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McCall City Council unanimously approves an advisory order to encourage compliance with CDH Recommended Actions.

Today, January 7, 2021, McCall City Council voted to approve and implement immediately, an advisory order that hopes to minimize and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. The advisory supports the original Central District Health (CDH) Advisory dated November 17th, 2020 and specifically urges all employees, employers, customers, patrons, residents, and visitors in the City of McCall to comply when possible with the seven-section order.

The advisory's seven-section order urges all employees, employers, customers, patrons, residents, and visitors in the City of McCall to comply with the following guidance: abide by the mask order; work from home if feasible, minimize non-essential travel, suspend visits to congregate living facilities, avoid social gatherings with others who do not live in your immediate household, if 65 years of age or older or those with health conditions to avoid contact with anyone outside their household; special recommended guidance for businesses, places of worship, non-school sports, bars and gyms.

In addition to the November 17th CDH Health Advisory for ADA, Boise, Elmore and Valley Counties, this advisory order is intended to further support the August 11, 2020, face covering public health order currently in effect for Valley County and the Stage 2 order put in place by Governor Little and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on November 13, 2020.

Recently local hospital personnel and CDH staff reported to the Mayor and City Council that they are seeing an increase of positive tests and as tourist destination McCall and Valley county have the potential to add to the current level community spread. In passing this order, McCall City Council signifies the importance to comply with the all steps outlined in the advisory to protect our local community and our visitors.

Major concerns from medical professionals continue that if COVID-19 spreads in Valley County at a rate like other affected areas in Idaho, it may overwhelm the resources and capacity of city and county governments, public health agencies, and healthcare providers in providing essential services. An outbreak may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services.

Regional health systems in Idaho have indicated they are strained with COVID-19 patients and if trends continue, they will struggle to provide appropriate levels of care for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients. The total numbers reported in Idaho as of December 31, 2020, Idaho were 139,864 total cases of COVID-19, including 1,403 deaths to date.

McCall City Council authorized the capacity for public health emergency orders, including Advisory Orders in Ordinance 995 on November 5, 2020 as allowed by Idaho law. The Health Advisory Order will remain in effect for forty-five (45) days unless rescinded, superseded, amended, or extended by the City Council.

Read the complete order: mccall.id.us/safetyfirst | www.maskupmccall.com | mccall.id.us/newsevents