



Office of the Mayor City of Danbury, CT

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Effective at 12:01am on October 15, 2021, the City of Danbury hereby lifts the Indoor Mask Mandate **for fully vaccinated individuals only.**

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR:

AMENDED AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021 as noted *in bold* below:

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 13A dated August 5, 2021 and the Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Danbury signed and dated/issued March 16, 2020, I hereby **issue a modified** ORDER that all indoor public spaces, indoor public venues, indoor gathering places, and spaces, areas and locations in the City of Danbury where such gatherings occur or may occur, including businesses, offices and other public accommodations, **only persons not vaccinated or unable to provide proof of vaccination and who are not exempt** under said Executive Order Sec. 1.a. are required to wear proper mask coverings.

Enforcement of this ORDER shall be pursuant to Connecticut General Statute and local law as applicable under COVID and emergency issuance and regulation.

This ORDER will stand until repealed or superseded by Order of the Mayor or the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

Upon amending the Indoor Mask Mandate, Mayor Cavo reiterated that he supports the choice of fully vaccinated residents and visitors who may find a level of comfort wearing a mask especially while attending indoor public settings where they might feel at-risk or cannot social distance themselves, although there is no mandate to do so.

Mayor Cavo also noted any Danbury establishment that wishes to continue the use of masks and facial coverings for staff and/or visitors, may implement its own policy. The Danbury Health Department will be available to assist in facilitating an implementation plan if requested.

Please be advised that Danbury Public Schools and private schools in Danbury are not subject to the Mayor's lifting of the mask mandate. Masks are required in schools pursuant to an order from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health outlining conditions and environments subject to the exemption provided in Governor Lamont's Executive Order 12A. The order also requires healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, and childcare settings to require face-covering masks.

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