

May 26, 2021

Steve Debry, Chair
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Honorable Members of the Salt Lake County Council,

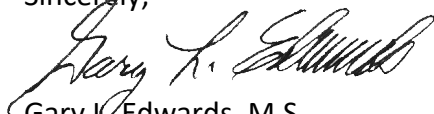
As required by Senate Bill 195, codified in relevant part at Utah Code Ann. § 26-23b-104(6)(a)(ii), this letter provides notice that the Salt Lake County Health Department is requesting an additional thirty-day extension of Salt Lake County's emergency declaration to the COVID-19 pandemic beyond the current expiration date of June 8, 2021. I ask that this request be considered during your June 8, 2021, meeting.

While we have made great strides in fighting the spread of COVID-19 through vaccinations and other collective efforts, Salt Lake County remains in a Moderate Level of Transmission as defined by the State of Utah and is approaching the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Moderate Transmission Level. The upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend will help us better understand the effectiveness of our vaccination efforts and the push toward herd immunity.

Extending the emergency declaration will continue to allow activities related to Salt Lake County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic to be eligible for cost recovery with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Activities eligible for cost recovery include but are not limited to Salt Lake County's operations at the Emergency Coordination Center, personal protective equipment, quarantine and isolation, testing, and vaccination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter in maintaining the safety of constituents of Salt Lake County.

Sincerely,


Gary L. Edwards, M.S.
Executive Director