

Resolution No. 2020-04

A RESOLUTION MANDATING REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 216 countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, there were 18,649 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Idaho as of July 28, 2020, and 55 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Shoshone County as of July 28, 2020, as well as the presence of community spread in Idaho and Shoshone County. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus, specifically stating that, in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-Co V-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally [...] The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems [...] Additional measures [...] are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States”; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Idaho, stating that with no confirmed cases in Idaho at that time, Idaho was in the best position to be proactive and get ahead of the impact coronavirus could have in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Kellogg City Council affirmed the declaration of a State of Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Idaho citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk; and

WHEREAS, a large number of persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system in Shoshone County to deliver necessary healthcare to the public; and

WHEREAS, there are vulnerable populations in the Kellogg area with residents at high risk for exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure; and

WHEREAS, face coverings reduce droplet dispersal. Cloth-based coverings reduce emission of particles by variable amounts, for example one study showed that they are almost completely eliminated; and

WHEREAS, evidence indicates that face covering wearing reduces the transmissibility per contact by reducing transmission of infected droplets in both laboratory and clinical contexts. Public face covering wearing is most effective at stopping the spread of the virus when compliance is high; and

WHEREAS, guidelines published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on April 3, 2020, recommend that all people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures may be difficult to maintain. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others; and

WHEREAS, orders requiring face coverings in total or in part are already in place statewide in many U.S. states and in many local areas in other U.S. states; and

WHEREAS, Panhandle Health District ordered a face mask mandate for Kootenai County, Idaho on July 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, decreased transmissibility due to face covering use could substantially reduce the death toll and economic impact while the cost of the intervention is low; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 611, the City Council does declare and issue a Public Health Emergency Order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLOGG, SHOSHONE COUNTY, IDAHO, having duly met on July 29, 2020, at an Emergency City Council Meeting, which was properly noticed and open to the public, and having fully considered the matter at hand, that:

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 Emergency Order “public place” shall mean any place open to all members of 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. "Members of the public" shall mean persons not therein employed, present without invitation.

2. EXEMPTIONS:

- a. Children under the age of 5.
- b. Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot medically tolerate 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 places where a person can employ social distancing as recommended by Panhandle Health District and CDC where 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.
- h. Persons who are engaged in indoor exercise, so long as they engage in social distancing.

SECTION 2. PENALTIES

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

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET DATE

This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m., on July 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until August 30, 2020 unless extended by the City Council.

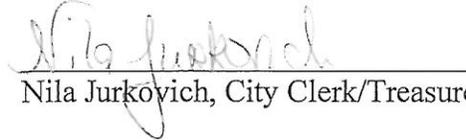
PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Kellogg this 29th day of July 2020,

APPROVED:



Mac Pooler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nila Jurkovich, City Clerk/Treasurer