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BOARD OF HEALTH  
IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

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In the matter of:

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

COVID-19 Pandemic

Order No.: 2020-01

Date: March 16, 2020

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On January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health (“UDOH”) activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDOH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah (“Utah”). The UDOH, local health departments, and health and medical partners have activated response plans and protocols to minimize the likely community spread of the virus in Utah and its impact on our healthcare resources. These partners have also worked to identify, contact, and test others in Utah potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”).

On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020.

The CDC has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States.

The UDOH recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the general public within Utah, which creates an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly.

To combat the spread of COVID-19, Utah and Salt Lake County have each declared public health emergencies.

The Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, has found that the above facts raise the likelihood of widespread community transmission occurring among the general public and the need for Salt Lake County and the public to work cooperatively and proactively to slow the spread of COVID-19 and address any challenges that may arise due to this disease in Salt Lake County.

On March 16, 2020, the Salt Lake County Mayor upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department, issued a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and Invoking Emergency Powers in Salt Lake County Due to a Public Health Emergency.

On March 13, 2020, Salt Lake County announced the closure of many of its public facilities, including senior centers, fitness facilities, recreation facilities, event centers, and libraries.

On March 13, 2020 at 4 pm (MDT), the Governor dismissed all Utah public schools for two weeks to combat the spread of COVID-19 (the “School Dismissal”). The School Dismissal means that students will not be allowed to attend school, but staff, faculty, and food services personnel will be allowed to be in the school facility.

Utah Code §26A-1-114(1)(e) empowers a local health department to “close theatres, schools, and other public places and prohibit gatherings of people when necessary to protect the public health.”

**THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §26A-1-114 AND SALT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES 2.86.050(E), BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY MAYOR JENNIFER WILSON AND GARY EDWARDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.     **Restaurants, Bars, and Taverns.** Effective at 11:00 pm (MDT) on March 16, 2020, all food service, restaurants, self-serve buffets, salad bars, unpackaged self-serve food services, bars, taverns, nightclubs, private liquor clubs, and saloons in Salt Lake County shall immediately close to members, guests, patrons, customers, and the general public. Notwithstanding the foregoing, food service may operate on a limited basis subject to the following operational restrictions and prohibitions:

- Prohibition on all dine-in food service, whether inside or outside the establishment, and prohibition of admitting members, guests, patrons, and customers inside the establishment except to pick up food for take-out only.
- Curbside take-out, drive-thru food service or pickup service is permitted. Cash payments are strongly discouraged. Staff who take cash or credit card payments shall use

cleansing measures between each transaction, including using any best practices issued by the Health Department. Where possible, on-line (e.g.; *Venmo*, *Squarecash*, *Googlepay*, and similar payment apps) and telephonic credit card transactions are highly encouraged. Staff who handle cash or credit cards shall not be involved in the preparation, handling, or delivery of food.

- For hotel restaurants, food items may only be delivered as room service delivered to the door or curbside service as described above.
- Third party food delivery services (i.e. *Uber Eats*, *Door Dash*, etc.) are required to observe “no contact delivery” which means these services cannot have person to person contact. All employees of such services must not engage in any delivery services if they present any symptoms of illness.
- Management shall and must ensure, on a daily basis, that no employee who presents symptoms of illness will be permitted to work.

Due to the evolving situation with the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, violations of these operational restrictions shall result in the immediate closure of individual businesses and establishments to all business activity.

**Section 2. General Protocols for Businesses.** Effective immediately, all establishments shall comply with the following regulations:

- Implement social distancing (six feet) measures in communal areas of the establishment.
- Staff who have to take cash or credit cards shall use cleansing measures, including best practices issued by the Salt Lake County Health Department, between transactions. Cash transactions are discouraged, but not prohibited.
- Management shall and must ensure, on a daily basis, that no employee who presents symptoms of illness will be permitted to work.
- Members, guests, patrons, or customers who present symptoms of illness shall be excluded from the establishment.
- Management shall post signage approved by the Salt Lake County Health Department which advises patrons of COVID-19 protocols.

**Section 3. General Prohibitions.** Effective immediately, the following prohibitions shall apply throughout Salt Lake County:

- No mass gatherings over fifty (50) people shall be held.

- Access to long-term care facilities shall be governed by the guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.

Section 4.     **Duration.** This Order shall expire thirty (30) calendar days after the Effective Date.

Section 5.     **Violations.** An initial violation of this Order is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor. Subsequent violations are punishable as Class A Misdemeanors. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense as allowed by Utah law.

Effective Date: March 16, 2020

**BY ORDER OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



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Jennifer Wilson  
Salt Lake County Mayor



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Gary Edwards  
Executive Director Salt Lake County Health Department

**Approved As To Form:**



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Ralph Chamness  
Chief Deputy District Attorney  
Date: March, 16 2020