

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL STRONGLY ENCOURAGING  
AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO FULLY OPEN  
RECREATION AND COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been characterized by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), a virus that spreads easily from person to person and can cause serious illness or death in certain individuals;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death in America with about 655,000 deaths a year;

WHEREAS, 88 million people 18 years of age and older have prediabetes (34.5% of the adult US population) and 24.2 million people 65 years of age or older have prediabetes;

WHEREAS, the number of people screening with moderate to severe symptoms of depression and anxiety has increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and hit rates higher than prior to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the CDC states that exercise helps prevent and improve a number of health problems, including high blood pressure, diabetes, and arthritis;

WHEREAS, the CDC states that research on depression, anxiety, and exercise shows that the psychological and physical benefits of exercise can also help improve mood and reduce anxiety;

WHEREAS, the State of Utah established health guidance levels based off of a COVID-19 transmission index, which transmission index clarified the public health metrics used to determine which counties are placed in which transmission level and counties will be placed in one of three transmission levels: High, Moderate, or Low;

WHEREAS, the transmission levels corresponded directly to case rates, positivity rates, and ICU utilization;

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County started in a high transmission level, moved into a moderate transmission level, and is nearing a low transmission level;

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature passed HB 294 that eliminated mask requirements under the state health guidance levels and eliminated the established health guidance levels once three metrics are reached: (1) the 14-day case rate reached a level at or below 191 per 100,000 people; (2) the 7 day average COVID-19 ICU utilization was less than 15%; and (3) at least 1.63 million prime (first dose) COVID-19 vaccine doses have been allocated to the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, as of May 4, 2021, the three metrics have been reached and all state established health guidance levels have been eliminated;

WHEREAS, vaccines have been developed to prevent and reduce the impact of COVID-19 and are available to the general public ages 16 and older at no-cost;

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 17, 2021, vaccines became available to children between the ages of 12-15 at no-cost;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires to create a reasonably safe environment so its customers and the general public may return to County facilities;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council values its employees and desires to protect its employees and maintain a safe environment for them to conduct County business in;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council feels strongly that the vaccine would be the best way to benefit its employees and protect them from the COVID-19 virus and wishes to support incentive options to encourage them to receive the vaccine;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires that all employees that would like to be vaccinated to have work accommodations to do so;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council believes a public health strategy should be taking into account all the health concerns and issues posed to a community;

WHEREAS, due to the lowering current case rates, ICU utilization rate, transmission rates; the increasing availability of vaccines; and the ongoing concerns about the other physical and mental health risks to an individual; the Salt Lake County Council would like County arts and recreational facilities to open and operate under normal protocols;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Salt Lake County is the county executive officer of the county and Utah Code Title 17, Chapter 53, Part 3, authorizes her to perform all executive functions of the county and to direct and organize the management of the county in a manner consistent with state law, county ordinance, and the county's optional plan of county government;

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County owns and operates arts and recreational facilities for the public benefit and enjoyment;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires that the mayor direct Salt Lake County arts and recreational facilities and programs to take additional, immediate actions to increase capacity, reduce restrictions, and resume all pre-COVID-19 programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council that:

- 1) The Council requests that the Mayor develop and execute a plan forthwith for re-opening Salt Lake County's arts and recreational facilities and programs at a potential capacity that is consistent with their pre-pandemic operations and present said plan to the Salt Lake County Council;

- 2) The Council requests that the Mayor create incentive options to encourage employees to receive the vaccine;
- 3) The Council requests that such incentive options also be available to employees who have already received the vaccine; and
- 4) The Council requests that the Mayor take all steps necessary to ensure that all Salt Lake County employees who desire a COVID-19 vaccine timely receive all necessary doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve DeBry, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sherrie Swensen  
Salt Lake County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Deputy District Attorney      Date

Council Member Alvord voting	_____
Council Member Bradley voting	_____
Council Member Bradshaw voting	_____
Council Member DeBry voting	_____
Council Member Granato voting	_____
Council Member Snelgrove voting	_____
Council Member Stringham voting	_____
Council Member Theodore voting	_____
Council Member Winder Newton voting	_____