

# ***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.

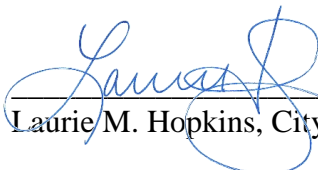
This proclamation shall remain in effect until further notice.

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



  
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Bill Lambert

ATTEST:

  
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Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk