



November 23, 2020

**This message is to inform you of a recent Emergency Order issued by the Boise Mayor that affects IYR.**

Idaho Youth Ranch has consistently followed the orders issued by local government and health officials in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. **On November 19, Boise Mayor Lauren McClean issued Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-13. It takes effect on November 23 and applies to all businesses and individuals in the City of Boise. We will comply with the Mayor's order in all our Boise locations. This will require some modifications to our existing safety protocols as described below.**

**Emergency Order 20-13 requires that when they are outside of their residence every person must:**

- 1. Maintain at least 6 feet minimum physical distance from non-household members whenever possible.**
- 2. Wear a face covering that completely covers their nose and mouth when they are in a "public place."**
  - A "public place" is any place open to members of the public without specific invitation.
  - This includes retail businesses, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, public transportation (including taxi cabs and ridesharing vehicles), and outdoor public areas (including public parks, trails, streets, sidewalks, and lines for entry, exit, or service).
  - Exceptions to the mask requirement include:
    - Children under the age of 2;
    - Persons with medical or mental health conditions or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering - documentation is not required;
    - Persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, or who are communicating with one who is deaf or hearing impaired where ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- 3. Individuals should:**
  - Wash hands with soap & water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer;
  - Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
  - Regularly clean high-touch surfaces; not shake hands; and
  - Stay home if sick.

**All our Boise facilities except Hays House are considered "public places" under the Emergency Order, including the Nagel Center. This means all individuals other than Hays House staff must be masked at all times on IYR property within the City of Boise, regardless of social distancing and whether the individual is outdoors or inside a building.**

- As before, masks may be removed when an individual is working alone in a private office or similar private work area where they will not encounter other individuals while unmasked.

**The Mayor's Emergency Order provides for Penalties and Enforcement for individuals and businesses.**

- **Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of Emergency Order 20-13 is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.**
- **Any business licensed by the City of Boise that operates in violation of Emergency Order 20-13, or any other order, law, or local ordinance issued by government or health authorities, may be subject to immediate business license suspension or revocation.**

The Mayor invited Boise residents who have concerns about businesses that refuse to follow public health orders to file a complaint by calling the City Clerk. The City will then inspect the business. Businesses found in violation may have their license suspended at least 10 days on the first violation, 20 days for the second violation, and a year for a third violation.

The Mayor also pledged police assistance to businesses when customers refuse to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. Boise Police will issue citations or arrest those individuals once they have been asked to leave the business.

Emergency Order 20-13 remains in effect unless it is terminated, modified, or extended.