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MANDATORY USE OF CDC RECOMMENDED FACE COVERINGS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH UINTAH COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global outbreak. The Utah Department of Health recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of Utah; and

WHEREAS, as of April 9, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center is at Level 1 – Full Activation; and

WHEREAS, The CDC identifies the public health threat posed by COVID-19 in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur within the United States unless adherence to recommendations are followed; and

WHEREAS, the following scientific facts concerning COVID-19 are known at this time:

1. COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus.
2. There is a Worldwide pandemic of COVID-19.
3. COVID-19 is shown to be highly contagious with an NRAD score of 2-3.
4. COVID-19 has a higher level of mortality and hospitalization than other similar viral infections which can quickly exceed the surge capacity of our healthcare facilities.
5. There are no FDA approved antiviral treatments.
6. There is very little natural immunity within the population.
7. Currently, there is no vaccination available to provide immunity.

WHEREAS, Uintah County has multiple confirmed cases of community-spread of COVID-19 and the presence of the virus, unconnected to a known vector, significantly decreases the ability to stay ahead of transmission throughout the workplace; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued the following guidance, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html, concerning the use of masks in the public; and

WHEREAS, Uintah County provides essential services to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, all these matters when considered together mandate the following order.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Mandatory use of face coverings by all individuals within Uintah County buildings.

All individuals within Uintah County buildings must wear a cloth face covering, or other type of covering, that meets or exceeds CDC recommendations. Employees may remove their face covering when at their own workstation, unless interacting with a member of the public within a county owned or operated building. All face coverings must be business appropriate.

Only the following exceptions apply to this Order:

- Employees who work outside of a county owned or operated building will not be required to wear a CDC recommended face covering so long as the employee maintains at least six feet from another individual.
- Employees must adhere to all required procedures regarding the use of PPE specific to their job duties.
- Uintah County Sheriff's Office employees are exempt from this Order so long as they comply with all Sheriff's Office rules and orders.

Section 2. Simplicity of the Order

Because of readily available materials to make such masks, Uintah County will not provide materials or pre-made face coverings for each employee. However, should the rare exception exist where an employee cannot afford or acquire the needed materials to make sufficient face coverings, that employee should contact their direct supervisor and sufficient materials will be provided.

Section 3. Duration.

This Order shall be effective at **12:00 a.m. May 4, 2020** and shall run concurrently with the Declaration of Local Emergency, as extended as needed.

Signature Date: 30th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Wilkins
Uintah County Clerk-Auditor

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