



PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

The mask requirement that has been in effect in Hamblen County since August 2020 will expire at midnight March 31st.

Hamblen County Mayor Bill Brittain announced today that he will not renew the mask requirement because efforts to minimize the exposure of the most vulnerable population to COVID-19 virus are working and active cases are declining.

“I want to thank residents and visitors of Morristown and Hamblen County for their patience as we work through the state’s vaccination plan,” Brittain said. “Our community has worked diligently to manage the spread of the virus, and we are seeing the positive results with the number of serious cases declining and our schools returning to in-person classes following spring break.”

Brittain encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks in large crowds and in businesses that require them, such as healthcare facilities. He also strongly suggested that adults, who are physically able, get vaccinated as soon as possible. Nearly 19,000 vaccinations have been given to Hamblen County residents. The Hamblen County Health Department has averaged giving more than 1,000 shots a week and more healthcare providers are joining the list where patients can receive the vaccine. To find the vaccination site closest to you, logon to www.VaccineFinder.com.

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