



## CoronaVirus (COVID-19) Updates

The Utah Coronavirus Task Force is actively monitoring the spread of COVID-19 on a state, national, and global level.

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The Utah Department of Health is working with local health departments, healthcare providers, and other public health partners throughout the state to monitor illness associated with this new coronavirus and to prevent further spread.

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The department has activated its Incident Command System in order to ensure effective communication and coordination with all involved agencies.

While the origin of this particular outbreak can be traced back to China, it would be grossly inappropriate, not to mention medically ineffective, to ostracize anyone from our communities or exclude anyone from our places of public gathering based on their race, nationality, or ethnicity.

Many rumors related to COVID-19 circulating on social media are false or contain misinformation. People should be skeptical of rumors they hear on social media that aren't being reported by reputable health organizations or mainstream media outlets and should not share or repost items unless they

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## What's Happening: Utah

Currently, there are two confirmed case of COVID-19 in Utah. The cases are in [Davis County](#) and in the [Weber-Morgan health district](#). The Davis County patient is [isolated](#) in their home and the Weber-Morgan patient is in serious, but stable, condition at McKay-Dee Hospital.

It appears both patients contracted the virus while traveling out of Utah or the country. The Utah Department of Health is reviewing any potential exposure others may have had to the patients to determine broader risk. So far, the department has determined that one of the patients attended the BYU-Gonzaga men's basketball game on Feb. 22 on the BYU campus but exposure was [likely limited](#).

Utah's disease surveillance system is working as designed, as public health officials and health care providers are coordinating to identify and investigate potential cases. Only cases diagnosed in Utah will be counted as Utah cases.

## What's Happening: U.S.

Cases of COVID-19 infection in travelers have been [detected in the U.S.](#)

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention is responding to an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified in a growing number of other [locations internationally](#), including the United States. In addition to CDC, many [public health laboratories](#) are now testing for the virus that causes COVID-19.

## What's Happening: World

The CDC has [suspended travel](#) from China and Iran by foreign nationals, and recommends avoiding all non-essential travel to these countries. The agency also recommends avoiding non-essential travel to Italy and South Korea, and that older adults or those with underlying health conditions avoid Japan.

The Italian government has placed the entire country on [lockdown](#), allowing only essential travel and encouraging everyone to stay home.

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