

## **SALT LAKE COUNTY POLICY ON THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS**

As witnessed by recent data, the Salt Lake County Health Department's vaccination effort is proving effective in protecting our most vulnerable populations and preventing severe COVID-19 hospitalizations and death. But as indicated by recent health guidance from the CDC and state and local health authorities, vaccination alone does not extinguish all of the risks associated with COVID-19 or eliminate the possibility of vaccinated persons carrying the virus and potentially transmitting it to unvaccinated persons who remain vulnerable to severe illness or death. Salt Lake County remains in the moderate level for COVID-19 transmission, and now is not the time to let our guard down.

**Accordingly, effective April 10, 2021, when the State of Utah's formal mask mandate comes to an end, face coverings must continue to be worn in all Salt Lake County owned and operated buildings, venues, facilities, and similar locations, and in all Salt Lake County owned and operated outdoor public spaces where appropriate physical distancing cannot be consistently maintained. This policy will remain in effect until May 31, 2021, or until otherwise modified, as we work as a community to ensure that all persons who seek a COVID-19 vaccination are given the opportunity to receive one.**

Face coverings must cover the wearer's nose and mouth completely and contain two or more layers of a breathable or washable fabric. A face shield may not be worn alone but may be worn in conjunction with a face covering or other protective measures. Appropriate accommodations regarding this policy will be made for children under the age of two and for persons who, medically or psychologically, are unable to tolerate the wearing of a face covering or mask.

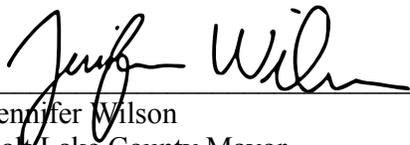
This policy pertains equally to all persons employed in any department, division, agency, office, commission, or board under my portfolio, and to all members of the public, whether they come to engage in services, to conduct business, or to play a game of bingo, read a book, catch a show or participate in the abundant recreation and similar activities that Salt Lake County has to offer.

Employees who work under the direction of my fellow, independently elected officials, namely those employed in the Offices of the Salt Lake County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, District Attorney, Recorder, Sheriff, or Treasurer, or those employed by a member of the Salt Lake County Council, should seek guidance or further direction regarding application of this policy in their respective workspaces from the appropriate elected official.

Further, this policy is intended to work in conjunction with and not supplant any federal, state, or local requirement regarding the wearing of a face covering, respecting which employees and members of the public should continue to comply.

[Additional information and guidance regarding this policy](#)

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021,

  
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Jennifer Wilson  
Salt Lake County Mayor