

CITY OF HAILEY
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ADVISORY ORDER NO. 2021-05

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other through respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that people are most COVID-19 contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest) however spread is possible before people show symptoms, or by those that are asymptomatic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on and after March 13, 2020, the Idaho Governor issued a series Orders addressing public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 including the current **Stage 4 Stay Healthy Guidelines** as last updated July 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Hailey declared a local disaster emergency, and on March 23, 2020 the Hailey City Council approved and adopted the Declaration as per the Disaster Preparedness Act (Title 46, Chapter 10 of the Idaho Code), in the City of Hailey due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents of Hailey; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Council for the city of Hailey adopted Ordinance 1260 establishing emergency powers that provide the authority, purpose, and intent of emergency powers to address the threat of COVID-19, which ordinance was extended as Ordinance 1266 on September 14, 2020, and extended as Ordinance 1277 on February 8, 2021, and extended as Ordinance 1290 on August 9, 2021, which latest extension will remain in effect for 182 days; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020 the City Council, by unanimous consent, determined that future actions relating to exercise of its public health regulatory authority, and for purposes of general guidance, would be based upon the Covid-19 Blaine County Risk Level Plan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) has continuously issued, updated as of July 27, 2021, *Interim Public Health Recommendations For Fully Vaccinated People* which now recommend even fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission, and that those persons might choose to wear a mask if they or persons in their households are immunocompromised or at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Guidelines encourages COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible individuals, that face coverings are strongly recommended per guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that people have very strong opinions regarding mandatory wearing of masks and vaccination and such opinions can lead to conflict or even violence, and it being desirable to maintain public harmony; and

WHEREAS, this Order was considered and approved by the mayor in accordance with provisions of Emergency Powers Ordinance No. 1290; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor, by summary enactment does issue this Advisory Public Health Emergency Order superseding any, and all, prior Emergency Public Health Orders, which Order shall be reviewed, considered and approved as issued or as amended by the Hailey City Council in a duly called Meeting of the Hailey City Council.

SECTION 1. FACE COVERINGS


It shall not be required that every person, when in any public place, completely cover their nose and mouth. All persons continue to be strongly encouraged to completely cover their nose and mouth when social distancing is not possible in public places, for their personal safety as well as that of their families, friends and community at large.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET DATE

This Emergency Order shall take effect upon execution as dated below and shall remain in effect until expiration, unless rescinded, superseded or amended by the Mayor or City Council.

ISSUED

August 10, 2021


Mayor, Martha Burke

ATTEST


Mary Cone, City Clerk

