

RESOLUTION: AMENDMENT TO THE FACE MASK POLICY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Agreed upon on 5/20/21, ratified at 6/30/21 board meeting

WHEREAS on April 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York issued an executive order for any individual who is over the age of 2 and able to medically tolerate a face covering requiring them to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distance.

WHEREAS on May 28, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order giving businesses discretion to ensure compliance with the April 17th executive order, including the discretion to deny entry to individuals not wearing masks or face coverings.

WHEREAS on May 17, 2021, the Governor stated that, effective May 19, 2021, New York State will adopt the CDC's new mask and social distancing guidance. Vaccinated people will no longer be required to wear masks or socially distance, indoors or outdoors. Unvaccinated people and those who are immunocompromised should continue to wear a mask. Masks will be required on public transit, in nursing homes, in homeless shelters, correctional facilities, schools and healthcare facilities across the state in accordance with the new federal guidelines. Private venues will still be permitted to have mask requirements.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately, the East Williston Public Library (the "Library") repeals its Face Mask policy, dated August 10, 2020, and incorporated herein by reference, and instead resolves to put in place a Face Mask policy as follows:

The Library will adopt the latest mask and social distancing guidance by the New York State and the CDC. As such, vaccinated people, whether patrons or staff, will no longer be required to wear masks or socially distance within the Library or at its outdoor programs. Unvaccinated people, whether patrons or staff, and those who are immunocompromised should continue to wear a mask. Additionally, any vaccinated person who wishes to continue to wear a face mask is welcome to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will remain in effect until such time as the Board shall deem it appropriate to amend it. The Board will be guided by any further changes in the Governor's directives related to the wearing of face masks or face coverings.

Dated: May 20, 2021

In favor: Ajla McDonald, Barbara McWhirk, Sabrina Scarantino, Lauren Shannon

Against: John Lekstutis