Resolution 21-14

RESOLUTION FULLY SUPPORTING THE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTIVE APPROVED NOVEMBER 11, 2020

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Wayne County Public Health is "to protect and promote the health of all residents of Wayne County"; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, also referred to as COVID-19, is a virus that is highly contagious and primarily spreads from person to person and can result in serious illness, long-term negative health impacts or death; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Wayne County and the state is steadily increasing at a rapid rate, posing an immediate threat to the public health of Wayne County residents and visitors, and potentially overwhelming the ability of the healthcare system to provide adequate care to those affected; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment that is curative for this virus, and there is evidence on how transmission occurs, and there is evidence on the effectiveness of public health measures to reduce the spread of this virus

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Board of Health is directing all citizens of Wayne County to adopt the following public health measures on November 11, 2020.

Social Distancing

- 1. Limit the Number of interactions you have with people from outside your household on a daily basis,
- 2. Avoid all large gatherings of people. Many recommendations specify a large gathering is more than 10 people. The more people that are in one place at one time, the more risk there is for everyone involved.
- 3. Stay home if you are sick with any illness. Contact Wayne County Public Health department (phone 641-872-1167) or healthcare provider for advice on how long to isolate.
- 4. Consider being tested for COVID-19 if you are sick or have been exposed to a known case. Check the Wayne County Public Health Facebook page or website for advice or call.
- 5. Follow the advice you are given in regards to testing, isolation, and quarantining.

Hygiene

- 1. Wash your Hands.
- 2. Use hand sanitizer.
- 3. Disinfect surfaces appropriately.

Face Coverings / Mask Use

- 1. Wear an appropriate face covering every time you leave your home and when you might be within 6 feet of someone from outside your household. The purpose of your face covering is to protect others and the purpose of their face covering is to protect you. If you find yourself in a place where other people are not wearing face coverings appropriately, you are at great risk. You should consider leaving or avoiding that place altogether.
- 2. Exceptions to face covering / mask wearing are children less than (2 years of age) or individuals with a legitimate medical condition that would preclude them from wearing a face covering.

However, it is anticipated that the majority of people in our community can wear a face covering and 100% usage in public is expected to get the maximum benefit from this measure.

These are fundamental principles of public health for decreasing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. During this pandemic Wayne County Public Health asks each citizen of Wayne County to immediately comply with these directives to slow the transmission of this virus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Wayne County Board of Supervisors is directing all citizens of Wayne County to follow the public health measures adopted by the Wayne County Public Health, State of Iowa Board of Health Directive.

HEREBY RESOLVED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors for Wayne County on this 16th day of November 2020.

Board of Supervisor Chairman- David Dotts

Board of Supervisor- Tom Swearingin-

Board of Supervisor-Don Seams

Wayne County Auditor-Michelle Dooley