IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

In the matter of:  
COVID-19 Pandemic  

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
Order No.: 2020-13  
Date: August 19, 2020  

Utah Code § 26A-1-106(2) provides that “[r]egulations or standards relating to public health or environmental health services adopted or established by a local health department may not be less restrictive than [State Department of Health orders].”

COVID-19 is a contagion that spreads from person to person. Salt Lake County’s Executive Health Director recognizes the need for Salt Lake County and the public to continue to work cooperatively and proactively to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to address the myriad challenges that may arise due to COVID-19.

The Executive Director finds COVID-19 poses a continuing and immediate threat to the public health of Salt County residents and visitors.

This is a critical moment in Salt Lake County and the State of Utah, and all County residents, businesses, community organizations, and government must do their respective parts to slow the transmission of COVID-19, enhance and improve the ability of our healthcare system to meet this mounting challenge, restore consumer confidence, and reduce the economic impact of this global healthcare crisis.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 26A-1-114 AND SALT LAKE 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. The intent of this Public Health Order is to ensure a coordinated implementation of practices which slow the transmission of COVID-19 by providing Salt Lake County residents, businesses, community organizations, and government with access to the information needed to implement those practices.

Section 2. All Salt Lake County residents, businesses, and community organizations with the exception of the residents, businesses, and community organizations located in municipalities listed
in Section 3, shall comply with the “Low Level of Restriction” or Yellow Guidelines set forth in version 4.10 of the “Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation” (“Guidelines”), and any subsequent modification to the Guidelines released by the Utah Department of Health during the effective period of this Public Health Order. The Guidelines can be found at:  https://coronavirus.utah.gov/.

**Section 3.** Residents, businesses, and community organizations located in Salt Lake City, shall continue to comply with the “Moderate Level of Restriction” or Orange Guidelines, unless and until that restriction level is changed under the terms proscribed by item no. 4. of Executive Order 2020-50 issued by Governor Herbert on August 14, 2020, or in any subsequent Executive Order with the same or similar terms.

**Section 4.** Face Coverings Mandatory. Any individual within Salt Lake County who is age two and over and able to medically or psychologically tolerate a face covering shall be required to wear a face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth when in public areas where consistent social distancing of at least six feet is not possible, reasonable, or prudent. Additional guidance can be found at https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/business/.

**Section 5.** This Public Health Order takes immediate effect and rescinds all prior Public Health Orders related to COVID-19. It will expire at 11:59 p.m. on January 5, 2021 unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing, and shall be re-evaluated as warranted.

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

Jennifer Wilson
Salt Lake County Mayor

Gary Edwards
Executive Director Salt Lake County Health Department

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Bridget K. Romano
Civil Division Administrator
Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney

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