



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**  
**Summit County, Utah**

**WHEREAS**, Summit County Code of Health §1-1-10(B) provides that the County Health Officer may declare a public health emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health (“UDH”) activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah (“Utah”). The UDH, local health departments, and health and medical partners have activated response plans and protocols to prepare for the likely arrival of the virus in Utah. 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”); and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of March 12, 2020, the CDC indicates that there are over 125,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with over 1,200 of those cases in the United States, including six in Utah, with two in Summit County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the UDH 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, to combat the spread of COVID-19, Utah and various counties, including concurrently with this declaration, Summit County, have each declared local public health emergencies and proclaimed local emergencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Summit County Health Officer finds the above facts raise the likelihood of widespread community transmission occurring among the general public and the need for Summit 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 Summit County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Summit County Health Officer does hereby find that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 into Summit County.

**THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UCA §26A-1-114 AND SUMMIT COUNTY CODE OF HEALTH §1-1-10(b), BE IT DELCARED BY RICHARD C. BULLOUGH, SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.     **Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency.** It is hereby declared that there is a local public health emergency affecting Summit County, Utah, which exceeds the resources of the community, and assistance is requested from both the State of Utah and the federal government to provide all necessary resources to combat such emergency to protect the community and provide emergency assistance.

Section 2.     **Public Advisories.** The following measures are strongly recommended:

- No mass gatherings over one hundred (100) people should be held.
- Those individuals who are age sixty (60) or older, or who are immunocompromised, should not attend mass gatherings of over twenty (20) people.
- Access to long-term care facilities should be limited to close family relatives and facility staff.
- Where appropriate, employers should encourage their employees to work remotely from home.
- Where employees are sick, employers should encourage them to stay at home.
- Extra-curricular public and private school activities should be cancelled.
- Public and private schools should prepare for the possibility of closure.

Due to the evolving situation with the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, these recommendations will be continuously reviewed and updated. Where, in the opinion of the Summit County Health Officer, it is warranted, these recommendations may become mandatory.


Section 3.     **Duration.** This declaration of a local public health emergency shall expire thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (defined below) unless ratified in written form by the Summit County Board of Health.

Section 4.     **Publication.** This declaration of a local public health emergency shall be on file for public inspection with the Summit County Health Department.

Section 5.     **Notice to Governor.** A copy of this declaration of a local public health emergency shall be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.

Effective Date: 3/12/2020

SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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Approved as to Form:



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