

CITY OF STANLEY RESOLUTION 2021-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR FACE COVERINGS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY ARE IN PUBLIC PLACES

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, 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, and;

WHEREAS, as of February 9, 2021, Idaho was reporting 166,095 total cases of COVID-19, and 1,780 deaths, and;

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that people are most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest) however some spread might be possible before people show symptoms although that is not the main way the virus spreads, and;

WHEREAS, variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus originating in the U.K, South Africa, and Brazil have recently appeared in the U.S. According to the CDC, "these variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. An increase in the number of cases will put more strain on health care resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths", and;

WHEREAS, the United States remains under a Presidential declaration of public health emergency due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, and;

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021 the Governor of Idaho declared a state of emergency related to the "occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19, and;

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Idaho Public Health District continues to recommend that, in

order to slow the spread of COVID-19, "individuals should stay home when they are sick, wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet (2meters) from others outside of one's household, and wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain", and;

WHEREAS, based on the average number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents and the COVID-19 positive test rate, Blaine County, Idaho remains in the critical COVID risk category, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Stanley and Blaine County share a common recreational economy as well as residential and other commercial ties resulting in frequent travel between the two areas, and;

WHEREAS, because the risk of COVID-19 community spread in the City of Stanley impacts the life and health of the public, it is, therefore, necessary to reduce opportunities for the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 to combat the spread of the disease, and;

WHEREAS, wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is an effective, inexpensive, and simple method of lessening community spread of the COVID-19 virus, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, Custer County, Idaho that:

Section 1. Whenever a person is in a public place and others who do not live in that person's household are present, the person is strongly encouraged to:

- wear a face covering that completely covers the person's nose and mouth,
- maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet (2 meters) from others where possible

"Public place" means any place, indoor or outdoor, that is open to the public and includes, but is not limited to, businesses or other establishments where people assemble and interact, or members of the general public may enter.

Section 2. Facial coverings are not expected to be worn under the following circumstances:

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- a. Children under the age of 5. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that children between the ages of 5 and 17 wear appropriate face coverings as identified under this Resolution.
- b. Persons with medical conditions that might prevent them from wearing or removing 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 they engage in physical distancing.
- g. Persons who are engaged in outdoor activities, work, recreation, or exercise, so long as they engage in physical distancing.
- h. Persons who are engaged in indoor exercise, so long as they engage in physical distancing.

Section 3: Persons are requested to follow CDC guidelines for mitigating COVID-19 transmission, especially the Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes, and the Guidelines for Hand Hygiene

Section 4. All individuals are requested, except as exempted above, to comply with these standards.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption and shall expire on March 31, 2021, unless repealed.

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Authorized by the City Council the 11^{th} day of February and signed in open session in authentication of its adoption.

City Council President

The Mayor Concurring:

The Honorable Mayor, Steve Botti

ATTEST

City Clerk

S. OUDOLIZA.