

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters extended the county-wide mask mandate until Thursday, April 15, 11:59 p.m. At that time, the order will expire unless there is a significant increase in cases and community prevalence.

“While the number of positive cases has been decreasing, we want to give our residents more time to receive the vaccine, especially those over 65 and those with significant health issues,” said Waters. “We expect the state to advance to the next phase soon, which would include those under the age of 65 with other health-related issues.”

Sevier County currently ranks in the bottom 10% of counties in the state whose population has received at least one dose, an issue the mayor will continue to address with state officials.

“We will continue to express our concern that the vaccine supply to Sevier County is not enough to keep up with the demand,” said Waters. “Our overall rank among counties within the state is troubling, and our hope is the state will address this soon.”

The mayor urges residents and visitors to continue to take every reasonable step to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.