

March 3, 2022



JUSTIN ELICKER, MAYOR

**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
CONNECTICUT 06510**

**ORDER RESCINDING EMERGENCY ORDER
REGARDING MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS
IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order Number 7, limiting the number of individuals that may convene, meet or otherwise gather throughout the State, to no more than 250 people or more for social and recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Mayor of the City of New Haven, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and Chapter 11, Section 11-23 et. seq. of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven, declared a state of emergency, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the City of New Haven as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, and the acceleration of the spread of the disease, the Mayor must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of this emergency situation upon the residents of New Haven; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order Number 13A providing municipal leaders with the option of requiring masks in indoor public places within their respective towns and cities for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and Chapter 11, Sections 6, 7 and 11-23 et. seq. of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven, proclaim said Mayor to have and exercise all executive and administrative powers conferred upon any municipal chief executive; and

WHEREAS, the duties assigned by the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven to the Mayor of the City of New Haven require said Mayor to cause the Charter, the Ordinances and laws to be executed and enforced, and to conserve the peace within the City. The Mayor shall be responsible for the good order and efficient government of the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced that mask-wearing rules would be relaxed for residents and visitors to Connecticut who are fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2021, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued his Executive Order 12A, stating:

“Effective immediately, any person while indoors in a public place who does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person and who is not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering. A person shall be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the final recommended dose of a vaccine approved for use against COVID-19 by U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or as otherwise defined by the Centers for Disease Control.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the Mayor of the City of New Haven issued an Emergency Order Regarding the Wearing of Masks or Cloth Face Coverings in any indoor public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven vaccination rate for first dose is 79%, second dose at 69%; the state of Connecticut vaccination rate is reported at first dose 93.8%; and second dose 77.7%; and

WHEREAS, the vaccination rate for New Haven Public School students aged 5 – 17 is reported as 46% for a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and 38% of students have received a second dose, and approximately 39% of NHPS students are identified as high risk because of underlying medical conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Haven, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the City of New Haven, and in accordance with the advice from the City’s public health officials, effective on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., Emergency Order dated August 6, 2021, regarding the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings is hereby rescinded **except as applied to:**

- **Any person present in any New Haven Public Schools facility, including but not limited to staff, students, and visitors; and**
- **Any person present in any other City of New Haven municipal office or government building.**

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that nothing in this order should be deemed or construed to counteract, reverse, withdraw, revoke or otherwise amend any other previously or subsequently issued order, unless expressly stated; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect (the “effective period”) until such time as it is amended or earlier terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the City of New Haven and shall be posted on the City of New Haven website.

Dated: 3/3/2022



Justin Elicker, Mayor