

On February 12, 2021 Governor Greg Gianforte issued a directive that, among other things, ended the statewide mask mandate. We encourage everyone to read the full directive that can be found at: <https://governor.mt.gov/.../Directive-2-12-2021-EO.pdf>

Pondera County, at this time, will not be issuing a local mask mandate except for at the following establishments: All Pondera County Medical Facilities and Schools. However, we want our local businesses to remain open and feel comfortable to do so; This being said all establishments can set their own policies regarding mask use, capacity limitations, social distancing and safety measures and have the right to refuse service to anyone not following their policies. Please be respectful of any precautions our local establishments are taking to protect their workers and community members, and follow any policies that they have set in place.

Pondera County Health Department would like to make it clear that we agree with Governor Gianforte's opinion on continuing to wear a mask and following CDC guidelines to keep our case number low and our community safe.

Please do your part in keeping everyone safe and our businesses open!