



Grand County, Utah

EXECUTIVE ORDER

March 11, 2020

Imposing a Temporary Restriction on Mass Gatherings and Instituting Additional Mandatory Requirements for the Planning and Operation of Events within Grand County to Mitigate the Transmission of Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus

Pursuant to the Utah Public Safety Code, including the Disaster Response and Recovery Act; the Utah Health Code; the Utah Criminal Code; Grand County Code Chapter 8.16; and the Grand County Declaration of Local Emergency signed March 10th, 2020, the Grand County Council and its Chief Executive Officer orders:

1. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 16th, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 14th, 2020, unless renewed or terminated as provided under Utah law, public or private mass gatherings, as defined below, are hereby prohibited in Grand County, Utah.
2. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 16th, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 14th, 2020, unless renewed or terminated as provided under Utah law, all Special Events in unincorporated Grand County, Utah shall comply with the following terms and conditions, all of which shall constitute an amendment to the Special Event Permit deemed accepted and approved by any Permittee who holds a Special Event in unincorporated Grand County, Utah during the state of local emergency:
 - a. All Special Events occurring in unincorporated Grand County, and the Permittee thereof, shall:
 - i. Observe the temporary restriction on Mass Gatherings as defined by this order, and shall amend their event plans and operations as per the requirements of this order;
 - ii. Assign event staff to track numbers of person in one location for the purposes of complying with the temporary restriction on mass

gatherings;

- iii. Coordinate with the Grand County COVID-19 Community Task Force (“Task Force”), as defined below, concerning the development, submission and advanced approval of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan implementing the requirements herein;
- iv. Establish a clear plan for communicating the daily practice of preventive actions as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to their staff, volunteers, and participants;
- v. Make available sufficient preventive supplies to their staff, volunteers, and participants including hand sanitizer, tissues, a health department approved hand washing station, and disposable face masks (for those who feel ill), as determined and approved by the Task Force;
- vi. Plan for staff and volunteer absences and require that all staff and volunteers refrain from participating in the event if they are ill and/or have a fever;
- vii. Clearly communicate to all participants that they must not attend the event if they are feeling ill and/or have a fever, or have reason to believe that they have been exposed to those infected with COVID-19;
- viii. Discourage individuals 70 years and older, and those with pre-existing health conditions from participating in the event;
- ix. Institute a refund policy for any participant who requests a refund due to illness or risk associated with COVID-19;
- x. Coordinate with the Task Force on a plan for the temporary isolation of staff, volunteers, or participants who become ill during the event;
- xi. Plan to limit unnecessary in-person contact among staff, volunteers, or participants and encourage social distancing of approximately six (6) feet or more;
- xii. Regularly sanitize all objects and surfaces shared by anyone associated with the event, including transport vehicles;
- xiii. Provide a plan of action for canceling or postponing an event should the need arise;
- xiv. Distribute all protocols and information supplied by the Moab Regional Hospital and any other health or public safety authority on their website and to all staff, volunteers, and participants; and

- xv. Submit a roster of their event's participants, staff, and volunteers and their contact information to the Southeast Utah Health Department at least forty-eight (48) hours before the event.
 - b. This Order shall be enforced against a Permittee in the same manner as other conditions imposed on the Special Event Permit by the County and pursuant to Grand County Code § 8.16 and Section 3 of this Order.
3. This Order shall have the full force and effect of law during the state of local emergency pursuant to Utah Statute § 53-2a-209.
- a. The Grand County Council and its Chief Executive Officer hereby delegate enforcement of this Order to the Grand County Sheriff, the Chief of Police, and the Southeast Utah Health Department pursuant to Utah Statute § 53-2a-205 and to the extent permissible by law;
 - b. A person who refuses to comply with an order issued by a peace officer pursuant to this Order and during the state of local emergency is guilty of a class B misdemeanor under Utah Statute § 76-8-31;
 - c. A person who violates any lawful order of the Southeast Utah Health Department is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for the first violation, and for any subsequent similar violation within two years, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor under Utah Statute § 26-23-6;
 - d. Conviction in a criminal proceeding does not preclude assessment against the Permittee of a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.00 per violation; suspension, revocation or denial of a Special Event Permit; or other injunctive or equitable remedies available under Utah Statute § 26-23-6; and,
 - e. In addition to all other penalties imposed, a person who refuses to comply with this Order shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the County to enforce this Order against such person including but not limited to all cost of law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, and traffic control.

4. Definitions

- a. Grand County COVID-19 Community Task Force. The Task Force shall be comprised of the regional Health Director and Environmental Health Director for SEUHD; the Sheriff, Council Chair, County Attorney, and the Council Administrator for Grand County, Utah; and the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police for the City of Moab.
- b. Mass Gathering. For the purposes of this Order, a "mass gathering" is any event or convening that brings together two hundred and fifty

(250) or more persons in a single outdoor space at the same time for any period of time, and one hundred (100) or more person in a single indoor space at the same time for any period of time; such as, but not limited to, an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, theater, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space. A "mass gathering" does not include normal operations at grocery stores, schools, health care facilities, offices, government facilities, churches, industrial facilities, or hotels (excepting conference rooms).

- c. Permittee. Permittee shall mean any person, association, or corporation, or the officers of any of them, conducting events including but not limited to the holder of a Special Event Permit, as designated in the Special Event Permit Application on file with Grand County.
5. This Order is issued based on CDC resources, including evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
 - a. This Order will reduce the likelihood that many individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at a single event and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County; and,
 - b. This Order is issued to prevent circumstances often present in mass gatherings that may exacerbate the spread of COVID-19, such as: (a) the increased likelihood that mass gatherings will attract people from a broad geographic area; (b) the prolonged time period in which large numbers of people are in close proximity; (c) the difficulty in tracing exposure when large numbers of people attend a single event; and (d) the inability to ensure that attendees follow adequate hygienic practices.
6. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 6, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gary Herbert, and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation by the Grand County Council Chair of a Local Emergency Regarding Novel Corona virus 2019 (COVID-19).
7. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Council's Office of the Grand County Courthouse located at 125 East Center Street, Moab, UT; (2) posted on the Grand County website; (3) distributed to all Grand County Event

Sponsors; (4) distributed to all local political subdivisions including federal government entities; and (5) provided to any member of the public or media requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Mary Mullen McGann
Chair, Grand County Council

ATTEST:

Quinn Hall
Grand County Clerk-Auditor