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COVID-19 Health Alert

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of Substantial or High transmission. CDC indicates Middlesex County as an area of Substantial community transmission with a rate of 52.33 per hundred thousand residents over seven days (Sun July 25 – Sat July 31). CDC classifies counties with greater than 50 COVID cases per hundred thousand residents over seven days as “Substantial.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has issued a health alert for Middlesex County, strongly recommending that ALL CT residents over aged two years, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, return to wearing masks when in indoor public spaces.

Masks are required to be worn by everyone indoors in Westbrook municipal buildings, regardless of vaccinations status.

“Given the rapid increases in cases of COVID-19 in Connecticut over the last 14 days due to the spread of the Delta variant, the Connecticut Department of Public Health is strongly recommending that ALL CONNECTICUT residents over aged two years, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, return to wearing masks when in indoor public spaces. Middlesex county has joined six other Connecticut counties in being classified by the CDC as having “Substantial Transmission” of COVID-19. CDC classifies counties with greater than 50 COVID cases per hundred thousand residents over seven days as “Substantial.” Vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at high risk for complications from COVID-19, including those with compromised immune systems, diabetes, asthma, other lung diseases, pregnancy, or obesity, should also avoid large indoor gatherings that may include a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Vaccination remains the most important defense against illness and hospitalization from COVID-19. So-called “vaccine breakthrough” cases have occurred in Connecticut, but they remain rare, and the majority of hospitalizations and deaths in Connecticut and around the country are in unvaccinated individuals. DPH strongly recommends that unvaccinated individuals get vaccinated as soon as possible to help stop the ongoing spread of the Delta variant.”

Full CT DPH Health Alert:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Press-Room/Press-Releases---2021/Health-Alert--For-Middlesex-County-Recommends-Wearing-Masks-When-in-Indoor-Spaces>

Vaccine and Testing information:

<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

State of CT Daily COVID Update:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>