

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What should I know about **Blaine County's COVID-19 Risk Levels?**

- The full COVID-19 Blaine County Risk Level Plan is available at <https://www.haileycityhall.org/>
- The risk levels are applied to the entire county
- Risk levels are published weekly on Thursdays and can increase or decrease; find them here: <https://www.co.blaine.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/13171/Dashboard-10-15-2020?bidId=>
- The Risk Level Plan's mitigation strategies are **recommended preventative measures** for each risk level; the City Council may use this information to make decisions about imposing, maintaining or lifting health orders; a change in risk level does not automatically mean a change in local regulations
- In ALL risk levels, the mitigation strategies recommended in the Minimal Risk Level should be followed
- In addition to metrics determining exposure to risk, local officials will closely monitor and may take into consideration for movement to a different risk level the following:
  - Input from hospital partners, South Central Public Health District and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
  - Trends in COVID-19 testing, including turn-around time of test results
  - Epidemiological investigation capacity
  - COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths
  - Syndromic surveillance of emergency department visits with COVID-like symptoms

### Is there currently a **Health Order in effect in Hailey?**

Yes, the City of Hailey issued Health Order 2020-07, which went into effect at 12:00 a.m. on October 14, 2020. The order requires face coverings to be worn in indoor and outdoor public places and mandates for group size limitations and social distancing.

### What is the **face covering mandate?**

"Every person, shall, when in any indoor or outdoor public place, completely cover their nose and mouth when members of the public are physically present and within 6 feet."

### Are there exemptions to the face covering mandates in Hailey's Health Order?

Yes, the following exemptions exist:

- Children under the age of 5
- People who have a documented disability
- People for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines
- People obtaining a service involving nose, face or head, such as dental work

- People who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as the person is able to maintain 6 ft. away from people who are not members of the same household or party
- Outdoor public places where people can employ social distancing as recommended by the CDC

### **What is the **group size limitations and social distancing mandate?****

"All gatherings of non-household members shall maintain sixty-four (64) square feet of space per person in every indoor and outdoor space. No indoor gathering may exceed ten (10) persons, and no outdoor gathering may exceed fifty (50) persons, which limitations shall apply to all public and private property, private residences, business establishments of any and all type, unless herein below exempted."

### **Are there exemptions to the mandate on group size limitations and social distancing?**

Yes, the following exemptions exist:

- Schools, school property, grocery stores and health facilities
- Households with family units of more than ten people that permanently reside together
- Institutional facilities operated by government, taxing districts or registered non-profit organizations
- Private businesses, open to the public with or without invitation, that have adopted, implemented and posted visible COVID-19 mitigation strategies, including the ability to maintain 64 square feet of space per person in every indoor and outdoor space
- Businesses that have adopted, implemented and posted written instructions at all entrances, and in other prominent public places, clearly visible throughout the business, COVID-19 mitigation strategies, enforced by the business, including at a minimum, provision of hand sanitizer or hand washing stations at all entrances and the ability to maintain 64 square feet of space per person in every indoor and outdoor space therein and on said premises.

### **What is considered a "public place"?**

For the purposes of Hailey's Health Order, public places are any place that is open to all members of the public without specific invitation, including but not limited to, retail businesses, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions and public transportation.

### **How long is the Health Order in effect?**

Hailey's Health Order is effective as of 12:00 a.m. October 14, 2020, and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded or amended by the Mayor or City Council.

### **Which businesses are allowed to be open?**

According to the [State of Idaho's Stage 4 Stay Healthy Guidelines](#), all Idaho businesses are currently allowed operations at physical locations in the state of Idaho.

All businesses and governmental agencies should adhere to the physical distancing and sanitation requirements. Business specific protocols for reopening can be found by [clicking here](#).

**Can I go outside for exercise and recreation?**

Outdoor activity is allowed, but you should keep a distance of 6-feet from people outside of your household. Please wear a mask if close contact is unavoidable. Find more information on the [Recreate Responsibly Idaho](#) web page.

**Can the airport be closed?**

Only the Federal Aviation Administration has the authority to close Friedman Memorial Airport; a federally-obligated, public-use airport.

**Where can I find more information?**

More information can be found at: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> and at <https://haileycityhall.org>