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Tooele County Moving to Yellow Low-Risk Phase for COVID-19

(TOOELE COUNTY) – Governor Herbert announced yesterday, May 14, 2020, that after careful review of the data, most areas of Utah will move from Moderate Health Risk to Low Health Risk, or from Orange to Yellow, beginning Saturday, May 16 at 12:01 a.m. After monitoring data carefully, and even after opening more parts of the economy and ramped up testing, the state has seen a plateau in the incidence of the virus in most parts of the state. The following areas will continue to be rated at Moderate Health Risks: Grand County, Summit County, Wasatch County, Salt Lake City, and West Valley City. All other areas in the state will be listed as Low (or Yellow) health risk, Tooele County included.

Adherence to previous directives has helped to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As the level of risk changes, a lot of what we have been doing will stay the same:

- K-12 Schools will remain closed through the end of this school year.
- Individuals in high-risk categories, including older adults and those who are immunocompromised, and those who care for them, need to continue to follow “high risk” protocols.
- Residents are still encouraged to practice excellent hygiene, social distancing, and use masks in public where social distancing is not possible. Telework continues to be encouraged where possible.

Some of the coming changes include the following:

- The guidance to “leave home infrequently” disappears.
- The size limit for private social interactions will rise from 20 to 50 people.
- Community pools may reopen by practicing social distancing.
- Team sports run by clubs and private organizations will be allowed with symptom checking and spectators socially distanced. However, team sports through the Utah High School Activities Association will not resume at this time.
- Schools remain closed; however, driver education will be available.
- Bar and buffets can reopen their dining rooms with certain hygiene restrictions.

You can learn more about the specific recommendations for Moderate and Low health risk designations at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/utahs-health-guidance-system/> Find detailed guidelines for individuals and businesses at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>

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