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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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