



CoronaVirus (COVID-19) Updates

Latest: New Cases Confirmed, Ski Resorts Closing

Slopes shut down: Most Utah [ski resorts](#) suspended or closed operations.

New cases: Salt Lake County announced [nine new cases](#) Saturday night, bringing the county total to 14. Three of the Salt Lake County patients are under 18, and two of them attended school last week with symptoms. Davis County also has two new confirmed cases, bringing the total to three in that county.

The first case of community spread was identified Saturday when a Summit County resident [tested positive](#). The man worked as a doorman at the Spur Bar & Grill and has not traveled or had known contact with anybody infected with COVID-19.

Schools, churches canceled: Beginning Monday, March 16, Utah's public schools will cancel all classes and close their buildings to most activities to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Gov. Gary Herbert [announced](#) the "soft closures" of school Friday afternoon. The dismissal of all K-12 students until March 30 follows [recommendations](#) made a day prior that any event with more than 100 people be postponed or canceled.

Many local governments have closed public buildings, including recreation centers, libraries, and senior centers. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has canceled all group activities worldwide, including sacrament meetings [previous decisions](#) and made significant changes to the April General Conference and missionary trainings.

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Utah residents with confirmed COVID-19

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Non-Utah residents with confirmed COVID-19

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Last updated March 15, 2020 at 12:45 p.m.

Confirmed cases by health district

| District | Utah Residents | Non-Utah Residents |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Bear River | 0 | 0 |
| Central Utah | 0 | 0 |
| Davis County | 3 | 0 |
| Salt Lake County | 14 | 0 |
| San Juan | 0 | 0 |
| Southeast Utah | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest Utah | 1 | 0 |
| Summit County | 2 | 6 |
| Tooele | 0 | 0 |
| Tri County | 0 | 0 |
| Utah County | 0 | 1 |
| Wasatch County | 0 | 0 |
| Weber-Morgan | 1 | 0 |

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Latest Information: U.S.

President Donald Trump has declared a national emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are nearly [3,000 confirmed cases](#) in 49 states of COVID-19 in the U.S. New York, Virginia, and Louisiana all reported their first deaths, and there are now more than 50 deaths nationally.

Georgia and Louisiana have postponed primary elections scheduled for Tuesday. Four other states are planning to conduct their elections on that day.

Passengers returning from Europe encountered long lines at airports because of enhanced screening measures.

Urban Outfitters and Nike will close their stores worldwide, following on a Saturday announcement that Apple will close its stores worldwide outside of China until March 27.

For ongoing updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in the the U.S., visit the [CDC updates page](#).

Latest Information: World

The World Health Organization has officially designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a [global pandemic](#).

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

Along with the Italian [quarantine](#), Spain, France, Austria, Kazakhstan, and Norway have imposed significantly tighter restrictions, including bans on all mass gatherings and restricted travel, as cases spike throughout Europe. The Vatican has closed all Holy Week celebrations to the public.

In Iran, more than 700 deaths have been caused by COVID-19. Indonesia has closed schools in the capital of Jakarta for two weeks after confirmed cases jumped Saturday. New Zealand Australia is requiring all international arrivals to self-isolate for 14 days.

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