

## **Summit County to move to Yellow Risk Level of COVID-19 response**

**Summit County, Utah** (May 21, 2020) — On Thursday, May 21, Summit County Council adopted Joint Public Health Order 2020-07, to move Summit County to a Yellow Risk Level as part of the ongoing COVID-19 response. This Order is effective at 12:01 am on Friday, May 22.

“The data show that the actions of our residents and businesses in March and April paid off,” Summit County Health Director Dr. Rich Bullough said. “These results are positive but not permanent. Until the time effective vaccinations for COVID-19 are widely available, only responsible personal behaviors will help keep this disease in check.”

Joint Public Health Order 2020-07 fully aligns with the Governor’s Phased Guidelines from the Utah Leads Together 4.4 plan. At the Yellow Risk Level, private social gatherings are limited to no more than 50 people. Public showers, steam rooms, dry saunas, hot tubs, locker rooms, facials in spas/salons and high school and club sports are also allowed. With the exception of mass gatherings (more than 999 people) and large-scale special events, all businesses may choose to open and operate at the Yellow Risk Level while following the guidelines outlined for businesses and employees.

“Until today, we have remained in Orange, along with our neighbors, Wasatch County and Salt Lake City, due to our high per capita infection rate,” Summit County Council Chair Doug Clyde said. “Over the last week our infection rate has continued to decline which has justified our move to Yellow. It must be emphasized that the only reason we have made this enormous progress is due to the high level of compliance by our residents, which everyone should be extremely proud of. Going forward, we are completely reliant on this continued vigilance by our residents, visitors and businesses to keep our economy open.”

Businesses, employees and members of the general public who have questions or concerns about the current Order are encouraged to call the Summit County Community Concerns Line (staffed Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at 435-333-0050.

The Order can be viewed in its entirety at <https://summitcountyhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Joint-Public-Health-Order-2020-07-YELLOW-Phase-Final.pdf>. For current information on Summit County's COVID-19 outlook, visit <https://summitcountyhealth.org/coronavirus/>. At this website, the public can also find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and community resources that are updated regularly as the pandemic situation evolves.