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**Utah Public Health Association Encourages Continued Mask Wearing in Public Beyond April 10**

*Salt Lake City, UT* — As Utah approaches the partial lifting of the statewide mask mandate on April 10, per the passage of [House Bill 294: Pandemic Emergency Powers Amendment](#), Utah Public Health Association (UPHA) encourages the continued use of masks in public, as well as adherence to social distancing.

Until every eligible person in Utah can be vaccinated, the three best and most simple steps we can all take to combat the spread of COVID-19 are masking, hand washing, and social distancing.

UPHA applauds Mayor Erin Mendenhall for her order to keep a mask mandate in place in the most populous city in the state, Salt Lake City. In addition, UPHA supports Governor Spencer Cox in his decision to maintain a mask mandate for all state employees and customers in state facilities. Many businesses, the University of Utah campus, and other public-serving entities, are also choosing to extend their mask mandates beyond April 10.

UPHA members and public health workers remain committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19 through contact tracing, epidemiologic efforts, and facilitating vaccinations.

We ask all Utahns to continue to take precautionary measures and to respect the COVID-19 requirements of private, nonprofit, and public agencies and businesses. The better we are at wearing masks and following other COVID-19 guidelines now, the more confidently we can return to normalcy sooner than later and, most importantly, to improved public health.

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