COEUR D'ALENE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FOR JULY 24, 2020, 12:00 NOON
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

1. (Action Item) Resolution No. 20-041- Requiring the use of face coverings in indoor or outdoor public places, with certain exceptions, to help reduce the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19.

B. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is aired live on CDA TV Spectrum Cable Channel 1301 and on Facebook live through the City’s Facebook page.

NOTE: The City will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending this meeting who require special assistance for hearing, physical or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at (208) 769-2231 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, PROVIDING THAT ALL PERSONS IN THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the United States; 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 were imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, beginning on March 25, 2020, Governor Little, by way of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order of the Director, issued multiple state-wide orders, all with the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Idaho.

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, Governor Little entered, in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Guidelines of the Director, guidelines titled “State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Stay Healthy Guidelines,” with an effective date of June 13, 2020, providing guidelines for reopening certain businesses and permitting certain activities in Stage 4 of the State’s reopening plan (“Stay Healthy Guidelines - Stage Four”);

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread throughout Coeur d’Alene and Kootenai County impacts the life and health of the public, and imperils public health by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to reduce opportunities for the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 to combat the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, both the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the White House have recommended practices to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, including the recommendation that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and
WHEREAS, recently, the Panhandle Health District (“PHD”) began reporting a significant increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the northern five counties in Idaho on a daily basis, most recently reporting one-hundred seven (107) new cases on July 16; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing and urgent need to protect all residents of, employees in, and visitors to the City of Coeur d’Alene from the risks relating to the COVID-19 pandemic through the protection provided by wearing face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d’Alene finds it necessary to implement a requirement to wear facial coverings under certain circumstances to build on and strengthen the strategies of PHD, the CDC, and the State of Idaho to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Coeur d’Alene by mitigating any negative repercussions of reopening the community due to Coeur d’Alene’s population, tourism industry, and the scope of services offered by the City; and

WHEREAS, under Idaho Code § 50-304, the City is authorized to pass all ordinances and make all regulations necessary to preserve the public health, prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the City, and to make quarantine laws for that purpose and enforce the same within the City limits, any health or quarantine ordinance and regulation thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d’Alene that:

Section 1. Face Coverings Required. Every person shall, when in any indoor or outdoor public place, wear a cloth or surgical face covering that completely cover the nose and mouth except as provided herein.

Section 2. Definition. For purposes of this Resolution, the term “public place” shall mean any place open to members of public without specific invitation, including but not necessarily limited to, retail business establishments, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, and public transportation, including taxi cabs and ridesharing vehicles.

Section 3. Exceptions. The following are excepted from the requirement of covering their nose and mouth in any indoor or outdoor public place:

A. Children under the age of five (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 who 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 first responders, 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.

E. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head during 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 people can employ social distancing as recommended by CDC.

H. Indoor recreational facilities (i.e., gyms and fitness facilities) where people can employ social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

Section 4. Penalty and Enforcement. Individuals and businesses within the City of Coeur d’Alene are urged to voluntarily comply with this Resolution. The City will make efforts to educate individuals and businesses to achieve compliance. Violations of this Resolution shall constitute and infraction and will be subject to a fine of One hundred dollars ($100.00).

Section 5. Costs. No person shall be entitled to recover from the City of Coeur d’Alene any costs incurred, or profits lost, as may be attributed to the enactment of this Resolution.

Section 6. Severability. To the extent any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person or business is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution, including any application thereof, shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Resolution are severable.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 24, 2020, and remain in full force and effect for thirty (30) days unless it is terminated, modified or extended at an earlier date.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2020.

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod, City Clerk
Motion by , Seconded by , to adopt the foregoing resolution.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBER MCEVERS Voted
COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER Voted
COUNCIL MEMBER GOOKIN Voted
COUNCIL MEMBER EVANS Voted
COUNCIL MEMBER ENGLISH Voted
COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD Voted
COVID-19 spreads mainly 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. 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.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.
Kootenai Health Position on Masking in Public

July 16, 2020

Since April 22, Kootenai Health has required all employees, patients and visitors in the hospital and clinics to wear a facemask. Since July 2, because of increasing community rates of COVID-19 infection and the success seen in our clinical areas, Kootenai has required all 3,500 employees in every Kootenai Health facility to wear a mask. These measures have resulted in a significantly lower rate of transmission in Kootenai employees than in health care workers across the nation.

As health care leaders, Kootenai Health staff and physicians have dedicated thousands of hours to understanding, preparing for and caring for those affected by COVID-19. After observing the spread of COVID-19 in northern Idaho and other parts of the world, it is clear that wearing a mask helps prevent the transmission of COVID-19. It is Kootenai Health’s position that everyone should wear a protective facemask when out in public.

While our primary focus is health care, we are also community members who want to see our local economy and school districts thrive. We understand the significant hardship lockdowns have on local businesses, and the impact school closures have on our children and families. Kootenai wants to avoid lockdowns and focus on practical solutions.

Masking has been proven to significantly slow the spread of COVID-19. It is as simple as that. The choice is ours; wear masks, slow the spread, keep businesses open and give our schools the best possible environment for re-opening, or do nothing while COVID-19 sweeps through our community. At Kootenai Health, we will be wearing masks. We hope you will join us.