



**GUIDANCE ON MAYOR DAVID MARTIN'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF AUGUST 10, 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.

From the beginning of July, Stamford began to see an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. This has now reached a level in which the two week average has exceeded 15 cases per 100k, placing it in the "red" level according to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. This has also been accompanied by a rapid rise in COVID-19 positive hospitalizations within Fairfield County. Stamford Hospital currently has 15 COVID-19 patients, 7 of whom require critical care.

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 while still holding the City's anticipated summer events.

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.
2. Masks are 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. While dining outdoors, patrons are not required to wear masks.
3. While dining indoors, patrons must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. The presence of food and/or drink on the table will be considered "eating or drinking."

4. All patrons are required to wear masks at all other times when inside the restaurant.
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. Movie Theater Staff are required wear masks.

Gyms and Sports Facilities:

1. Masks are required for indoor areas of gyms and sports facilities.
 - a. Masks must be worn during indoor athletic activities that involve contact (i.e. hockey, basketball). Athlete participants, coaches, officials, spectators and any others associated with athletic events are required to wear masks.
 - b. Masks are not required for activities where athlete participants can keep a safe social distance (6 feet).
 - c. Masks are not required for no-contact sports and training activities (i.e. tennis, running on track, weight lifting), however, trainers are required to be masked.
 - d. Masks should be removed when there is a possibility of getting wet during swimming.
2. Food service areas will follow restaurant guidelines.

City Parks and other City owned open air locations:

For City Parks and other City-owned open air locations, the mask mandate is in effect for mass gatherings of over 100 individuals.

1. The promoter of the each event is responsible for adherence to mask mandate requirements.
2. Promoters and employees must wear masks.
3. An exemption from the outdoor event mask mandate may be granted in the discretion of the Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare upon presentation by the promoter or event organizer to the City of an appropriate alternative safety plan.

General Enforcement

1. Environmental Health Inspectors enforce compliance at restaurants, 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.
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