

**CITY OF HAILEY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ADVISORY ORDER NO. 2022-03**

**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 of Orders addressing public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, 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 pursuant to 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, and extended as Ordinance 1297 on February 7, 2022, which latest extension remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code Sections 50-304 and 50-603 empower a City, by its Mayor and City Council, to make all regulations necessary to preserve public health, prevent the introduction of contagious disease into the city and for the enforcement of any health or quarantine ordinance and regulation thereof, 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 has, since then, continuously exercised its emergency police powers consistently therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) has continuously issued various interim Public Health Guidance concerning personal and public health measure to be taken to protect against COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, that guidance had deferred to local public health institution recommendations, such as that issued by South Central Health District in the form of the aforesaid COVID-19 Blaine County Risk Level Plan dashboard, that was published regularly and again this date, which Risk Level was reduced to moderate, becoming consistent with CDC's newly issued guidance too referenced herein, and

**WHEREAS**, on or about February 25, 2022, CDC issued new guidance in the form of *COVID-19 Community Levels* which recognizes current high levels of vaccination and high levels of population immunity have greatly reduced the risk of medically significant disease, hospitalization and death from COVID-19, and provides for consideration of COVID-19 hospitalizations in the community as well as the potential for strain on the local health systems when making decision about community prevention strategies, and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Community Level, County Check displays, as of this date, Blaine County to be in the **Medium** level wherein, if one is at high risk for severe illness, that person should talk to their health provider about whether they need to wear a mask and take other precautions; that people should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms; that people may choose to mask at any time; that people with symptoms, a positive test or exposure to someone with COVID should wear a mask.

**WHEREAS**, it being desirous to slow the spread of COVID-19 for the benefit of public health, business, education and the general public well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order was considered and approved by the mayor in accordance with provisions of Emergency Powers Ordinance 1297; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor, does issue this Public Health Emergency Advisory Order superseding any, and all, prior Emergency Public Health Orders.

### **SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF CDC COVID BY COUNTY GUIDANCE**

Henceforth the City of Hailey will rely on the new CDC COVID-19 Community Level Guidance. 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. Those guidelines are easily accessible at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>. 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. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

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.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET DATE**


This Advisory Emergency Health Order shall take effect upon execution and publication by posting, as dated below, and thereafter approval of City Council within seven (7) days thereof, and shall expire by operation of law, unless rescinded, superseded, or amended by the Mayor or City Council in advance of said date.

**ISSUED**

March 11, 2022

  
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Mayor, Martha Burke

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Mary Cone, City Clerk

