

Town of Dutch John



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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

TOWN OF DUTCH JOHN – MAYOR SANDY KUNKEL

In light of Governor Herbert's recommendations regarding COVID-19, and in order to limit the disease's spread and impact on our community, Mayor Sandy Kunkel has declared a state of emergency for the Town of Dutch John. This declaration, with the accompanying policies and procedures, will help the Town mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable people in our community, such as the elderly and those individuals with underlying health conditions. The health and safety of residents, businesses, and Town personnel is our top priority.

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Dutch John. However, we have seen its impact in communities across the State of Utah and the world, and it is best for us all to take preventative and precautionary measures. All essential town functions will continue to operate. However, non-essential town functions may be limited or suspended as needed to protect Town residents and the public at large, as we determine is appropriate.

The Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at **1-800-456-7707** and has additional information on their website **coronavirus.utah.gov**. Additional information can be found at **www.cdc.gov**. Residents who experience COVID-19 symptoms like shortness of breath, cough, and fever should contact their health providers for directions. If a resident has these symptoms and requires emergency care, please notify dispatch and the responding care personnel of your symptoms so the responders can take necessary precautions. Following is the public health order issued for our area, which we fully support:

HEALTH ORDER

Public Health Order Issued for Duchesne, Uintah and Daggett County Residents

Vernal, UT April 1, 2020 – TriCounty Health Department issues local public health order taking effect at 12:00 a.m. on April 2, 2020, for Duchesne, Uintah, and Daggett County residents, coinciding with Governor Gary Herbert's Stay Home, Stay Safe Directive. The purpose of the public health order is to preserve the health of residents and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Uintah Basin.

"If our communities will come together and abide by this order we can collectively slow the spread of COVID-19," TriCounty Health Officer Jordan Mathis, said. "Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is the most critical component in our fight against this disease. If we can slow its

spread we can preserve our limited healthcare resources to successfully treat those individuals who become severely impacted by this disease. All of these efforts add up to lives saved, but we all have to do our part.”

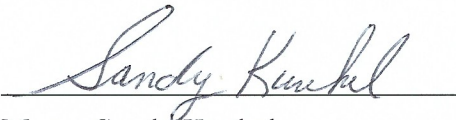
The order is based on Governor Gary Herbert’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Directive issued on March 27, 2020. The order is specific to all individuals as well as high-risk individuals.

All individuals are ordered to:

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Self-quarantine for 14 days after being exposed to an individual presenting symptoms of illness consistent with COVID-19.
- Limit gatherings to only members of the same household or residence.
- Limit visits to hospitals.
- Not visit nursing homes, or other residential care facilities.
- Not attend school outside the home.
- Not arrange or participate in playdates or similar activities.
- Not allow children on public playground equipment.
- Not dine out except for carryout or delivery.
- Not congregate at trailheads and other outdoor spaces
- Not travel to, or participate in activities at, any of the following locations:
 - places of public amusement or public activity, including theaters;
 - public swimming pools; or
 - gyms, fitness centers, and gymnastic and dance studios.
- Not engage in close-contact or team sports, or any sport that requires sharing equipment.
- Not go to or engage in activities at a state park located outside the county in which you reside.

While high-risk individuals, that is, any individual who is age 60 or older or any individual with a serious underlying medical condition, are being ordered to:

- Not participate in any gatherings with individuals not from the same household or residence.
- Not visit hospitals except for medical care.
- Engage in Essential Travel as infrequently as possible.



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COVID-19 Emergency -

Emergency Limitations and Policies

Town of Dutch John – Mayor Sandy Kunkel

GENERAL TOWN POLICIES:

- Follow all guidelines and recommendations established by the Governor, Federal CDC, and State/Federal Boards/Departments of Health
- Cooperate in reporting Town and resident status to appropriate officials
- Coordinate communications between State/Federal governments and residents
- Work with County regarding county services and operations within the Town
- Work with public utilities and own systems to ensure necessary utilities continue to function (water, sewer, electricity)
- Post signage with instructions, declarations, and emergency policies

TOWN OFFICIALS/VOLUNTEERS.

- Do not come to meetings if you feel sick or have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath)
- Report and do not come to meetings if you have been in contact with someone showing COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath)
- If interacting with public suspected of having COVID-19, wear Personal Protective Equipment if available
- Primary goal is to stay safe, healthy, and provide essential services

GOVERNMENT SERVICES – Policies and Limitations Imposed at Mayor’s Discretion

- Level 1 Emergency Policies and Limitations
 - Limit contact with public
 - Allow online/phone/mail options for payments and document submission
 - Maintain 6-foot distance between persons
 - Ask public to separate themselves maintaining 6-foot distance between persons.
 - Notify public that fulfilling requests may be delayed
 - Reduce and limit meetings
 - Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings held electronically

Clean public spaces and maintain safety for public.

Limit Public Events – No Town sponsored events will be scheduled.

- Level 2 Emergency Policies and Limitations
 - All communication via electronic means
 - All Town meetings cancelled except necessary council meetings, held electronically. Monthly council and/or Planning & Zoning meeting may be cancelled if necessary.
 - All non-essential permits be denied, or delayed
 - Non-essential and discretionary applications and requests not accepted/denied