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### Utah County Leaders Respond to the Governor's New Executive Order

To the Utah County Community:

As executive elected officials at both the city and county levels in Utah County we want to strongly encourage ALL businesses and residents to follow the best practice guidelines outlined by the Utah Leads Together Version 2.0 (ULT 2.0) document and the latest addendum, Version 4.0. It notes resources and tiered guidelines for the general public, business community, and healthcare service providers. It is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Utah Department of Health (UDOH).

As Utah County moves with the State of Utah to gradually reopen businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is vital that we do not lose the progress we have made in controlling the spread of the virus. In accordance with the Governor's May 1, 2020 announced executive order, we are moving into the Orange or Moderate status as outlined in ULT 2.0 **with a strong emphasis on wearing masks in public for individuals**. As we begin turning the dial to reopen the economy, we must strongly emphasize the importance of following these guidelines. If we do not all work together to closely follow these guidelines, we could very easily slip back into a more restrictive state. We do not believe that anyone wants to move back to more restrictions on individuals and businesses.

Each individual has a responsibility to protect themselves, their neighbors, co-workers and the most vulnerable citizens in our communities by following the best practices as recommended by federal, state, and local health officials. We continue to encourage the following:

- Stay home as much as possible
- Tele-work when possible
- Keep non-familial groups or gatherings to the number of people specified in the ULT2.0 Guidance according to the current status (color).
- **Wear a cloth or similar face mask in public settings**
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 6 ft)
- Symptom checking in business interactions
- Stay home if you are sick or having COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow all Health Department Self-Isolation and Self-Quarantine orders
- Follow strict hygiene standards
  - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - Use hand sanitizer frequently
  - Avoid touching your face, nose or eyes
  - Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g. into a tissue and discard, sleeve, or elbow; not hands)
  - Regularly clean high-touch surfaces (e.g. door handles, counters, light switches, remote controls, restroom surfaces)
  - Follow any other standards promulgated by the CDC, UDOH, and Utah County Health Department (UCHD)

#### Get Tested:

- Go to [www.testutah.com](http://www.testutah.com) to find out if you should be tested. We have testing sites in Orem and Provo which are 100% free and no insurance is required. We would like every resident to fill out the survey and see if testing is recommended for them.

#### Restaurants:

- Our restaurant community continues to be hit hard and we are grateful for residents who have supported our local eateries.
- [www.DineUtahValley.com](http://www.DineUtahValley.com) has a directory of many restaurants offering curbside and takeout options in Utah County.
- As we transition to Orange and then Yellow in the future, in-restaurant dining will be allowed if extreme precautions for hygiene and physical distancing are made by the restaurant owner.

#### Outdoor Recreation:

- We understand that as spring arrives and temperatures warm, more people will naturally want to take advantage of our county's great parks and outdoor opportunities.
- Outdoor activities can be safe and healthy if guidelines such as maintaining physical distance, wearing masks, and strict hygiene are followed.

#### Vulnerable Populations:

- It is important to note that the overwhelming majority of severe or fatal COVID-19 cases are associated with those over the age of 65 or with other conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, obesity, or those with immunocompromised conditions.
- While the rest of the county is moving to an Orange level, members of our community in these vulnerable sub-groups should continue to follow the more restrictive guidelines set forth in the Version 4.0 Guidelines.

Over the last several weeks we have found that most businesses ARE following best practice guidance, which is essential to protect the health of the public and help move Utah County toward the reduction and ultimately removal of restrictions. We have many great examples of compliant businesses. We acknowledge the economic sacrifice you are making for the community and we THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, we do need to reference two cases of businesses in Utah County who did not follow COVID-19 best practices in two different geographic locations that resulted in 68 positive COVID-19 cases, including 48% of employees being infected at one business. During the tracing contacts conducted by the Utah County Health Department and Utah Department of Health, we found these businesses instructed employees to not follow quarantine guidelines after exposure to a confirmed case at work and required employees with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis to still report to work. This is completely unacceptable and resulted in a temporary full closure for one business along with heightened requirements for future cleaning and inspections.

Businesses who fail to follow COVID-19 guidelines are putting employees, their families, and ultimately the health of the community at risk. Additionally, employers not following best practices jeopardize Utah County efforts to reopen businesses affected by the pandemic.

As we proceed with the anticipated opening of personal services, food services, and other businesses, it is vital to stay vigilant with physical distancing measures. The Health Department will continue to enforce all applicable health orders and will be working with the State to help businesses and individuals comply with the guidelines to ensure that we can continue to progress to Yellow (Low Risk) and eventually Green (New Normal Risk). We do not want to see the closures of any more businesses after their reopening due to the lack of following the ULT 2.0 guidelines and especially do not want a few bad actors to revert the entire county back into a Red (High Risk) status.

**We call upon each individual, family, and business to take an active role in helping Utah County reduce its COVID-19 cases by following the physical distancing practices outlined in the ULT 2.0 and be aware of and follow best practice guidance from state and local health officials.**

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