

**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 81 ELKHORN ROAD, CITY OF SUN VALLEY, IDAHO**  
**May 17, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

**COVID-19 NOTICE:** A facial covering is required in the meeting and we ask that you maintain at least a six-foot distance from other individuals whenever possible. We strongly encourage you to submit comments prior to the meeting at [nflannigan@sunvalleyidaho.gov](mailto:nflannigan@sunvalleyidaho.gov). Livestream audio is available at [www.sunvalleyidaho.gov](http://www.sunvalleyidaho.gov). Scroll down and click on the green “Meeting Audio” button. Once on that page, look for the meeting under “Upcoming Events” at the top.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/STAFF REPORTS (45 min.)**

1. Discussion and possible action on Public Health Order 2020-05\* .....1.1

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting will conclude after the completion of agenda items or at the latest 12:00 PM. Any item under discussion or consideration at 12:00 PM will be completed. Any remaining items on the agenda will be scheduled for another meeting.

**\* Indicates a potential Action Item as required by Idaho Code 74-204 (4).**



**CITY OF SUN VALLEY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-05**  
**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**, 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**, the State of Idaho is in Stage 3 of the Idaho Rebounds Reopening Plan.

**WHEREAS**, as of March 23, 2021, Idaho was reporting 178,119 total cases of COVID-19, 99,387 of which have recovered; and Blaine County was reporting 2,229 total cases, 45 of which South Central Public Health District is monitoring; 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 the wearing of facial coverings and maintaining social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the citizens of Sun Valley to continue to have improving case counts, minimal threats 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 or outdoor 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. Outdoor public gatherings where a person can employ social distancing as recommended by the CDC.
- h. Brief outdoor encounters when recreating.
- i. 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 April 2, 2021, and remain in effect until July 1, 2021, unless earlier rescinded or further amended and extended by the City Council.

ORDERED BY THE MAYOR ON APRIL 1, 2021.



Peter M. Hendricks, Mayor

Attest:

  
Nancy Flannigan, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 1, 2021.

Attest:

  
Nancy Flannigan, City Clerk





# STAGE 4

**STATE OF IDAHO  
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
STAY HEALTHY GUIDELINES**

**May 11, 2021**

BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES MAY CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

ALL INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SHOULD ADHERE TO THE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4.

COVID-19 VACCINES ARE ENCOURAGED FOR ALL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

GATHERINGS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, SHOULD ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 2.

FACE COVERINGS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED PER GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC).

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

**THE GOVERNOR OF IDAHO AND DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FIND THAT:**

The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”) has resulted in a global pandemic, is present in Idaho, and has infected over 188,000 Idahoans, resulting in more than 2,000 deaths to date. The virus is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect public health and safety and safeguard the ability of public and private healthcare providers to handle an influx of new patients.

These Stage 4 Guidelines are based on evidence of a decrease in the incident rate per 100,000 of cases of COVID-19 within the State of Idaho; as well as, the advice and input of state epidemiologists, public health experts, and guidelines provided by CDC. These guidelines are also based on the scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant

portion of the population of the state places its citizens at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.

Some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. Because people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in transmission of the virus.

The most recent data from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare indicates that Idaho has a 7-day average of 8.6 cases per 100,000 population. According to the Brown School of Public Health, Idaho is currently is 11<sup>th</sup> best state in the country for cases. Idaho's positivity rate is at 4.3% of tests. On average, the daily number of newly admitted patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 to hospitals in Idaho is declining and 83% of hospitals are reporting care as normal.

Local health districts have traced reported infections to gatherings of people, including school-related events, social gatherings, and recreational events. In the judgment of public health officials, continuing to reduce or limit the size of these gatherings will reduce the spread of the virus in communities and protect vulnerable Idahoans. The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer the interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading. People who have completed the COVID-19 vaccine regimen have a substantially lower risk of obtaining and spreading COVID-19.

The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the pandemic, it is necessary to continue to slow virus transmission to protect Idaho's vulnerable population and to prevent the healthcare system from being overwhelmed. In consultation with state and federal epidemiologists and healthcare experts, these guidelines are intended to protect the lives and safety of Idahoans, preserve capacity in our healthcare system and slow the spread of COVID-19 by using COVID-19 prevention measures at public and private gatherings, encouraging face coverings in public per the CDC recommendations, encouraging individuals to maintain physical distancing whenever possible, and choosing to get vaccinated.

#### **STAY HEALTHY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **Vaccines.** COVID-19 vaccines are have had rigorous testing and are safe, highly effective and readily available. Getting vaccinated is an important element of slowing the spread of COVID-19. Getting a vaccine is encouraged.
2. **Gatherings.** As defined by the CDC, "gathering" means "a planned or spontaneous event, indoors or outdoors, with a small number of people participating or a large number of people in attendance such as a community event or gathering, concert, festival, conference, parade, wedding, or sporting event."

- a. Gatherings of any size are permitted if they adhere to the Physical Distancing and Sanitation Requirements in Section 4. Organizers of gatherings and events should consider local COVID-19 case rates when planning gatherings and events and contact their local public health district for consultation or questions.

3. **Face Coverings.**

- a. Individuals should wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as per guidance from CDC for vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
- b. Anyone who enters a long-term care facility or campus who is not a resident is required to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Exemptions. This does not apply to:
  - i. Children under the age of 5;
  - ii. Any person while consuming food or drink;
  - iii. Any person with a diagnosed medical condition, mental health condition, or disability which prevents wearing a face covering; or
  - iv. Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing for purposes of communication, or any person communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing.

4. **Physical Distancing and Sanitation Requirements.**

- a. Gathering and event organizers should:
  - i. Check the status of local COVID-19 case rates to inform planning;
  - ii. Provide adequate disinfection, sanitation and personal hygiene for guests;
  - iii. Provide for six (6) feet of spacing between guests to the extent possible;
  - iv. Host event outdoors, if possible, and if indoors provide for adequate ventilation; and
  - v. Assess staff and event hosts for symptoms of COVID-19 illness and if sick, exclude them from the event.
- b. Individuals not residing within the same household should maintain at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals whenever possible.
- c. Individuals should:

- i. Wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer;
  - ii. Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
  - iii. Regularly clean high-touch surfaces and not shake hands;
  - iv. Stay home if sick;
  - v. Wear face coverings per CDC guidance; and
  - vi. Follow additional protocols established in the Governor's Guidelines for Opening up Idaho published at <https://rebound.idaho.gov/>.
- d. Employers should:
- i. Develop and implement measures to ensure employees and customers maintain at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals whenever possible;
  - ii. Provide adequate sanitation and personal hygiene for employees, vendors, and patrons;
  - iii. Frequently disinfect commonly touched and high-traffic areas and regularly clean those areas;
  - iv. Identify how personal use items such as masks, face coverings, and gloves may be required by employees, vendors, and/or patrons;
  - v. Provide services while limiting close interactions with patrons;
  - vi. Identify strategies for addressing ill employees, which should include requiring COVID-19 positive employees to stay at home while infectious, and may include keeping employees who were directly exposed to the COVID-19 positive employee away from the workplace, and the closure of the business until the location can be properly disinfected;
  - vii. On a case by case basis consider other actions recommended in CDC's [Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#); and
  - viii. Implement additional protocols established in the Governor's Guidelines for Opening up Idaho and the business-specific protocols published at <https://rebound.idaho.gov/>.

5. The Stay Healthy Guidelines dated February 2, 2021 are superseded by these guidelines.