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MONO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER URGES ADHERENCE TO HEALTH ORDERS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 2, 2020 – This Labor Day Weekend, we need your help to ensure we can **Stay Safe to Stay Open** throughout Mono County and in the Town of Mammoth Lakes by adhering to State and County Health Orders and safety guidelines. This includes avoiding gatherings, wearing a face covering in public, and recreating responsibly.

“This holiday weekend, we must remember that COVID-19 doesn't take a day off, and that being in the mountains doesn't make us immune. Let's protect each other, and double down on health, safety, and kindness. Our actions now determine our community's future well being,” stated Stacy Corless, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Authorities have determined that gatherings are a significant cause of virus transmission in our communities and should be avoided. This weekend we ask you to skip the parties and barbeques, because gatherings, even outdoors, can lead to increased infections. It's also a great time to remember to practice safe and responsible recreation. If you and your family are planning to venture into the spectacular Eastern Sierra, please remember to prepare. Take time to plan. Make sure you have your essentials, check the weather, fire and smoke conditions, and always pack out all of your trash, including toilet paper and dog waste bags.

“Labor Day Weekend traditionally is a festive end of summer opportunity for family and friends to enjoy the outdoors in the Eastern Sierra, but this year is notably different,” stated Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer. *“Now, more than ever, we ask for vigilance and adherence to pandemic health guidelines, such as only gathering (outdoor picnics and barbeques) with members of a single household, protecting one another by wearing a face covering, especially when the 6-foot physical*

distance cannot be maintained, washing or sanitizing your hands often, and staying home if you are sick.”

Mono County Public Health urges residents to adhere to the following protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

Wear a face covering in public:

People in Mono County, including the Town of Mammoth Lakes, must wear face coverings while in public, specifically during any of the following high-risk situations:

- While inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6-feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible;
- While obtaining healthcare services;
- When waiting for, or riding on public transportation or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;
- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person’s own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance;
- When at a restaurant, except while physically eating or drinking.

Avoid Gatherings:

- Gatherings of persons from different household units remain prohibited, regardless of size;
- Religious and cultural gatherings may be held indoors at 50% capacity, or 200 individuals, whichever is less, with modifications;
- Wedding ceremonies are restricted to 30 persons, including the wedding party and guests. Wedding receptions and other parties or gatherings of people from different household units are not permitted as part of or in conjunction with the wedding ceremony.

All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to **#StaySafeToStayOpen**. This is more than a hashtag – it needs to become a way of life.

Additional information is available online by visiting the Mono County COVID-19 Portal in English: **MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus** or Spanish: <https://monohealth.com/coronavirus-es>.

Cover. Distance. Wash and #StaySafeToStayOpen!