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MANDATORY MASK WEARING FOR VACCINATED LIFTED IMMEDIATELY

Ridgefield, CT: September 24, 2021: 4:00 PM: The Town of Ridgefield will lift the mandatory mask mandate for vaccinated individuals effective immediately.

Ridgefield Health Director Ed Briggs confirmed that while delays in state reporting often skews the numbers, Ridgefield positive cases remain low—8.3 per 100,000 and he feels comfortable with the decision to make mask wearing voluntary for those who are **vaccinated**. **State mandates require all unvaccinated people to continue to wear masks indoors.** Masks are not required outdoors. For complete details including specific situations where masks are required by all go to: CT State Mask Mandates *(Note: the State website includes specific settings where masks are required by all such as: healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, schools, and childcare. Businesses and state and local government offices have the option to require masks to be worn by everyone in their establishments.)*

First Selectman Rudy Marconi reports that this decision was supported by a majority of the COVID Task Force which monitors numbers daily and meets weekly to discuss policy changes based on scientific data. He urges that anyone who is unvaccinated or has a comorbidity to continue to wear a mask. "Mask wearing for the vaccinated is now a public option."

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