

Town of Enfield Office of the Town Manager

Policy Relative to Masking Requirements in Public Municipal Office Spaces (Effective 3-9-2022)

As a result of discussion by the Enfield Board of Selectmen at their meeting on March 7, 2022, the Enfield Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support sunsetting the masking requirement in public spaces and municipal offices. It is still recommended to wear masks when multiple people are gathered in an area and social distancing is difficult, and because of this the <u>Select Board also decided to keep the</u> <u>mask requirement for all public meetings and town sponsored indoor gatherings.</u>

As we have done throughout this pandemic, the Town of Enfield will be following CDC guidance in recommending that:

- If you are <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions;
- Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines;
- If you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them;
- <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms.

To be clear, Town employees, board and committee members, as well as members of the general public, <u>are still required to wear a face mask</u> when in public meetings, or at times when a group of people are gathered in public facilities for a town sponsored event.

Town employees, board and committee members, as well as members of the general public, will be allowed to enter and conduct business in Town facilities without the use of a mask, as long as they maintain six feet of physical distancing, to the fullest extent practicable.

It is essential that all Town employees, board and committee members do their part to model the desired behavior by wearing a face mask in accordance with this municipal policy. Town employees, board and committee members, are also expected to keep a mask with them and wear them when asked in an effort to be considerate of others.

Any employee, board or committee member who knowingly violates these protocols will be subject to appropriate <u>disciplinary action</u>. Select Board appointed board and committee members are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen which will act as it deems appropriate should a violation occur.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Ed Morris Town Manager