

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Council Meeting: August 24, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Resolution 21-072

Person(s) Responsible: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Summary:

Brookings is now in high community spread. It's assumed that 90% of the new COVID-19 cases are the Delta variant. Resolution 21-072 recommends various actions to protect the community from the continued spread. These measures include indoor wearing of masks by all two (2) years and older (unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit the use), vaccination, and other necessary measures.

Background:

Last year the Council authorized a series of regulations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Brookings. Spring 2020, a resolution recommending social distance measures and masks within indoor activities was enacted. Community spread was then reduced to moderate or below, and all regulations were allowed to expire.

Item Details:

At the August Study Session, the South Department of Health and other community partners updated Council. Brookings County is now designated in high community spread. It's assumed 90% of the new COVID-19 cases are the Delta variant. This variant is more infectious, even in vaccinated individuals. As of Monday, August 23rd, Brookings had 97 active cases and 37 deaths. The hospital has three COVID-19 occupied hospital beds. Approximately 29,320 vaccine doses have been administered to 15,903 people in Brookings, which is 45% and 43%, respectfully.

Resolution 21-072 recommends:

- Indoor masking should be used when social distancing cannot be achieved regardless of vaccination status.
- All individuals two years and older wear face masks (unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit the use).
All eligible individuals should receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Stay six (6) feet away from others when possible.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas.
- Wash your hands, and clean and disinfect areas often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Monitor your health daily and follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance if symptoms develop.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney Steve Britzman has reviewed the resolution.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

The proposed resolution meets the City Council's goal of a safe, inclusive, connected community.

Financial Consideration:

There are no financial considerations at this time.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a study session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution