ORDER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE OF IDAHO

ORDER OF RESTRICTION – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Madison County

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19") is easily transmitted from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

The CDC reports that recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

In addition to basic public health mitigation strategies of staying home when you are sick and washing your hands or using hand sanitizer to reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people physical distance (maintain a space of 6 feet from others) from non-household members as well as wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Furthermore, COVID-19 is easily transmitted in group settings and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.

The rate of COVID-19 infections reported to Eastern Idaho Public Health for Madison County, Idaho, has exceeded the established threshold of 10/10,000 for three consecutive days in accordance with EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan, which outlines restrictions for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Social gatherings and events, both public and private, are restricted to a maximum occupancy in the venue that provides for approximately 28 square feet per person (area of a 3-foot radius) based on the area patrons and gathering/event staff, participants, and/or performers will be situated for the gathering/event. It is required that physical distancing of at least 6 feet be maintained between non-household members while seated/positioned at the gathering/event. Gathering/event organizers must ensure physical distancing be maintained at ticket booths, entrances, exits, restrooms, concessions, or any other locations within the venue.

2. Every person is required to wear a face covering that completely covers the person's nose and mouth when the person is in a public place and other non-household members are present and physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.
   A. "Face Covering" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face in compliance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance on wearing Face Coverings. A Face Covering may be factory-made or may be handmade and improvised from ordinary household materials.

   B. "Public Place" shall mean any place, indoor or outdoor, that is open to all members of the public without specific invitation, including but not necessarily limited to retail business establishments, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, outdoor public areas, including but not limited to public parks, trails, streets, sidewalks, lines for entry, exit, or service, when a distance of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained from any non-household member.

   C. Facial coverings are not required to be worn under the following circumstances:
      a. Children under the age of 2.
      b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevent them from wearing a face covering. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot tolerate wearing a face covering.

c. Persons who are hearing impaired or are 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 are seated at a table and able to maintain a distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or party as the person. This exemption does NOT apply to entry, exit, or other movement through the facility.

g. Persons actively engaged in competition, training, or practice that involves strenuous physical activity when wearing a face covering is not feasible. Physical distancing from other persons should be maintained as much as possible.

3. This Order shall become effective immediately, and will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the authorized representative of the Board of Health, Geri L. Rackow, District Director.

4. Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order could constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (Idaho Code § 39-419)

5. To decrease the spread of COVID-19, the cities within Madison County may enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in this Order.

6. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

7. Madison County and each city within must promptly provide copies of the Order as follows: (1) by posting the Order on its website, (2) by posting the Order at the county courthouse and each city hall, and (3) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting it. The Order will also be posted on the website of Eastern Idaho Public Health.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2020.

Geri L. Rackow

Geri L. Rackow, District Director
Eastern Idaho Public Health