

January 7, 2022

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY &amp; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor was notified by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Center for Disease Control on March 13, 2020 that a resident within the Town has been identified as a presumptive positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, due to the Omnicron variant of COVID-19 the Town of South Windsor has seen a surge of new cases with 418 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Windsor and hospitalizations statewide are increasing to what is believed to be half of the States hospital capacity;

WHEREAS, the State Department of Public Health has reported the loss of 62 South Windsor residents to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, during previous surges the State of Connecticut has mandated capacity limits for indoor spaces creating a potential impact on the local economy;

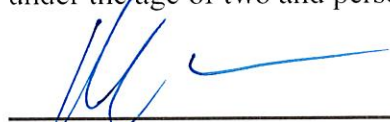
WHEREAS, there is no vaccine for children under the age of five years old leaving this age group in our community particularly vulnerable;

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor Charter and Code of Ordinance Section 26-5 (2) identifies the Town Manager as the authority to declare a State of Emergency in the event of an emergency affecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in the Town of South Windsor;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 19a-207 states that the local Director of Health or his authorized agent in any emergency when the health of any locality is menaced, said department may enforce such regulations as may be required for the protection of the public health;

WHEREAS, Governor Ned Lamont has issued executive order 13a providing municipal executives with the authority to mandate masks in private businesses, nonprofits and all other organizations within their municipality's boundaries.

BE IT DECLARED, effective 1/9/2022 the Town of South Windsor is under a public health emergency until this threat is mitigated by achieving a Covid-19 positivity rate of 5-9 cases per 100,000 per day for two weeks and mandates everyone in South Windsor wear masks when in indoor public places, which includes anywhere that persons from different households are in the same space. Exemptions shall be for persons unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, children under the age of two and persons who are eating or drinking at a table.

  
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