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McCall City Council extends the mask mandate for another 30 days

McCall Leaders choose to protect the health and safety of their public by extending the mask requirement and tightening up the details of enforcement.

Since July 2nd, 2020, McCall has been under a mask mandate. Requiring masks in all spaces of McCall indoors and even outdoors when 6 ft distance cannot be maintained. Tonight, July 30th, McCall City Council gathered for another special meeting to extend that order for an additional 30 days.

Community transmission was originally identified in Valley County on June 25, 2020, and since McCall has seen an increase in cases reported in the area as well as many positive tests attributed to other locations.

Once again, the McCall community answered the request for public comments by sending in more than three hundred requests to continue the mask requirement during the week prior to the meeting. "We can always count on our citizens to lead the way for City Council, we have a wonderfully supportive community that is dedicated putting our people's health first," said Mayor Bob Giles.

The majority of the McCall City Council sees the mask requirement as the answer to keep McCall healthy, open and in business. Dr. Irvine and Amber Green of St. Luke's McCall took the time to update Council on current conditions at the hospital, statistics and encourage them to extend the order. Officials also considered the opinions of Police Chief, Justin Williams, regarding enforcement who believes that it's important for the public to see the penalty in not adhering to the order. "Our police department always looks for compliance through education, but in the case that someone is violating the order, having a clear direction for officers is imperative."

City of McCall, Idaho's Outdoor Playground, remains open for responsible recreation opportunities and we look forward to sharing our town with our masked visitors. For Frequently asked questions regarding the mask requirement visit www.mccall.id.us/maskupmccall | www.maskupmccall.com | # Maskupmccall

Things to know before you go:

- In McCall, masks are required in all indoor areas and in outdoor settings when 6ft distance cannot be maintained.
- You may receive a civil penalty of \$100 if you do not comply.
- McCall is open to travelers, but mask wearing is now required for all.
- Payette Lake is open as usual for boating, swimming and fishing, etc.
- Businesses may have protective protocols in place, such as special hours or curbside service.

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