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SUBJECT: Town of South Windsor Mask Mandate Update

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As of today, February 9, 2022, the Town of South Windsor will be lifting the town-wide mask mandate for private businesses. The Town of South Windsor will continue to require masks in all Town buildings and strongly recommends residents wear masks in public regardless of vaccination status.

With the abundance of home test kits available and no reporting mechanism to track these cases, it is impossible to gauge community spread of COVID-19 in our Town, making it difficult to determine when to lift the mandate. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) recommends that residents in “red” towns get COVID-19 tested whether or not you are symptomatic or have had a known contact with a positive person. This can help us to curb the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please visit [211ct.org](http://211ct.org) and enter your zip code to find testing locations near you.

The Town of South Windsor will continue to support and strongly urge all residents and businesses who want to wear a mask or want to implement their own mask mandate in their establishments. In the event your business needs additional masks, you can request them at [www.southwindsor-ct.gov/ppe](http://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/ppe). We all play a part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 for our neighbors, friends and family. Please make smart decisions: wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance and avoid large group gatherings.

