

**DIRECTIVES FOR LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FRANCIS CITY – MAYOR AMES – UPDATED MARCH 16, 2020**

Following Governor Herbert's recommendations regarding COVID-19, and in order to limit the disease's spread and impact on our community, Mayor Byron Ames has declared a state of emergency in Francis City. This declaration, with the accompanying policies and procedures, will help the City mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable people in our community, such as the elderly and those individuals with underlying health conditions. The health and safety of residents, businesses, and City personnel is our top priority.

We are not presently aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Francis City. There are confirmed cases in Summit County. However, we have seen its impact in communities across the world, and it is best for us all to take preventative and precautionary measures. All essential city functions will continue to operate, such as water, other utilities, police, and fire. However, non-essential city functions may be limited or suspended as needed to protect City officers, staff, and the public at large, as we determine is appropriate.

The Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at **1-800-456-7707** and has additional information on their website **coronavirus.utah.gov**. Additional information can be found at **www.cdc.gov**. Residents who experience COVID-19 symptoms like shortness of breath, cough, and fever should contact their health providers for directions. If a resident has these symptoms and requires emergency care, please notify dispatch and the responding care personnel of your symptoms so the responders can take necessary precautions. The Governor has recommended the following, which we fully support:

- **Clean and wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based rubs.**
- **Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.**
- **Avoid close contact with anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms**
- **Stay home if you are sick, and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.**
- **If you are immunocompromised or have underlying medical conditions that put you at risk for severe symptoms of COVID-19, avoid attending any mass gathering.**
- **Limit or postpone mass gatherings of more than 10 people through March 31, 2020, or as directed by the Federal, State or County Governments, including church and religious services, concerts, conferences, and other gatherings of people.**
- **If you are older than the age of 60 or are immunocompromised, stay home and away from other people.**
- **Assisted living and similar care centers should have restricted and screened access.**
- **Telecommute and work from home if possible.**
- **Cancel all non-essential travel.**