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“Grundy County Health Department Extends Public Health Order Requiring Masks”

The Grundy County Health Department and Grundy County Health Officer Elizabeth Gibson have elected to extend the Public Health Order requiring masks for another 60 days beginning February 12, 2021.

According to the Order:

- Except as otherwise provided in this Public Health Order all persons age ten years old and above who are present within the jurisdiction of the County of Grundy are required to wear a clean Face Covering or Mask any time they are, or will be, in contact with other people who are not household members.
- All public facilities and businesses that are open to the public shall post a sign at all entrances that face coverings or masks are required to be worn inside the facility or business.

“We are at a critical juncture: the numbers are improving and the vaccine is now available. But it is too soon to relax our vigilance, we must continue our precautions so we keep making forward progress. Mask usage has been proven to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Elizabeth Gibson of the Grundy County Health Department.

“We are grateful to our local businesses, employers, churches, and other organizations for taking steps to protect their patrons, workers, and members, and doing all they can to make Grundy County a safer place to live, work, and visit.”

Other strategies for reducing the spread of COVID-19 are:

- Stay home if you are ill, even if your symptoms feel mild
- Practice social distancing and avoid group gatherings
- Wash your hands often
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces
- Seek vaccination at the earliest opportunity

Grundy County is currently in Category 3: Serious Risk according to Governor Parson’s Public Health Warning issued on November 19. Criteria for Risk Categories can be found here:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/advisory-20201119.pdf>

The full text of the order can be found on the Grundy County Health Department website,
www.grundycountyhealth.org.

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