

Greetings Weston,

Over the past weeks, the daily rate of COVID-19 cases in Fairfield County especially, Westport, Easton and Weston, has been trending downward. This week Weston is in the “gray” category (less than 5 cases/100,000).

As First Selectwoman, with the guidance from the Weston Westport Health District and support of our Emergency Management Team, I am hereby rescinding Local Executive Order dated August 23, 2021 and lifting the mask mandate in indoor public settings in Weston, effective immediately.

This is not the end of being diligent and we need to be mindful of the potential spread of stronger strains and breakthrough cases which would possibly require us to put the mask mandate back in place. We continue to strongly encourage that those eligible get fully vaccinated and/or receive a booster.

Westport Weston Health District (WWHD) Director of Health Mark Cooper stated, “We are in support of this action for those in the lower risk category for severe COVID illness and who have been vaccinated, so long as the local transmission rate remains low. If everyone proceeds with caution and some common sense, we may be able to enjoy the coming holiday season with family and friends in a more traditional manner. For those in a higher risk category for severe COVID illness, masking is still highly recommended because, although the transmission rate is low, the COVID virus is still in the community.”

Please note, this has no effect on the State Masking Mandate for CT schools and the Town will be following safety protocols at Town Hall, the Weston Library and other Town facilities. These include:

1. Staff, visitors and patrons of all Town buildings including the Library are required to wear a mask regardless of individual vaccination status.
2. Visitors are allowed into Town Hall to conduct business and must wear a mask regardless of individual vaccination status. You may also avail yourself of the services provided online at [www.westonct.gov](http://www.westonct.gov)

A reminder on Masking: According to the CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH):

- **Outdoors**
  - Masks are not required to be worn by anyone.
- **Indoors:**
  - Vaccinated individuals are generally not required to wear masks.
  - Unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear masks.
  - Masks will still be required in healthcare facilities, facilities serving vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, schools (public and non-public, when students are present), and childcare facilities.

- Some businesses, state and local government offices, performance spaces, and certain events, may still require universal masking.

Well done Weston, we did it and proved that when we work together we can slow the spread.

With gratitude,

Sam

Additional information is available on the WWHD website [www.WWHD.org](http://www.WWHD.org)