

2021-05

**Town of Springfield, VT
Selectboard Resolution
Regarding COVID-19 Mitigation**

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Springfield acting in their capacity as local board of health are highly concerned about the safety of their residents and municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, Windsor County and the Town of Springfield are experiencing a high rate of COVID-19 community transmission; and

WHEREAS, all of Vermont and neighboring counties of New Hampshire are experiencing higher rates of community transmission due to the Delta variant of the disease and have been since November 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends numerous guidelines for disease mitigation including that face coverings be worn by all people (vaccinated and unvaccinated) in public settings indoors in areas of "substantial" or "high" rates of "community transmission" of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Selectboard recognizes that COVID-19 remains a public health hazard and believes that increased vigilance to mitigation strategies including wearing a face covering indoors are important acts we all can do to reduce the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in a special Legislative session called explicitly and solely for this purpose, the Vermont Legislature on November 22, 2021, passed a bill ("S.1") that empowers Vermont municipalities to enact local rules requiring the wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, and the Governor has signed that bill into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Selectboard hereby issues the following COVID-19 Mitigation guidelines:

Encourage residents to renew their efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 by employing to the best extent possible all of the known mitigation strategies including:

- Encouraging vaccination for all eligible residents
- Encouraging vaccination booster shots for all eligible residents
- Diligence in washing hands and use of hand sanitizers
- Practice social distancing wherever possible
- Avoiding large indoor gatherings when at all possible
- Wearing face masks whenever you are in an indoor congregate setting
- Encouraging frequent testing especially after being with large groups of individuals

Affirm the Springfield Town Manager policies effective 9-28-2021: to wit:

1. Face masks shall be required for anyone entering any town building.
2. Requiring Town employees who work in town buildings shall wear masks whenever serving the public.

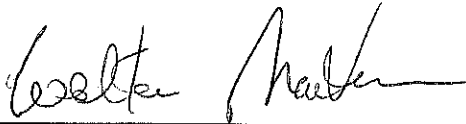
3. When working alone in their own workspace, town employees shall be allowed to work without a face mask. However, if several employees are gathered in one physical space for a meeting, masks shall be required.

Encourage all businesses and organizations within the Town of Springfield who either serve the public indoors or have 5 or more employees working indoors to adopt a disease mitigation and mask wearing policy suitable for their business or organization.

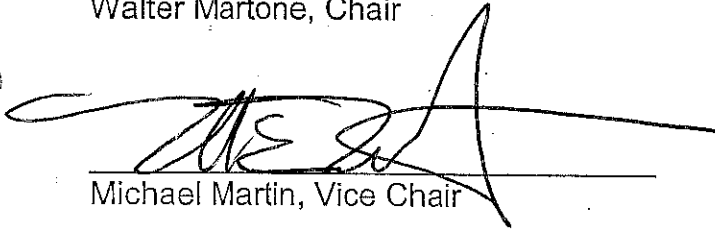
Request that all businesses and organizations within the Town of Springfield post the attached notice in a location that is visible to both workers and the public.

This resolution shall have immediate effect upon passage and remain in effect until the Springfield Selectboard amends, rescinds, or suspends it during a properly warned Selectboard meeting or when an action taken by the State of Vermont nullifies these policies or the Selectboard's authority to continue these policies, whichever occurs first.

Adopted by the Springfield Selectboard at its meeting on December 6, 2021.

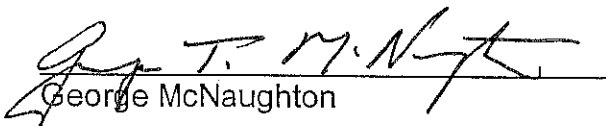


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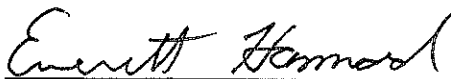


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