Frequently Asked Questions

When does the Governor’s directive take effect?
The directives regarding hygiene, gatherings, travel, and outdoor recreation are extended and will remain in place until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020.

Where does the Stay Safe, Stay Home directive apply?
The governor’s directive includes the entire state. The directives establish minimum statewide standards. In consultation with the State, local authorities may impose more stringent directives and orders to address the unique situations in different areas of Utah. These directives are not to be confused with a shelter-in-place order.

Is this mandatory or just guidance?
The state expects all Utah residents and businesses to follow these directives. Goals of the directive are to flatten the curve, reduce the strain on hospitals and the healthcare system, and minimize the impact on medical resources for those with highest need. They are necessary to keep Utah residents safe during the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Can I travel from one county to another county?
You can travel from one county to another county if you’re going to work or are doing an essential task. Otherwise, you should stay home.

Will there be police checkpoints, or will the Utah National Guard be enforcing this directive?
No. The Utah National Guard will not be enforcing this directive and there will not be police check points.

How will the police know I’m allowed to be outside my house?
Law enforcement officials will not stop residents who are on their way to or from work or who are out for necessities like going to the pharmacy or getting groceries, or just taking a walk. People gathering in any size group may be asked to physically distance themselves or go home. Adhering to these directives will save lives and it is the responsibility of every Utahns to do their part. We are in this together.