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Herriman City Community Safety Plan to Mitigate Spread of COVID-19

HERRIMAN, Utah—To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Herriman City is taking precautionary, preventative, and proactive measures intended to protect vulnerable populations, including elderly individuals and those with an underlying health condition. The health and wellbeing of our residents is our number one priority. There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Herriman City.

Utah Governor Gary Herbert and Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson have issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency. The executive order is part of Utah's preparedness plan and came at the unanimous recommendation of the Utah COVID-19 Task Force. Herriman City is taking measures they deem necessary during this phase of operation. Such measures include the following:

- All public meetings will be postponed indefinitely. This includes upcoming planning commission, city council, arts council, and other meetings
- **City Hall will remain open.** However, City offices will be limited to essential functions only. Only the Customer Service and Building/Planning Departments will be open to the public
- **The Passport Office and Police Records will be closed**
- The following Court hearings will be held as normal:
 - Bench warrant
 - Any domestic violence cases
 - DUI cases

All other hearings will be postponed indefinitely. We will contact parties to reschedule for a future time

If you have traveled recently out of the United States to areas known to be affected by COVID-19, we ask you not to visit Herriman City Hall. Most business can be conducted electronically through the *Herriman.org* website and City social media.

Herriman City will continue all essential city services uninterrupted. This includes water, utilities, police, and fire. City officials are working closely with state and county health officials to coordinate response and to efficiently use resources. City officials emphasize that these measures are intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These measures ensure our first responders are well-equipped to continue to provide basic services to the community.

For Residents

We ask that the public **remain calm**. There is a very limited number of cases in Utah and these cases are isolated to individuals who have recently traveled out of the state.

What the public should know to protect themselves and other vulnerable populations:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently and don't touch your face.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Do not attend large gatherings or social events.
- Make sure you have 2-3 weeks of food and prescriptions.
- Call your medical professional if you think you may have COVID-19.

Online Information Resources

Federal Information Website: *coronavirus.gov*
State Information Website: *coronavirus.utah.gov*
Center For Disease Control: *cdc.gov*

Members of the public who believe they may have been exposed to the coronavirus should call the Utah Coronavirus Information Line: 800-456-7707.

Herriman City, in coordination with Salt Lake County Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, and the Utah Department of Health, will continue to monitor this health crisis and will modify its recommendations going forward.

Background

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats, and bats. Based on other coronaviruses, people infected with COVID-19 should be considered contagious from the day of fever onset until 10 days after fever ends, or until appropriate laboratory testing shows the patient is no longer contagious. Coronaviruses typically have an incubation period of 2–14 days after exposure. The specific incubation period for this coronavirus is unknown. More information can be found at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>.

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