



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-1

WHEREAS the Town of Barrington Town Council declared a state of emergency through an emergency ordinance enacted on March 14, 2020, to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Town Council delegated emergency authority to the Town Manager to take measures he deems necessary in order to protect public health and safety in response to the pandemic; and

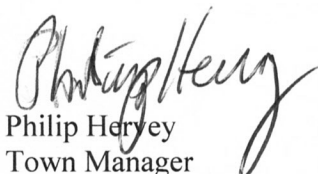
WHEREAS, the emergency power delegated, and state of emergency declared by the Town Council, has been continued in effect inclusive of the current date.


NOW THEREFORE, due to surging COVID-19 cases resulting from the spread of the highly infectious and dangerous Delta and Omicron variants, I am enacting the following emergency measures, effective immediately (January 7, 2022):

1. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 2021-8.
2. For the protection of the community, a face mask or face covering is required – no matter a person’s vaccination status –in all municipal buildings (including schools), except for children under two (2) years of age and persons with physical or developmental disabilities that prevent wearing of face coverings. Masks and face coverings must be worn over the nose and the mouth. **The use of N95, KN95 or 3-ply surgical masks is strongly recommended due to ineffectiveness of cloth coverings providing protection against the Omicron variant.**
3. **All public meetings of Town public bodies/departments shall be held remotely (by telephone or audio or video conferencing), with no in-person option, as allowed under Governor McKee’s Executive Order No. 22-01, issued January 6, 2022.** If a state or local law requires real-time participation by members of the public, any alternative means must provide for such participation.
4. **Governor McKee’s Executive Order 21-116, issued December 16, 2021, sets forth requirements pertaining to masks/face coverings, or obtaining proof of vaccination, in indoor public places. EO 21-116 is effective through January 18, 2022, unless**

renewed, modified, or terminated by a subsequent executive order. This local executive order is intended to supplement EO 21-116.

5. All municipal buildings (including schools) shall have a copy of this notice posted at the entrance to the premises, as directed by the Town Manager.
6. Any violation of any provision of this executive order can lead to a Municipal Court citation that is punishable by a fine up to five hundred dollars (\$500). The Barrington Police Department shall have the authority to enforce this executive order.
7. This executive order shall remain in effect until terminated or superseded by a subsequent order.


Philip Hervey
Town Manager
Date: January 7, 2022


Meredith J. DeSisto,
Notary Public of RI, ID# 56865
Commission Expires: July 1, 2022