

KANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. E 2020 – 01

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUING TEMPORARY RULES RESTRICTING AND OR LIMITING THE PUBLIC USE OF CERTAIN KANE COUNTY FACILITIES, CLOSING TO THE PUBLIC CERTAIN KANE COUNTY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE EXPANDED USE OF SICK LEAVE DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19, AND ISSUING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF KANE COUNTY REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PREVENTION MEASURES.

WHEREAS, on March 6, Governor Gary Herbert issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, although Kane County has not yet seen an infection of COVID-19, Kane County recognizes the threat that it poses to the health and safety of the residents of Kane County, which necessitates strong preventative measures; and

WHEREAS, Kane County desires to implement temporary changes to internal policies regarding the use of county facilities, the interaction that County offices have with the public, and the use of sick leave; and

WHEREAS, Kane County desires to issue additional recommendations to the public that comply with the most recent recommendations of State and Federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this executive order is found in Utah Code §53-2a-209.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LAMONT SMITH, CHAIR OF THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION, STATE OF UTAH, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following Kane County facilities and offices are closed to the public:
 - a. Kanab Center
 - b. Kane County North Event Center
 - c. Kane County Kaneplex
 - d. Kane County Search and Rescue (SAR) Building
 - e. Kane County Office of Tourism
 - f. Kane County Senior Center
 - g. Kane County IT Department, HR Department, Budget Office, Roads Department
 - h. Assessor's Office except for services provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
2. No other Kane County facilities may be used for gatherings of more than ten people.

3. All other Kane County Offices and Departments shall remain open to the public. Individual offices shall institute reasonable policies to limit required interactions with the public and with other County Offices and Departments.
4. The public is strongly encouraged to avoid in-person visits to any Kane County Office or Department and to use alternative means such as email or telephone unless an in-person visit is critical and time sensitive.
5. Any member of the public who is experiencing a fever shall not be allowed to enter any Kane County facilities and should remain at home.
6. Individual supervisors have the authority to require employees with any illness to remain home from work and use sick leave under the sick leave policy.
7. Individual supervisors are encouraged to allow their healthy staff, where possible, to work from home. Employees who are sick must remain at home and should not work from home unless approved by a supervisor. Healthy employees who become quarantined or isolated at home due to an infection or exposure to COVID-19 are encouraged to work from home when possible.
8. Any Kane County employee that is experiencing a fever shall remain home and shall not return to work without consulting a physician about a possible COVID-19 infection.
9. Kane County Employees may use sick leave, under the sick leave policy, a) to remain home while experiencing any symptom of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath), b) to comply with any quarantine or isolation period due to COVID-19, and c) to care for school age children if childcare is unavailable and a school closure is in effect.
10. The above restrictions and policy changes shall remain in place until May 1, 2020.
11. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to follow the prevention recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as follows:
 - a. Limit gatherings to ten people or less.
 - b. Avoid non-essential travel.
 - c. Stay home and avoid contact with other people if you feel sick, particularly if you have a fever and a dry cough.
 - d. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

- e. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- f. Avoid contact with sick people.
- g. Do not shake hands.
- h. Refrain from purchasing excess food and supplies.
- i. If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, keep your entire household at home.
- j. If you are over the age of sixty or if you have a serious underlying health condition that impairs your heart or lung function or weakens your immune system, stay home and away from other people.
- k. Obtain updated information from cdc.gov, kane.utah.gov, or by listening to radio stations 92.7 FM in the Kanab area or 92.9 FM in the Long Valley area.

12. This order will be updated as necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this order on this 16th day of March 2020.


Lamont Smith, Chair
Board of Commissioners
Kane County

ATTEST:


KARLA JOHNSON
Kane County Clerk

