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**TOWN OFFICE
15 School Street
Rangeley, Maine 04970**

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Citizens of the Greater Rangeley area:

November 10, 2020

In an effort to be transparent and to keep our community informed, I am writing this to update you as to the COVID cases as I know them in the greater Rangeley area. As of today, I have been made aware of **5 total cases**. With that being said, there is the possibility that there are other positive cases that have not been reported to the health officer. We do have a number of residents who are in quarantine for having contact with these positive cases as recommended by the CDC and local providers. While officials are working diligently to stay in front of this, you can continue to help mitigate this by practicing the recommended safety measures.

As we know, the governor has put another executive order in place for face coverings in public settings, even when able to maintain 6-foot distancing. Public settings have been defined as:

“a. Indoor spaces that are accessible to the public, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores, pharmacies, health care facilities, social clubs, auditoriums, theaters, stadiums, arenas, concert halls, convention centers, meeting halls, gymnasiums, rinks, fitness centers, houses of worship, transportation centers, indoor parking garages as well as other public accommodations;

b. Outdoor spaces including but not limited to playgrounds, parking lots, sidewalks, athletic and sports venues, and other areas such as lines for take out service where the public typically gathers in a smaller area;

c. Public transportation such as a taxi, Uber, Lyft, ride-sharing or similar service; ferry, bus, or train; and any semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area;

d. Portions of municipal, county, state, and private buildings and grounds that are typically accessible to the public, including parking lots, walkways, lobbies, waiting areas, elevators, service desks, and related hallways. For the purpose of this section, government buildings and grounds include those privately owned and leased for government use; “

Owners and operators of indoor public settings shall, as soon as practicable, post plainly visible signs notifying entrants of the requirement to wear cloth face coverings, and may deny service or entry for non-compliance with the Governor's face covering requirements.

The numbers in Franklin County are still increasing each day. We as a community must work together to keep ourselves and our visitors as safe as possible. Please be respectful of other residents and local establishments as they try to implement guidelines the best they can. Understand that there may be a reason the person next to you at the grocery store isn't wearing a face covering. We are so fortunate to live in an area where we take care of each other, now is not the time to stop doing that.

If you think you may have come in contact with someone who has tested positive, or you start to exhibit any symptoms, I urge you to contact your primary care provider as soon as possible.

Please reach out with any questions to rangeleylho@gmail.com, or call 2-1-1 or visit Maine CDC website for more information.

Be Safe. Be Well.

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