



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

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MASK MANDATES FOR RIDGEFIELD BEGINNING MONDAY

Ridgefield, CT: August 13, 2021: The Town of Ridgefield will join the neighboring communities of Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, and Redding in a collaborative effort to stop the spread of the Delta variant by requiring all individuals to wear masks while in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. This public mandate is effective Monday at 12:01 a.m.

First Selectman Rudy Marconi said that the prime motivation for the mandate was to protect the vulnerable under 12 population who are not yet eligible for a vaccine. The Delta variant has been found to be more highly contagious than the original strain. It is more easily contracted, especially by children, and can be spread asymptotically to unvaccinated family members with the potential for serious consequences.

Marconi added that protecting the kids and keeping the schools open is a number one priority. "Vaccinations are the best line of defense," he said, "But if masking up protects our community than it is in all our best interests to do this."

Health Director Ed Briggs agreed and added. "I can't stress enough the importance of vaccinations for those who are eligible. Unless we get enough people vaccinated, we will be chasing variants forever."

"We sincerely hope this measure is temporary. We will continue to monitor the data issued by the Center for Disease Control and the Connecticut Department of Public Health," said Marconi.

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