



**CITY OF SUN VALLEY
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2021-01
REQUIRING FACIAL COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, 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, the State of Idaho is in the Stage 4 Stay Healthy Guidelines, last updated on May 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, as of September 7, 2021, South Central Public Health District reported 51 new cases in Blaine County for the previous week, 1 of which was in Sun Valley; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and visitors of the City Sun Valley, as well as all other jurisdictions in the Wood River Valley, have been vigilant in following the standards asked of them in regard to mitigation protocols and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the citizens of Sun Valley to continue to have low case counts, minimal stress to our medical resources, and increasing vaccination rates; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to protect all citizens residents, and visitors in the Wood River Valley from the risks relating to the COVID-19 pandemic through the protection provided by wearing facial coverings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sun Valley does hereby adopt the following emergency health regulation, which shall be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended by the Mayor and/or City Council:

SECTION 1. FACE COVERINGS Every person, shall, when in any indoor public place, completely cover their nose and mouth, when members of the public are physically present for otherwise unprotected social interaction.

1. **DEFINITIONS:** For purposes of this Public Health Order:
 - i. "Public place" shall mean any place open to members of the public without specific invitation, including but not necessarily limited to, retail business

establishments, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, public transportation, including taxi cabs and ridesharing vehicles.

- ii. "Members of the public" shall mean persons not therein employed, present without invitation.

2. EXEMPTIONS:

- a. Children under the age of 5.
- b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
- c. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- d. Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- f. Persons 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 a distance of 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or party as the person.
- g. Persons who are engaged in indoor exercise, so long as they engage in social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

SECTION 2. PENALTIES Any person who violates any provisions of this Order, will be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$100.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND A SUNSET DATE This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 AM on September 15, 2021, and remain in effect until December 14, 2021 unless earlier rescinded or further amended and extended by the City Council.

ORDERED BY THE MAYOR ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.


Peter M. Hendricks, Mayor

Attest:


Nancy Flannigan, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.

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