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Utah Public Health Association Calls upon the Public to Adhere to Health Order Issued by Governor Herbert

Organization Commends Governor Herbert for Implementing COVID-19 Health Order to Reduce Disease Transmission

The Utah Public Health Association (UPHA) released a statement today in support of Utah's transition to the new COVID-19 state of emergency order. UPHA represents over 200 public health workers across the state and is a leader in promoting public health practice and advocating for sound public health policy.

UPHA members represent professionals in health care, epidemiology, health education and promotion, COVID-19 contact tracing and community health.

The Utah Public Health Association applauds the move by Governor Herbert, in conjunction with the Department of Health and other health experts to interrupt the spread of COVID-19 through mandatory mask wearing, limited social gatherings and the prohibition of school extracurricular activities for the next two weeks.

As hospitalization rates have climbed by 40 percent in the past ten days, putting increased pressure on already strained clinicians and public health workers, it is imperative that we try a new approach to reduce the spread of the virus. This strategy will require that Utahns do their part and use the tools in their tool box to limit contact with people outside of their immediate households.

We continue to support and encourage personal responsibility in following the new guidelines but also encourage looking at tackling COVID-19 as a team sport. Wearing masks, taking a two week break from social gatherings and limiting extracurricular activities are the parts we can play to help our team succeed as quickly as possible. When we do this, we are helping our teammates do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

If you have any questions on what other tools are available to you to help reduce the spread of covid 19, please visit coronavirus.utah.gov.

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