

For Immediate Release

April 1, 2020

Media Contact

Isa Perry
801-643-2760

****Representatives from the Davis County Health Department, Davis County Commission, and Davis County Attorney's Office will be announcing the update at 2:00 p.m. in the Davis County Commission Chambers, 61 South State Street, Farmington, Utah. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

The live announcement will be available through the Davis County Government YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ml_PWu5nrVZmb9Zh_4sGA/featured

Davis County Health Department Issues Public Health Order: “Davis: Stay Safe. Stay Home.”

Mandatory order emphasizes the importance of staying safe at home, closes some businesses and requires other businesses to more stringently follow social distancing recommendations

Clearfield, Utah - The Davis County Health Department and Davis County Commission issued an updated public health order to enact further protections designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. The new order is effective tonight (11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1) and will be in place through Friday, May 1, 2020.

The order:

1. Directs all individuals to stay at home except to engage in essential activities, which includes going to work under the conditions outlined in the order.
2. Matches earlier county and state public health orders regarding food service operations.
3. Closes certain businesses that act as gathering places or involve close contact between people.
4. Closes children's playgrounds and limits access to outdoor sports courts and fields to individuals and members of the same household. Residents are asked to be responsible while spending time outside by always maintaining 6 feet from other people outside of their household. People should not congregate at trailheads or other outdoor spaces.
5. Requires businesses to actively enforce social distancing practices and exclude ill employees from working; social distancing should include at least 6 feet between all people in the establishment, and workers symptomatic with respiratory illness or fever must not be present under any circumstances.

“As the local public health agency, the public’s health and well-being is our top priority,” said Brian Hatch, executive director of the Davis County Health Department. “The message we need residents to hear is to Stay Safe, Stay Home. We are asking people to do the right things to reduce the impact of this outbreak on our community.”

Hatch continued, “We expect all Davis County residents and businesses to follow the Order. These guidelines are known to be effective to flatten the outbreak curve, reduce the strain on hospitals and the healthcare system, and minimize the impact on medical resources for those with highest need. They are necessary to keep Davis County residents safe during this pandemic.”

“Much work and thought has gone into updating Davis County’s Public Health Order, with input from hospital CEOs, the Davis County Board of Health, leaders from 15 cities, residents, and neighboring counties,” said Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commissioner. “Our success as a community depends on each individual and family limiting interaction to only what is essential. Social distancing measures will be in place for at least the next month. We are doing our best to shorten the length of the significant social and economic impacts. The more residents comply with our Public Health Order, the quicker we will see results, primarily a downward trend in the number of COVID-19 cases.”

The purpose of this Order is to protect health. Residents and businesses are urged to comply with this Order and every effort will be made to educate people to achieve compliance. The Davis County Health Department will continue to respond to issues and reports of violation. If enforcement is necessary, it will be handled with civility and respect. We request all individuals respond with the same civility when they have concerns about violations of the order.

More information about COVID-19 can be found at daviscountyutah.gov/coronavirus or coronavirus.utah.gov.

###