



City of Ketchum

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Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
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Recommendation To Provide Direction on Mask Protocols

Recommendation and Summary

Staff is requesting Council direction if city employees should be required to wear masks in the workplace and mask protocols for public meetings in the council chamber.

Current Practice

Similar to other office and work-place environments in Ketchum where public access is restricted, City of Ketchum employees do not wear masks in the workplace unless physical distancing cannot be maintained or they are in in close contact with the public. All employees in city facilities follow this protocol. This includes water and wastewater, streets, facilities, recreation, and city hall. It is important all city employees follow the same standard. An office employee working in city hall is no different than an office employee working in another city facility. These protocols were established after input and discussion with department directors and is consistent with Health Order 20-03.

In the council chamber during meetings of the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and KURA, Commissioners and Council are not required to wear a mask because each person in the room is at least six feet apart and the public is not present in the room. Council and Commissioners may participate remotely if they choose. The Mayor is proposing masks be worn by all attendees participating in a public meeting in the council chamber.

Based on Council discussion at the last meeting, staff is seeking direction on the mask protocols Council wants city employees to follow while in the workplace and the protocols for Council, Commissioners, and staff when attending public meetings in the council chamber.