

Office of the First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick

The purpose of this **Declaration of Local Emergency** and **Executive Order**, effective August 23, is to protect the public health and safety of the residents of and visitors to Fairfield in accordance with, and pursuant to, Connecticut General Statutes §§ 28-1(8) and 28-8a and Governor Lamont's August 5, 2021, Executive Order 13A.

Towards the end of July, Fairfield began to see an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and last week, the two-week average exceeded 15 cases per 100k, placing the Town in the "red" level according to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. This has also been accompanied by a rapid rise in COVID-19 positive hospitalizations within Fairfield County, and the entire county moving into a High Transmission Category, as defined by the CDC.

Now, therefore, I, Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, by virtue of the authority vested in me, hereby issue the following Executive Order.

Effective 8:00a.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021, it shall be required that masks or face coverings be worn in all indoor areas of any place of public accommodation including but not limited to retail businesses, restaurants and bars, within the Town of Fairfield, by all persons regardless of vaccination status.

I hereby declare that a local civil preparedness emergency exists in the Town of Fairfield.

PROCLAIMED for the Town of Fairfield this 23rd day of August 2021

Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman

Assistant Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

_Town Emergency Management Director