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SEPTEMBER 2021 PANDEMIC STATEMENT

As William B. Ririe Hospital CEO Matt Walker reported at the September 15, 2021 Board of Public Health Meeting that half of their medical/surgical wing is filled with COVID-19 patients, that they're unable to get our patients placed in outside hospitals and that their small staff is nearing capacity, the City of Ely understands the gravity of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation in our community.

Acknowledging this, the City of Ely strongly encourages its residents to wear masks and maintain social distancing to slow the spread, to visit with their medical provider regarding getting the Corona Virus vaccine and to receive the vaccine if able. The City of Ely continues to vigorously support local vaccination efforts.

It is worth noting that the statewide requirement to wear masks in public indoor settings is still in effect for all substantial or high transmission areas, which the City of Ely currently is. Please continue to stay abreast of the most current CDC guidelines, remaining attentive of the signage posted at public entities and private businesses. Please be respectful of individuals' choices.

The City of Ely will continue to work with the County Public Health Officer and the Public Health Nurse's Office in monitoring the spread of Covid-19 in our community. We encourage businesses, event planners and individuals to continue to cooperate with these entities as we move forward. Please obey quarantine orders, stay home when sick and get tested if you suspect you have had an exposure to Covid-19.

The City of Ely's enforcement efforts will continue to be centered on education and testing. This course has allowed local health officials to isolate outbreaks and has largely spared our community the need for wide-spread closures.

We look forward to the many fall and winter community events that are being planned. The City of Ely will be doing all it can to support these events and to keep our community healthy and safe so that these events may proceed.