

Good morning,

With the legislative session coming up I am asking you to vote NO on extending Governor Lamont's mandates, specifically the CHILD MASK MANDATE.

Directly from the World Health Organization website:

"Based on this and other factors such as childrens' psychosocial needs and developmental milestones, WHO and UNICEF advise the following:

Children aged **5 years and under** should not be required to wear masks. This is based on the safety and overall interest of the child and the capacity to appropriately use a mask with minimal assistance. WHO and UNICEF advise that the decision to use masks for children aged **6-11** should be based on the following factors:

- Whether there is widespread transmission in the area where the child resides
- The ability of the child to safely and appropriately use a mask
- Access to masks, as well as laundering and replacement of masks in certain settings (such as schools and childcare services)
- Adequate adult supervision and instructions to the child on how to put on, take off and safely wear masks
- Potential impact of wearing a mask on learning and psychosocial development, in consultation with teachers, parents/caregivers and/or medical providers
- Specific settings and interactions the child has with other people who are at high risk of developing serious illness, such as the elderly and those with other underlying health conditions

<https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/q-a-children-and-masks-related-to-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR3NwN-3eKiudKRol6cc-8RvL2nmKWg4M2y8wIJWYkrEKJPTWanH6J-TkG4>

Our kids have been FORCED into completely unnecessary masking in school and preschool for two years. Even when the world health organization advises AGAINST masking children. It needs to end NOW.

The WHO says no child under 5 should wear a mask, Governor Lamont FORCES OUR BABIES, any child over 2 to have a mask on their face!

This isn't about the well-being of our children, it's about federal money and power.

Please, for the sake of our children's future. Vote no. Let our kids breathe again.

Thank you for your time,

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