



Dear Carbondale,

As our region once again adapts to the additional restrictions due to increased COVID-19 cases, our businesses continue to struggle. Indoor dining is not allowed and won't be until our numbers decrease significantly. I urge all of you to always wear a mask in public. This plea is to protect one another AND to protect our businesses from being forced to close, whether it be for deep cleaning or for good.

Wearing a mask is not a sign of weakness, yet a sign of compassion and incredible discipline. I know we all are feeling pandemic fatigue. Our local health department says the risk for local transmission is higher now than it has ever been in Jackson County. The past two weeks are two of the top four weeks for our county as far as new cases per day. This trend cannot continue, and we must all do our part to slow the spread of the coronavirus by keeping our distance, wearing our masks, and limiting social gatherings.

As the holidays approach, I understand continuing to practice safe pandemic behavior will be difficult, but for the sake of our loved ones and our businesses, be mindful of the risks of letting your guard down.

Sincerely,

John "Mike" Henry  
Mayor of Carbondale