

# PRESS RELEASE



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REXBURG, IDAHO – To the residents of Madison County, and to local business and community leaders:

We the undersigned join together in one collective voice, regarding all efforts to combat the current pandemic, including Eastern Idaho Public Health’s recent health order, which includes a face covering mandate for Madison County.

“United We Stand Against COVID-19” is the name of the campaign, created by this collective committee, to help stop the spread of COVID-19. In order to slow the rapid transmission of this virus within our community, we combine our efforts and voices to unitedly stand in support of wearing face coverings in public, in addition to the current physical distancing and other health-conscious recommendations we have been asked to follow. We hereby call upon all community leaders, local business owners, and citizens to exercise good judgment to protect themselves and others from the current pandemic by doing so.

We understand the devastating effect mass closures can have on our local businesses and schools. It is unfortunate that asymptomatic individuals may unknowingly be spreading this disease, unaware of the danger they are causing to others. We must protect ourselves, as well as the most vulnerable in our families and our community, and we must avoid the possibility of overwhelming our healthcare system.

Let’s all pull together by demonstrating 100% compliance to this mandate and do our part to keep our community open and remove all restrictions.

It’s a pleasure for us to serve in this outstanding community. May it ever be so.

Respectfully,

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Hospital*

Brent Mendenhall  
*Commissioner, Madison  
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Jerry Merrill  
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