



GUIDANCE ON MAYOR CAROLINE SIMMONS' EXECUTIVE ORDER OF DECEMBER 21, 2021

City of Stamford Mask Mandate:

The Goal of this Executive Order is to protect the public health and safety of the residents of and visitors to Stamford.

A mask requirement provides the City of Stamford the ability to still adhere to public safety protocols while avoiding the delaying or cancelling of events or restrictions on gathering size.

Through Stamford's high vaccination rates and adherence to public health guidelines, we are confident that Stamford can limit COVID-19 transmission.

NOTE: This guidance is subject to change.

Apartment buildings, Multifamily Dwellings, Office Buildings, and Houses of Worship:

1. Masks are required indoors in public areas of all buildings and businesses.
 - a. The Executive Order applies to common areas of apartment buildings/multifamily dwellings, hotel lobbies, and offices where there is public gathering.
2. Masks are recommended but not required in private offices not accessible to the public.

Retail and Personal Services Businesses:

1. Masks are required to be worn by all staff and customers.

Restaurants and Movie Theaters:

1. Restaurant employees (chefs, line cooks, bussers, wait staff, hosts, delivery personnel etc.) shall wear a mask while working indoors.
2. All patrons are required to wear masks at all other times when inside the restaurant.
3. While dining indoors, patrons must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking.

4. While dining outdoors, patrons are not required to wear masks. However, if they go inside to use the restroom or for any other reason, they must wear a mask.
5. This Executive Order does not affect occupancy levels, hours of operation, and does not require social distancing barriers.
6. Movie Theater patrons shall wear a mask, unless they are actively eating and/or drinking. Staff must wear masks while serving the public; as well as while in common areas, lobby etc.

Gyms and Sports Facilities:

1. Masks are required for indoor areas of gyms and sports facilities.
 - a. Masks may be removed for activities where athlete participants and/or individuals working out can keep a safe social distance of at least 6 feet but must be replaced immediately following the activity. However, masks are required to be worn in common areas, changing rooms and snack bars.
 - b. Masks should be removed when there is a possibility of getting wet during swimming and immediately replaced upon completion of the activity.
 - c. As per CTDPH guidance for interscholastic, youth and other amateur sports activities - Upon proof of full vaccination, masks may be removed while actively participating in a game or other official contest. Masks are to be worn by participants, during practices, sitting on the bench, spectating and all other times during entry and exit.
2. Food service areas are to follow restaurant guidelines.

General Enforcement

1. Environmental Health Inspectors enforce compliance at restaurants, barber shops, nail salons, and other establishments under the authority of the Department of Health. Enforcement for all other locations is conducted by Citation Officers.
 2. Establishments are responsible for employee compliance.
 3. Non-compliance will result in warnings and/or fines.
 - a. Violation of Face Cover Requirements – Person - \$100
 - b. Employee Violation of Face Cover Requirements – Business - \$100 (per employee)
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