



Feb. 27, 2021

Dear Pigeon Forge Residents:

Governor Bill Lee has extended the authority for county mayors to enforce mask mandates. Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters has extended our county's mask mandate through April 15, 2021. You can view the latest Executive Order [here](#). Masks are required indoors and strongly recommended in outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible. It is imperative that your business continue to abide by the guidelines of the Tennessee Pledge (available [here](#)).

Our ongoing personal and community responsibilities—maintaining social distance, wearing a mask, avoiding congregating, increased disinfection—continue to be the most effective measures we have against the spread of Covid-19 in our city. We also are grateful for the phased vaccine rollout underway in our county. If you are eligible and want the vaccine, please get one.

In the coming months, we will see more visitors in our city. As numbers increase, please take every precaution to ensure the safety of our residents, employees and visitors. Your personal health is our top priority, but we also want to keep our businesses open and complete the school term. Managing our transmission rate and the number of active cases will allow us to do this.

Testing remains as important as ever. If you are exposed to an infected person or feel sick, please get tested immediately. Free testing is available at the Sevier County Health Department. SCHD offers self-administered COVID-19 tests on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. You must call **865-429-6232 to schedule a test**. The self-administered test requires a working email and smart phone. The SCHD provides drive-thru testing on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8am-2pm.

Spring is a season of renewal. Please join us in a renewed vigilance against the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

Sincerely,

The City of Pigeon Forge

