

# Mayor's Newsletter



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## Face Coverings

The City Council and I have a simple message for you – Wear a face covering.

Why have I issued a proclamation, and why has the City Council approved a resolution asking people to wear a face covering? While neither of the actions are mandates, the actions do resoundingly say we encourage everyone to wear a mask when you can't maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

Masks aren't to protect you. They're to protect all those you come in contact with, especially those who are among the most

vulnerable in our community. As I've said before, you don't wear a face covering for you. You wear one for the grandma with diabetes, the dad with high blood pressure, the child with asthma and those battling cancer.

There's also new research published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* saying that wearing a mask does protect you to some degree. According to researchers, wearing a face covering reduces the amount of virus-carrying droplets you inhale and lowers the risk of you becoming seriously ill. We

all know that face coverings will not stop the spread of the virus. However, it will definitely slow the spread of COVID-19.

I agree face coverings are uncomfortable. They can make communication awkward. But, for your health and the health of our community, please wear your face covering. Each time you do, you're helping to save lives and keep Idaho open.

Thank you for helping keep Pocatello a safe place to live and do business. As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

## Message from SIPH

As we continue our battle with COVID-19, one thing has become clear: we have a small toolbox when it comes to preventing this very serious illness.

One of the most proven and effective tools we have is the consistent use of cloth face coverings. We wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in our households, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. *The bottom line is this: we use cloth face coverings to help protect others around us.*

Other "tools in the toolkit" include

- Maintaining at least 6 feet of physical distance from those outside of our household members
- Avoiding contact with those who are sick
- Staying home if we are sick
- Washing our hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds at a time
- Using hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

- Practicing good cough and sneeze "etiquette" by using a tissue or coughing/sneezing into the crook of our elbow

People in Pocatello truly care about each other – their families, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and even those they haven't met yet but who share our community. Let's keep it up and show that we can take these simple steps to protect those we love and care about!

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**Historic Plants of Idaho...** During September and October, Jacquee Alvord's research on historic plants of Idaho will be displayed at the Marshall Public Library. Alvord works with the Fort Hall Commemorative Trading Post Commission. Her research includes native plants related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and identified by botanist Thomas Nuttall. With the help of Bannock Tribal Elder Ramona Walema, to whom her work is dedicated, Alvord details how various Idaho native plants have been used for food, medicine and other special functions. The text will accompany photos, and the photos will also appear on the Library's Facebook page at [facebook.com/marshallpl/](https://facebook.com/marshallpl/).

### School Zone Traffic Safety

The safety of students and teachers, along with other citizens in the area, is of the utmost importance. Therefore, the Pocatello Police Department asked me to remind you now that the school year has started school zones are being enforced.

Many school zones are posted with speed limit signs along with blinking lights that flash when the speed limit will be enforced. If the area is not marked with blinking lights, the speed zone will be enforced during school hours as

indicated on the signs. If no signs or blinking lights are present, the speed zones will be enforced during school hours. The penalty for speeding in a school zone is a fine of \$156.50, according to Idaho Code 49-658(1).

If you are traveling on foot in the school zone, please cross at posted crosswalks, and do so safely if a crossing guard is not present to help stop traffic. If you are traveling through a school zone in a vehicle, be aware of all pedestrians, not just school children, who are on foot in the area.

Motorists, please remember it is your responsibility to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. The fine for failing to do so is \$90 according to Idaho Code 49-702(1). Pedestrians, it is your responsibility to use crosswalks to safely cross the road.

The Pocatello Police Department's traffic team enforces all school zones within the city during the calendar school year. For more information about school zone enforcement, please contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 208.234.6100.



### Recycling "Rules"

What is allowed in your blue, curbside recycling cart? There are 3 basic rules to recycle correctly.

- Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard
- Keep food and liquid out of your cart
- Don't put plastic bags in your cart

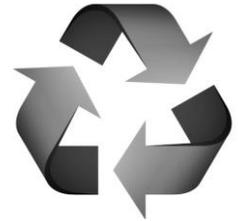
The City's recycling program accepts the following items: plastic bottles marked #1 or #2 when the opening is smaller than the base, such as water bottles, soda bottles, shampoo bottles and household cleaner bottles, and caps and lids are securely

fastened. We accept most paper, such as newspapers, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, manila folders, notepads, coated paper and copy paper. You can also recycle broken down cardboard boxes and food packaging boxes, tin and aluminum cans that are rinsed of their contents. Please DO NOT bag recyclables.

The City's curbside carts do not accept glass, plastic bags and trash bags, deli trays, clam shell trays, yogurt containers or any kind of plastic marked #3 through #7. We do not accept shredded paper, poly coated milk cartons or juice boxes, Styrofoam and other packing

material, paper towels, tissues, paper plates and plastic utensils. We also do not accept furnace filters, metal, batteries, yard waste, food waste or any animal, human or medical waste! A full list of accepted and non-accepted recyclable materials can be found at [395/recycling-programs](http://395/recycling-programs).

The Sanitation Department provides bins throughout the city for glass recycling. All colors of glass are accepted, and the bins are accessible 24/7. Porcelains, ceramics, automotive glass, mirrors, light bulbs, and Pyrex are not accepted. Please remove bottle caps and lids. Go to [701/Glass-Recycling](http://701/Glass-Recycling) for a list of locations.



If there is a topic you'd like me to address in future newsletters or if you want to comment or ask a question, please use this sheet and send your comment to me. If you wish to call or e-mail, my number and address are listed on the front page. While I cannot respond to all comments individually, I do pass them on to the appropriate departments. v23,n9

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