

Hello Weston. First Selectwoman Sam Nestor here with an important Covid update.

Effective at 12:01AM on Monday, August 23, Weston will join our neighboring Towns of Westport, Fairfield and Easton, by issuing a temporary town-wide mask mandate as a regional response to the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. Norwalk, Stamford, and Bridgeport currently have mask mandates in place.

On Wednesday Fairfield County was moved into the “high transmission” category – the most severe level as defined by the CDC.

The [Governor’s Executive Order No. 13A](#) provides 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. Indoor public spaces include retail establishments, restaurants, gyms, workout studios or other businesses, as well as galleries, museums, performance spaces, places of worship and government buildings. Businesses may still require proof of vaccination to enter, but a mask will also be required.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) strongly recommends that all residents over the age of two years, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, wear masks when in indoor public spaces.

Gov. Ned Lamont announced yesterday that all early childhood staff and K-12 teachers will be required to get vaccinated or face weekly COVID testing. State employees are also covered under the new policy.

Please follow CDC guidelines for masking against the Delta and other variants. This advice is for everyone whether vaccinated or not.

We have seen our community understand the necessity of vaccinations and mask wearing as demonstrated in our vaccination rates.

It is disappointing to go back to masking, but this is what needs to be done while Covid-19 is renewed as a life-threatening virus. We also mask up for those not eligible for the vaccine (12 and under children).

We are a strong, tight knit community who look out for each other. We have stopped the spread before; we can do it again, together.

With gratitude,

First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor

P.S. The latest Covid numbers will be posted at the end of the day.

As a reminder:

- To find a vaccine provider near you please visit the CT.gov Vaccine Portal <https://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/?query=06883> or to register for an appointment on the telephone, call Connecticut’s COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224.

- Residents should still report positive cases directly to the Westport/Weston Health Department <http://wwhd.org/> the office line is 203 227 9571.
- COVID testing is available at area hospitals and urgent care facilities. See here for more details https://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06883&taxonomy_code=11048&service_area=weston