



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	01/05/2022	Department	City Council
Agenda Item	6.h) Discussion and possible consideration of a mask mandate for all City of Gardiner public meetings		
Est. Cost			

Background Information	<p>Maine is experiencing a serious increase of Covid-19 infections likely due to the introduction of the Omicron variant. Throughout this pandemic the City of Gardiner has followed the guidelines of the CDC and the Office of Governor Mills.</p> <p>Acting City Manager Davis would appreciate an updated conversation by council to see if they may wish to consider a mask mandate for all City of Gardiner public meetings. This would include board, committee and council meetings as well as any one-on-one meetings between staff and the public.</p> <p>Library Director Hoenke would also ask City Council to consider instituting a mask mandate for all library staff and visitors. In order to help the public with their informational needs, staff may not be able to keep a safe distance from the public. Because the library is a public building, it is opened to anyone wishing to enter and visitors may stay as long as they wish; there is no time limit. It is very difficult to contain a virus in this setting.</p>
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Requested Action	This agenda item may be considered a discussion item or Council may consider a motion that specifies some mask mandates.
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The Acting City Manager appreciates this updated conversation.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____