

PHASED REOPENING OF

CULTURAL, ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS VENUES

WITH PRECAUTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

In accordance with the Governor’s April 28 announcement, Salt Lake County will allow cultural, entertainment, and sports venues—including theaters, museums, zoos, and sports arenas—to reopen on Friday, May 1, 2020, if they follow strict guidelines to help prevent the spread of infectious disease. As outlined in the state’s [Utah Leads Together 2.0 plan](#), resuming operations should be delayed until businesses meet all conditions below. It is critical for the health of all Salt Lake County residents that business owners, employees, and customers understand and comply with these requirements. Businesses that do not comply may be closed by Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD).

- **Exclude ill employees and customers.** Managers must monitor themselves and all employees at the beginning of their shift for symptoms. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must not be allowed on the premises. Establishments must also post signs in work areas that advise employees not to work if they are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing; similarly, they must post signs in public areas advising customers to stay home if ill. SLCoHD will provide signage online that establishments may print and use to fulfill this requirement.
- **Wear face coverings.** Employees and customers must always wear face coverings over the nose and mouth to effectively reduce the spread of respiratory droplets. Customers may remove their face coverings while consuming concessions or dining at facility restaurants.
- **Enforce physical distancing.** Maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between people is the standard guideline applicable at all venues at all times. Establishments must monitor the number of guests entering a venue to ensure adequate distance between individuals and groups is easily attained. Signs are required at venue entrances to remind and help individuals stand at least 6 feet apart when in common areas or while visiting exhibits (e.g. museums, zoos, aquariums, aviaries, and botanical gardens). Group programs, camps, and tours are not allowed. Establishments must establish a window of time for high-risk groups to come in without pressure from crowds and/or separate entrances and queues. Additional guidelines apply to different types of facilities, including:
 - Movie theaters, sports arenas, and other venues with auditorium or stadium seating must maintain 10 feet of space in all directions between individual household groups while seated.
 - Reserved-seating facilities with stage performers should keep at least 3 empty seats between individuals or family groups in each row, at least 2 vacant rows between occupied rows, and the first 5 rows should be left vacant in auditoriums where performers sing or speak toward the audience.
 - Bowling alleys, batting cages, golf facilities, and other venues with “lanes” must keep 1–2 lanes vacant between groups to meet social distance requirements.
 - Arcades must space games/consoles so that there is at least 6 feet between each machine.
 - Concessions/restaurant seating within any venue must be compliant with dine-in food service guidelines.
- **Frequently disinfect high-touch areas.** Employees must frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces, including door handles, railings, bathrooms and customer service counters. The establishment must use disinfectants/sanitizers effective against COVID-19 (approved list at [EPA.gov](#)). Use disposable cleaning supplies if possible (towels, mop heads, etc.); reusable supplies must be laundered daily.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet summarizes key requirements for allowing operations to resume. Additional information is available in the state’s [Utah Leads Together 2.0 plan](#), or call Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-INFO (4636).