RESOLUTION 69-2021

A RESOLUTION FOR THE LIFTING OF THE MANDATORY MASK ORDER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners trust Washington County Citizens and businesses to take personal responsibility for themselves and their business to best protect their lives and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2021, Governor Polis has released control on pandemic orders to Local Government due to the pandemic nearing an end; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Board of County Commissioners and the Northeast Colorado Health Department are implementing a recommendation mask order for County residents and businesses other than those regulated in Colorado Executive Order D2021 079; and

WHEREAS, there will be no enforced local restrictions; and

WHEREAS, businesses may remove "mandatory mask signs" if they so desire; and

WHEREAS, citizens may continue to wear masks, if they so desire, as it is a personal decision; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of further orders from the State or the Northeast Colorado Health Department, the Board of County Commissioners will continue to encourage personal responsibility, good hygiene, and the personal choice of County residents to be vaccinated; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO have lifted the mandatory mask order for Washington County, and this resolution shall not limit the authority or County businesses to implement their own COVID-19 restrictions if so desired.

The foregoing Resolution was presented at a regular meeting held of the Washington County Commissioners held on the 20th day of April 2021, by Commissioner Wells, who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and on roll call vote, all votes being yes, the resolution was adopted.

Chairman

Commissioner

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Citizens of Washington County

04/14/2021

The Washington County Commissioners, in consultation with the Northeast Colorado Health Department, after careful consideration of the last 7 days of disease rate review which are as follows:

New Cases: 2

Incidence per 100,000: 42.2 Test Positivity Rate: 1.3%

We therefore wish to exercise our right of local control to lift the face covering mandate to a level of recommendation or suggestion. Exceptions outlined in Colorado Executive Order D2021 079 shall remain that face coverings shall only be required for those entities listed in Section II Part A which are as follows:

II. Directives

- A. In all counties, medical or non-medical cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required to be worn by individuals age eleven (11) and older when entering or within the following public and private settings:
- 1. Preschool through grade 12 schools (including extracurricular activities), child care centers and services, and indoor children's camps;
- 2. Public areas of state government facilities, and areas in state government facilities where members of the public come into contact with state government employees;
- 3. Congregate care facilities, including nursing facilities, assisted living residences, intermediate care facilities, and group homes;
- 4. Prisons:
- 5. Jails:
- 6. Emergency medical and other healthcare settings (including hospitals, ambulance service centers, urgent care centers, non-ambulatory surgical structures, clinics, doctors' offices, and non-urgent care medical structures);
- 7. Personal services, as defined by Public Health Order (PHO) 20-36; and
- 8. Limited healthcare settings, as defined by PHO 20-36.

This shall be effective April 16th, 2021 at 7am.

Lea/Ann Laybourn

Chairman

Tony N. Wells

Commissioner

Kent Vance Commissioner

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Northeast Colorado Health Department

Trish McClain, Public Health Director