



Town of Simsbury

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Maria E. Capriola - Town Manager

TOWN OF SIMSBURY EMERGENCY ORDER 2021 – 1, *RESCINDED*

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 16, 2020, Town Manager Maria Capriola and First Selectman Eric Wellman jointly issued a local declaration of emergency for the Town of Simsbury and amended that declaration on April 17, 2020; 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, the Delta variant of COVID-19, which is highly contagious and spreads faster than any other variant of COVID-19, is now the dominant variant of COVID-19 in Connecticut; and

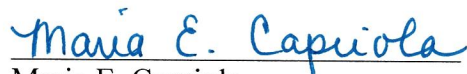
WHEREAS, based on reporting from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (“CT-DPH”), Simsbury is at 7.6 positive cases per 100,000 residents and is in the “yellow zone,” defined by CT-DPH as more than 5 positive cases per 100,000 residents but less than 10; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order 13A is still in effect as of this date, and requires unvaccinated individuals to wear masks in all indoor settings. Pursuant to that same order, masks are required for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, in healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit settings, correctional facilities, schools, and childcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 13A provides private businesses, state government, and local government offices the discretion to require masks to be worn by everyone in their establishments, regardless of vaccination status. At this time the Town will require the continued use of face coverings in municipally owned facilities (with the exception of municipally owned residential dwellings), of which this may be amended as deemed by the Town Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARIA E. CAPRIOLA, Town Manager of the Town of Simsbury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Connecticut, the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Simsbury, do hereby **rescind Emergency Order 2021-1, as revised on September 10, 2021, regarding local face covering requirements** effective at 12:01 AM on October 22, 2021.

Dated at Simsbury, this 21st day of October in the year 2021.



Maria E. Capriola
Town Manager