infection; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Director of the West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District, I have determined that a universal mask mandate is no longer necessary due to the fact that the Town has one of the highest vaccination rates in the State and regional case infection rates have dropped dramatically and continue to trend in a favorable direction.

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. Executive Order No. 2021-1 issued by me on August 19, 2021 and effective on August 20, 2021 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect on October 22, 2021.

Dated at West Hartford, this day, October 18, in the year 2021.



Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager