



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OURAY COUNTY ANNOUNCES MANDATORY FACE COVERING ORDER

The Ouray County Board of Health has passed a Mandatory Mask Order that was recommended by the COVID-19 Policy Group (Board of County Commissioners, Ouray City Council, and Ridgway Town Council). When you are out and about, wear a face covering when you can't maintain 6ft of physical distancing or when you enter a building. Your face covering protects those you encounter from potential asymptomatic transmission of the virus. Those who show no signs of illness can still transmit the COVID-19 virus from person-to-person.

We remind our community members to continue doing their part in maintaining their physical distance during the Safer at Home order. We live in a beautiful community and with the great weather many of us are wanting to get out and enjoy the sunshine. If you are outside exercising or taking care of essential errands, please continue to keep your distance from others and wear your face covering. This not only protects you, but protects others. This is our community's best way to continue to function in the midst of a deadly virus.

Ways that you can continue to protect yourselves, family members and community members:

- ✓ Stay home
- ✓ Wash your hands, often
- ✓ Disinfect hard surfaces frequently
- ✓ Cover your sneeze and coughs
- ✓ Practice social distancing
- ✓ Wear a mask if you go out and are around people
- ✓ Avoid people who are sick

And if you become sick:

- ✓ Self-Isolate. If possible, keep yourself isolated from other people in your household. If you develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath you may need to call your healthcare provider. But please call your healthcare provider first, do not show up unannounced. Ouray County Public Health Agency has testing available for symptomatic individuals and close contacts of confirmed cases by appointment only.

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