Hailey Mayor Rescinds Indoor Mask Mandate Effective Immediately
Special City Council Meeting Called to Approve Advisory Order

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Mayor Martha Burke signed Hailey Public Health Advisory Order 2021-04 on Friday, May 14, 2021 which rescinds the indoor face-covering requirement immediately within the City of Hailey. She also called a special meeting of the Hailey City Council to convene on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM for the city council’s consideration of the Order. In the case of emergency orders, Idaho law gives a mayor the authority to enact an order which the city council must consider within 7 days of the order being signed.

Mayor Burke began considering this action when the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People on May 13, 2021. The CDC’s new guidance states that due to the decreased risk of community spread of COVID-19, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, with certain exceptions. Additionally, the 7-day health data posted by Blaine County on May 13 places Blaine County on the low end of the Moderate Risk Level, with a 7-day moving average incidence rate of 3.7 per 100,000 residents and a .37% positive rate which continues a consistent decline in the incidence of COVID-19 presence in the community. The Idaho South Central Health District data states that approximately seventy four (74%) of residents over the age of 18 within the district have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Mayor Burke said, “It is important that government officials respond to guidance based on data in order to hold the public’s trust.” Hailey’s Order 2021-04, along with the CDC and Idaho Governor’s guidelines, continue to recommend that unvaccinated people wear face coverings in public settings, especially when other social distancing measures can not be maintained.

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