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### **Governor Issues Executive Order Releasing Updated Guidelines for Low-Risk Phase in the Utah Leads Together Plan**

SALT LAKE CITY (May 27, 2020) - Gov. Gary R. Herbert has issued an Executive Order updating guidelines for areas in low health risk designation under Utah's phased health guidance plan.

The order specifically addresses updated guidelines pertaining to social gatherings, education, businesses, travel, and events.

"We are making progress and we can see that these recommendations are working," Gov. Herbert said. "I would like to express my gratitude to all who are taking these recommendations seriously, and stress that following these guidelines is crucial to ensuring the safety and health of us all."

The new order clarifies that generally all businesses that are within the counties that have been moved to the low risk phase are operating if they can meet and adhere to the specific guidelines. For clarity, the order states symptom checking in public and business interactions should happen when feasible.

Travel guidelines request that all continue to avoid non-essential travel to areas with widespread community transmission of COVID-19.

The guidance for K-12 education addresses the resumption of school activities, including sports, under jurisdiction of district and school authorities in adherence to indoor and outdoor guidelines. Additionally, hand sanitizer will need to be made available to faculty and students in each classroom and regular hand washing routines will be instituted. Faculty and staff will need to wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible. Updates regarding face coverings for students will be provided by local school and charter boards in consultation with health department officials.

Regarding higher education, campuses may be open for in-person classes with increased cleaning and hygiene regimen. In cooperation with the Utah System of Higher Education, each institution will develop individualized plans for repopulating campus, monitoring for incidence, containing outbreaks, and reclosing if necessary.

More updated information regarding higher education, outdoor recreation, including pools and waterparks can be found in the guidelines attached.

The order is effective immediately and remains in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 5. View the full order [here](#).

View the updated phased guidelines [here](#).

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