



FAQ: Executive Order No. 13A

Connecticut Department of Public Health

1. **Can a town order masks indoors in public places town-wide?** Yes.
2. **Can a town order masks indoors in places the public does not go, such as business offices that do not have customers coming in and out?** Yes
3. **Can a town order masks in the common areas inside residential buildings?** Yes
4. **Can a private business, private property owner or a local agency require masks on its own property, even if there is no town-wide rule?** Yes
5. **Can a town order vaccination for its own employees or visitors to town-owned buildings?** Yes, as long as they have the legal power to do so; this EO does not prevent it.

6. **Can a town order mask use outdoors?** No, unless it owns or controls the property
7. **Can a town prohibit private businesses or property owners from requiring masks or vaccines?** No
8. **Can a town impose a local version of sector rules (comprehensive COVID safety rules for various types of businesses that were in effect until this past spring) other than masks?** No
9. **Can a town order vaccination town-wide or require proof of vaccination to enter private places?** No

10. **What is the enforcement power?** Violation of the DPH Commissioner's rule requiring universal masking in certain specified indoor settings OR of a municipal mask order under Section 28-8a is subject to a \$100 fine. See Section 1(b)(1) of EO 13A. The existing enforcement authority in the EO, and the process previously established, also applies to these violations.
11. **What does EO 13A mean for schools?** The orders from the SDE and OEC commissioners (pursuant to EO 9, Sec. 1) requiring masking in schools and childcare settings remain in effect. The DPH Commissioner's order on masks pursuant to EO 13A also requires universal masking in schools. The Governor has said that if any changes will be made to those orders, that will be announced soon.