

**CITY OF KETCHUM  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM,  
IDAHO, RECOMMENDING TO SUPPORT THE BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT'S GOAL TO CONTINUE IN-SCHOOL LEARNING; MAINTAIN  
ADEQUATE HOSPITAL CAPACITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY;  
PROTECT THE CURRENT LABOR SHORTAGE DUE TO COVID INFECTIONS  
AMONGST EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS; AND PROVIDE FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other through respiratory droplets; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

**WHEREAS**, infection rates in Idaho have significantly increased in urban areas in recent weeks, and Blaine County and the City of Ketchum are experiencing a rise in the numbers of verified cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Blaine County School District has mandated mask wearing for students and staff, and a modified schedule to ensure in-school learning throughout the entire school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency services and local healthcare facilities have limited capacity to handle a significant increase in COVID-19 confirmed cases in Blaine County, while healthcare facilities statewide are reaching capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare facilities operating at or above capacity may result in reduced healthcare availability to persons with COVID or with any other illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Ketchum's labor shortage could be amplified with more local COVID exposure.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council support the efforts made to ensure in-school learning, minimize use of emergency services at our local healthcare facilities and protect the compromised state of Ketchum's labor shortage, and hereby recommend that all Ketchum residents and visitors wear a mask in indoor public places and outside where social distancing is not possible.

This resolution will remain in full effect upon its adoption this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tara Fenwick, City Clerk