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Hailey Mayor Removes Mask Mandate

New Order to Follow CDC Guidelines on Masking

(Hailey, Idaho) – Mayor Martha Burke has signed Hailey Public Health Order 2022-03, a new advisory Order that removes the requirement to wear face coverings in indoor public places within Hailey. Mayor Burke acted in accordance with a February 14, 2022 City Council discussion in which the council directed that face-covering requirements be summarily rescinded at such time that the Blaine County Dashboard is posted at a Moderate risk level. This posting occurred on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Hailey’s new Advisory Health Order 2022-03 will be posted and effective on Friday morning, March 11, 2022.

Hailey’s new advisory Order also redirect’s the city guidance from the South Central Public Health District’s data and guidance to CDC guidance. The Order states that every person should abide by the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels new guidance tool and take the recommended precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. While the current status of our community is Medium, it may fluctuate, from time to time, based on the new metrics. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. People are advised to take precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

The CDC guidelines are easily accessible at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.



Under the new guidance, notably, only at the High level is it directed that people wear a mask indoors in public, with additional precautions recommended for people at high risk for severe illness. It is no longer mandated that people wear face coverings in public places within the City of Hailey.

The Hailey City Council will consider the summarily issued order during its March 14, 2022 meeting, to be implemented for a term of 90 days.

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