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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.: 2020-15  
 : Date: October 26, 2020  
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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, shall comply with the Utah Department of Health’s State Public Health Order 2020-19 (“State Order”), and any

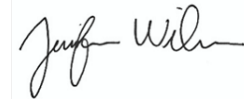
subsequent modification to the State Order released by the Utah Department of Health during the effective period of this Public Health Order. The State Order can be found at: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>.

**Section 3. 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 any public area, including outdoors, when non-household members are present and social distancing is not possible. Additional guidance can be found at <https://slco.org/health/COVID19/business/>.

**Section 4. Enforcement.** The purpose of this Order is to protect individuals' health, not to hold them criminally liable. An initial violation of this Order is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, and subsequent violations are punishable as Class A Misdemeanors. Each violation constitutes a separate offense as allowed by Utah law. Prosecutors are encouraged to exercise discretion in making any charging decisions due to a violation of this Order.

**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.**



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Jennifer Wilson  
Salt Lake County Mayor

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Gary Edwards  
Executive Director Salt Lake County Health Department

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Date: October 26, 2020