THE CITY OF MOSCOW

MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first declared a public health emergency of international concern on January, 30, 2020 by the World Health Organization (WHO), and on March 11, 2020 the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a threat to all in our community including our health care system and our schools; and

WHEREAS, the vaccine for COVID-19 was first approved by the FDA on August 23, 2021 and is considered the most effective tool to protect yourself from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2021, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen declared that conditions exist in Public Health Districts 1 and 2 to activate crisis standards of care; the conditions in North Idaho, specifically at Kootenai Health in Coeur d’ Alene, were identified as particularly dire; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, Gritman Medical Center (GMC) issued a statement indicating it has not moved to Crisis Standards of Care at this time; GMC has established a dedicated COVID-19 patient care unit in its hospital, which has been at capacity on several occasions; GMC stated the vast majority of its hospitalized and seriously ill COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated; GMC strongly recommends choosing to receive the vaccine to protect yourself, wearing a mask, washing your hands, keeping social distance, and limiting gatherings with those outside your immediate household as effective methods to help slow the spread; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2021, the Moscow School District opened its doors for five (5) days-a-week of in-person instruction with the requirement of wearing face coverings within their buildings, and as a result the schools to date have reported zero (0) in-building transmissions and have been able to remain open; Moscow School District Board of Trustees voted to retain the requirement to wear face coverings throughout the first semester of the school year; and

WHEREAS, in order to help reduce the spread of this virus I encourage our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spreading of this virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, do hereby proclaim and issue this Advisory in the City of Moscow, Latah County, Idaho as follows:
1. All eligible individuals, please choose to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

2. Follow the recommendations of our health care experts by:
   a. Getting vaccinated.
   b. Wearing face coverings indoors when you are unable to maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from those not in your household.
   c. Frequently washing or sanitizing your hands.

3. Follow the guidelines specific to your situation and your business type provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health-Idaho North Central District, and the CDC.

This proclamation shall remain in effect until further notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 24th day of September, 2021.

Bill Lambert

ATTEST:

Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk