



TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

August 19, 2021

Good evening,

This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza, reaching out to all residents in the Town of East Windsor.

Over the last several weeks, we have had some concerning levels of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor. We have been in a “yellow” designation for a number of weeks, this week we have become an “orange” town and will likely be “red” by next week or the week after.

I and many other municipal leaders have called on Governor Lamont to set one state-wide policy pertaining to COVID prevention efforts, including mask mandates. It does not make sense from a public policy standpoint to have one hundred and sixty-nine different approaches to those prevention efforts. In the absence of any action from the governor, I have been working with surrounding town leaders, including Windsor Locks and South Windsor, as well as municipal leaders in the twenty-nine towns in our regional council of governments, to take a more unified approach to addressing rising COVID numbers.

Based on rising numbers in our community, and in keeping with a regional approach, I am ordering an indoor mask mandate in any indoor space in East Windsor in which the public may frequent. This order will be effective tomorrow, August 20, 2021. The only exceptions to this will be children under two years old or when people are seated and eating or drinking in an establishment, or when someone has a valid written exemption from a physician.

This action is being undertaken in collaboration with surrounding towns within our regional council of governments. Our objective is to protect those most vulnerable in our community – our children and the elderly. We want to ensure that children can go to school in person this year, and we want to avoid the need for any further sector shutdowns or capacity limits.

Outdoor activities remain allowed, unaffected and encouraged. There are a lot of fun, family-friendly activities happening this time of year, and we continue to encourage members of the public to participate. We are stressing the benefits of social distancing, but masks outdoors are not required (although they aren't prohibited, either.) One such event is scheduled this Saturday, as the Broad Brook Fire Department celebrates 125 years of service to the community. There will be a parade starting at 5pm and traveling along Main Street (Broad Brook), up Windsorville Road, and down Reservoir Avenue to East Windsor Park. Food Trucks will be available, as will fire engines from more than two dozen sister departments. A fireworks display is planned for 9pm.

I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman