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# STATE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE

## *Public Health Directive for Face Masks*

Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been characterized by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), a virus that spreads easily from person to person and can cause serious illness or death.

COVID-19 has and continues to spread and cause serious illness and death to Utah residents, threatening public health and wellness throughout the state.

On October 14, 2020, I declared a state public health emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Utah State Public Health Order 2020-17.

On October 14, 2020, I issued a state public health order adopting COVID-19 Transmission Area Restrictions establishing minimum statewide standards. The order requires all individuals in a High Transmission Area wear a facemask in a public area. The order strongly recommends all individuals in a Moderate Transmission Area wear a facemask in a public area.

After consulting with Governor Gary R. Herbert, local authorities and the business community and in conjunction with State Public Health Order 2020-18, I am issuing the following directive:

Individuals in Moderate Transmission areas, as defined in State Public Health Order 2020-18 are directed to wear a face mask in public indoor settings, and outdoors, when physical distancing is not feasible.

This Directive is effective immediately until 11:59 p.m. on October 29, 2020.

Made at 12 p.m. the 14th day of October, 2020.

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