

2021 Deliberative Covid-19 Plan

Dear Raymond,

Both the School Board and the Board of Selectmen, with the advice of the respective Moderators have decided to hold “in-place” Deliberative for 2021.

In preparation, both the School and the Town Moderators Co-led a Working Group with Town Hall and the SAU Officials. The Moderators focused the Working Group on a plan that would:

- 1) Ensure members of our community did not feel disenfranchised due to Covid-19 factors
- 2) Ensure action plans were developed to mitigate the potential spread of Covid-19
- 3) Provide a venue for those who have difficulty wearing a mask
- 4) Provide increased protections for our most “At-Risk” members of the public
- 5) Ensure both Deliberative Sessions were conducted consistent with State Guidance

To ensure the safe exercise of democracy, both Deliberative Sessions will utilize ***three distinct separated areas***, to allow residents the options and the ability to participate no matter the circumstance. Below outlines the approach to each area:

- **Mask Free - Green Zone:** This room is designated *for individuals who Self-Identify as MASK EXEMPT* in accordance with the State Mask Mandate.
 - Located in the Media Center
 - Six Feet Social Distancing Seating will be provided
 - Not required to wear a Mask in this area
 - Individuals will not be required to show proof of exempt status
- **General Public Masked Area – Orange Zone:** This room is designated for the **GENERAL POPULATION** *who do not self-identify as an individual that is exempt from being required to wear a mask under the State Mask Mandate or is not self-designated as high-risk.*
 - Located in the High School Cafeteria
 - Six Feet Social Distancing Seating will be provided
 - Residents are required to adhere to the State Mask Mandate guidance
- **High-Risk Public Masked Area – Red Zone:** This room is designated for *the segment of the population who Self-Identify as HIGH-RISK.*
 - Located in the High School Gymnasium
 - Six Feet Social Distancing Seating will be provided
 - Masks are required all times regardless of Social Distancing
 - Individuals will not be required to show proof of High-Risk status

Each respective Board will decide which area they will be present in based on the members’ individual risk factors. Regardless of the location of the Board each community members will be allowed to safely participate and cast their vote in their respective area.