

UPDATED COVID 19 POLICY FOR ALL

CITY OF WATERBURY AND WATERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

The CDC now recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people mask indoors in areas with significant community spread. The CDC also recommends that all students, teachers and staff in K-12 schools wear masks regardless of vaccination status. This change is due to the new emerging threat from the “Delta Variant” of the COVID-19 virus. Unfortunately, there has been a recent rise in infections in the City of Waterbury. A majority of these infections have been from the “Delta Variant.” In order to protect our staff, students, and visitors, the City is moving to an indoor mask policy for all persons.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

All employees and visitors shall be masked in all indoor public building spaces.

While at Work

Each specific Department has a plan consistent with Governor Lamont’s, “Reopen CT” plan. While much information about how to perform within your Department are found within these plans, you and your employees can do a number of things to protect yourself and your co-workers from the spread of COVID-19 including the list below.

There should be no change in daily duties or contact with the public except for the inclusion of mask wearing.

1. Social distance. As much as your job may allow.
2. All employees should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after they have been in a public place, or after they have been blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Employees should avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Whenever possible employees should cover their mouth and nose with a cloth face cover or disposable mask (surgical type) when around others even if they do not feel sick. It is recommended everyone wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities. The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case an individual is infected.
4. Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Then, use a household disinfectant. While cleaning programs have been escalated by City custodial staff the regular wipe down and disinfection of shared office items (not recommended but necessary in some case i.e. copiers and shared printers) is a good practice for any Department to implement.
5. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Especially important if you are in a workspace and in settings where it may be difficult to keep appropriate physical distance. Infrared thermometers are being issued as available to all department to take employees temperatures if outlined in your Department’s reopening plan.
6. **REPORT ANY AND ALL CONCERNS UP YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND ALL THE WAY TO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD.**

For additional information, please visit the following website: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-12A.pdf>.

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