

**TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TETON COUNTY, WYOMING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-017**

**TETON COUNTY HEALTH BUILDING/TETON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS CENTER/TETON COUNTY COURTHOUSE/HANSEN  
COURTHOUSE**

**FACE COVERING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Wyoming, met in regularly scheduled and public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at the Teton County Administration Building, located at 200 S. Willow Street, in Jackson, Wyoming, and declared a state of emergency for Teton County, Wyoming due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, respiratory droplets from infected individuals are a major mode of SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Droplets do not only come from coughing or sneezing: in a- /pre-symptomatic individuals, droplets are generated via talking and breathing. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), may be broadcast in respiratory droplets "from normal breathing;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Teton County Health Building has many different people entering for a myriad of different medical reasons. Due to the medical nature of the use of the health building, the county will require face coverings upon entry into the Teton County Health Building and then staff can determine if the mask needs to remain worn throughout the visit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Teton County Health Department has requested that the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution to require that face masks be required upon entry into the Teton County Health Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is the building in which emergency operations are conducted throughout an emergency situation including through the COVID pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Coordinator has requested that the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution to require that face masks be required upon entry into the Teton County Emergency Management Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teton County Courthouse and the Hansen Courthouse require many individuals to remain present in a courtroom for a long period of time in some circumstances. For that reason, individuals will be required to wear a face covering upon entry into either courthouse, and the face covering shall remain on in all public areas of the two courthouses. However, each office or judge may determine if the face covering needs to remain on during the individual's entire visit to that particular office or courtroom depending on the discretion of that particular office or judge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courts and Offices of the Teton County Courthouse and Hansen Courthouse have requested that the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution to require that individuals be required to wear a face covering in public areas of the two courthouses; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that having duly met on May 3, 2021, at a regularly scheduled meeting, which was properly noticed and open to the public, and having fully considered the matter at hand, the Board of County Commissioners hereby orders as follows:

1. All members of the public entering the Teton County Courthouse (2<sup>nd</sup> floor or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor) or the Hansen Courthouse must wear a face covering in all public areas of the courthouses and maintain at least six feet of separation from all other persons, unless they are family members. After entry, individual offices or courts can determine if the face covering should remain on throughout the visit to that particular office or courtroom.
2. All members of the public entering the Teton County Health Building shall be required to wear a face covering. After entry the staff can determine if the face covering needs to remain on during the individual's visit.
3. All members of the public entering the Teton County Emergency Operations Center shall be required to wear a face covering. After entry the staff can determine if the face covering needs to remain on during the individual's visit.
4. "Face Covering," as used in this Order, 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.
5. A Face Covering is not required under the following circumstances:
  - a. When a person is in a personal office (a single room) where others outside of that person's household are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the room, but that individual must put on a Face Covering when they are within 6 feet of a client, customer, volunteer, worker, or other member of the public.
  - b. Children who are under 12 years of age. However, children 3 to 11 years of age are encouraged to wear Face Coverings.
  - c. If a person has a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents him or her from wearing a Face Covering. This includes, by way of example, but is not limited to, persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance. A person is not required to provide any documentation or explanation demonstrating that the person cannot wear a Face Covering for any medical condition, mental health condition, or disability.
  - d. Individuals who are hearing impaired, or communicating with an individual who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
  - e. Individuals for whom wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the individual related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal workplace safety guidelines.
  - f. When law enforcement asks an individual to remove a Face Covering for identification purposes.

6. This resolution and specifically the requirement to wear a face covering in the Teton County Courthouse, the Hansen Courthouse, the Teton County Emergency Operations Center, and the Teton County Health Building shall expire on June 30, 2021 unless sooner ended by resolution.

RATIFIED AND AFFIRMED ON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



Natalia D. Macker, Chairwoman  
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

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Attest:

  
Maureen E. Murphy, Teton County Clerk



