



EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS IN THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Mansfield and the residents of and visitors to the Town of Mansfield to promote public health and to ensure civil preparedness, to minimize the adverse impact and substantial threat to public health created by the current public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issue his Executive Order 13A, granting municipalities the authority to take necessary steps to halt the spread of COVID-19, particularly its highly infectious "DELTA" variant, specifically authorizing municipal orders requiring masks or face coverings in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and pursuant to the authority and powers granted by Executive Order 13A issued by Governor Lamont in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the Town of Mansfield, effective on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings that are compliant with CDC guidelines is required in any indoor public spaces, meeting spaces to which any member of the public has access except when eating or drinking; and



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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that also effective on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings that are compliant with CDC guidelines is required in any private indoor business, and in any places of employment, which building or space has an authorized occupancy of twenty-five (25) or more persons except when eating or drinking; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED 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 Mansfield and shall be posted on the Town of Mansfield website.

Dated: August 12, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ryan J. Aylesworth", is written above a horizontal line.

Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield, Connecticut