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Hailey City Council Conforms Business Occupancy to State Stage 2 Stay Healthy Order

Face-Covering Requirements Remain in Effect

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Mayor and City Council met on Monday, November 23, 2020 to consider terms of its public health Order in relationship to the State Stage 2 Stay Healthy Order established by Idaho’s Governor on November 14, 2020. Hailey’s health Order was more restrictive than the State’s in some matters, and less restrictive in others. Conforming local policy to the State and neighboring jurisdictions has been one of the key guiding principles of the Hailey City Council, second only to the thoughtful protection of health and the curb of virus spread in the face of rising COVID-19 cases limiting the capacity of medical facilities to treat patients.

The decision to remain more restrictive than the State Order through the required use of face-coverings was agreed upon by all members of Hailey’s governing body. The Hailey City Council’s decision retained all the face-covering requirements of its previous Order. This mandate continues to exceed the requirements of the State, which has only recommended the use of face-coverings, except in long-term care facilities, where they are required by the State. In Hailey, face-coverings are required any time a person enters a public indoor space, and in outdoor spaces they are required when 6-foot physical distances cannot be maintained.

The city council did vote to alter Hailey’s order to conform to the State’s group size restrictions, which allows businesses to operate without limitation on the number of people within the business space, providing 6-foot physical distancing and proper sanitization occurs. Guidance for businesses is available on the State’s website, with a link in the State Order summary below.

Hailey’s Order and the State Stage 2 Order will continue to conform to one another in limitation on gatherings, both public and private, which are restricted to no more than 10 people, unless those people reside together in a single household. Hailey’s Order on outdoor gatherings will now also conform to the State Order, allowing only up to 10 people to gather in outdoor settings.

The adopted Order is available on the City of Hailey website <https://www.haileycityhall.org>. A summary of Hailey’s salient points of the new Order are listed below, as well as the State’s information pertaining to Idaho’s Stage 2 Stay Health Order of November 14, 2020.

- Face masks or face shields must be worn by all people occupying a public space with another person, subject to limited exceptions.
- Hand washing/sanitizing must be available and used at entrances to each business.
- A minimum of 6-feet must be maintained between people/parties within the same room in all businesses.
- Indoor group sizes both public and private may not exceed 10 people (except within businesses or places of worship).
- Outdoor group sizes both public and private may not exceed 10 people, unless one of the exemptions within the State Order applies.
- All businesses are required to post signage at each entrance in English and Spanish, which states that face coverings and hand washing/sanitization are required to enter and 6-foot distancing must be maintained within each business. There are no exceptions to the signage requirement.
- Businesses are prohibited from serving non-exempt customers who do not comply with face-coverings and distancing regulations, with penalties that could lead to a business being closed after continued service to non-exempt customers without face-coverings.

Idaho State Stage 2 Stay Healthy Order Summary

Business Protocols for Opening — Businesses opening their doors in various stages of the Idaho Rebound plan should have operational plans in place to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19. For business protocols available, click on <https://rebound.idaho.gov/business-specific-protocols-for-opening/>

INDIVIDUAL

All vulnerable Idahoans should self-isolate. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not always possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

Gatherings, both public and private, of more than 10 people, where appropriate physical distancing and precautionary measures are prohibited. **Find gatherings guidance here.**

EMPLOYER

Continue to encourage telework, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

Employees who are considered vulnerable individuals should continue to self-quarantine. Special accommodations for these employees should be made in the workplace if they are unable to work from home.

All open businesses should continue to follow protocols and plans. Click the link to view all protocols and guidance documents.
<https://rebound.idaho.gov/business-specific-protocols-for-opening/>

SPECIFIC TYPE EMPLOYER

Bars, restaurants, and nightclubs can operate with seating only.

Long-term care facilities are not allowed to operate without requiring