



San Juan County Utah Daily Information Report

Coronavirus (COVID-19)
March 18, 2020

Public Health: As of 03/17/2020 there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Juan County. Please see our updated guidance: Our individual actions are crucial to protecting our community. **DO YOUR PART TO PREVENT COVID-19:**

- All county residents should work from home whenever possible.
 - If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, such as healthcare/pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
 - Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
 - Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
 - Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
 - Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
 - Practice good hygiene:
 - Wash your hands often.
 - Avoid touching your face.
 - Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
 - Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
2. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Monitor your symptoms.
 3. If your children are sick, keep them at home.
 4. If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
 5. If you have a serious underlying health condition stay home and away from other people.
 6. Bars, restaurants, and food service establishments shall suspend dine-in operations for a period of two weeks (as per order of the Governor).
 7. Gyms, recreation centers, and other venues where people congregate should temporarily close as well.
 8. Please be aware that diagnostic testing is only valid for those who have respiratory symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath). Not everyone should be tested.
 9. If you have isolated yourself due to illness and your symptoms worsen or you have difficulty breathing, contact your medical provider by phone prior to going to a hospital or clinic.

We ask all members of our community to work together, follow this guidance, and protect each other by stopping the spread of coronavirus. We are counting on YOU to do your part.

Clinics:

Blanding: Informational brief will be added soon

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protect patients, employees, and our communities. SJH has implemented a restricted visitor policy, as of Monday, March 16th. Dietary services to the general public have been halted until further notice. SJH has implemented an Emergency Department triage protocol to establish safe workflows and to mitigate the spread of any potential COVID-19 cases. San Juan Health's (SJH) Infection Control and Medical Staff will continue to closely monitor the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak and implement new protocols in a timely manner. **There are rumors going around that we have a confirmed case: San Juan Health has no confirmed cases of COVID-19**

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Blue Mountain Hospital: Blue Mountain Hospital has no confirmed cases of COVID-19. BMH personnel are prepared for the possibility of receiving COVID-19 patients. BMH has implemented a restricted visitor policy and has stopped serving food to the public until further notice. BMH is monitoring and adhering to CDC guidelines. All non-essential meetings have been cancelled and other precautions are being taken. Staff and patient safety are the top priority. BMH will continue to monitor the situation as more information becomes available and take action as appropriate.

EMS: During this time you will see EMS respond with an increase of respiratory protecting masks or other protective gear to ensure your safety as well as the safety of the EMT's Please do not be alarmed by this. The EMS department will continue to follow all recommendations of the Utah Department of Health, San Juan County Health Department and the CDC to ensure the safety of the people who rely on our EMS Services. To help follow the guidelines of social distancing we will be cancelling all CPR classes and will not be scheduling classes until we feel it is safe to do so. Please note that if San Juan EMS gets overwhelmed with multiple calls our response times may be slower than normal.

Law Enforcement: The San Juan County Sheriff's Office is concerned and working on two fronts in dealing with Covid-19. The first front is the effort to keep jail staff and inmates healthy. This includes our very important dispatchers. The San Juan County Jail has suspended all visitations to the jail; all volunteers have also had their visits to the jail terminated. The jail has a plan to have an area available for quarantine if needed. The county jail has a backup plan to feed the inmates if we lose jail cooks to quarantine. We have tele-health capabilities set up and working so that inmates can see a medical doctor without leaving the facility for initial doctor visits. The corrections officers have access to protective equipment.

The second front is the law enforcement and public safety efforts. The patrol deputies are responding to law enforcement incidents. They have safety equipment if needed. We have currently cancelled trainings, except for the cadets we have in POST academy classes and we have encouraged deputies to follow all safety guidelines.

We are not doing fingerprinting for the public at this time at the sheriff's office.

County: We have implemented a **Notice to Visitors** due to recent public health concerns; it is recommended that visitors are able to answer “no” to all of the questions below before visiting our offices. Have you, or someone living in your household, someone you have been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are caring for been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or had any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19? In the last 14 days, have you or someone living in your household, or someone you have been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are caring for returned from, or made a travel connection through a CDC Level 3 or Level 2 country or State Department Level 3 or Level 4 country? Do you currently have or have you had within the last 24 hours, any cold or flu symptoms with a fever greater than 100.4 or acute respiratory distress (e.g., shortness of breath and coughing.)

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please do not go out in public. You can call 435-587-3225 to make an appointment to conduct business by phone.

If you need to do Vehicle Registration at this time we highly recommend utilizing online capabilities secure.utah.gov

Economic Development: Economic Development: Regular

Updates: <https://www.utahscanyoncountry.com/covid-19> **Business updates** can be found here: <http://bit.ly/33tdCKI>

This includes business that are open, limited hours, adjustments to services, and etc. If you are not listed and would like to be please email ssmith@sanjuancounty.org.

SBA Disaster Relief Funding:

Loan applications can be daunting, here is a 3-step process: <http://bit.ly/2x9CY4c>

USDA Disaster Assistance: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

Visitor Services (Utah's Canyon Country): Visitor Information 1-800-574-4386

Regular Updates: <https://www.utahscanyoncountry.com/covid19-travel>

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Cities:

Blanding: Currently, the Blanding Visitor Center, Wellness Center, and Justice Court are closed temporarily due to COVID-19 and the earthquake in Salt Lake City. The City Office is open but we are asking residents to only visit in person if their issue is critical, time-sensitive, and must be done in person. City utilities are fully operational and we anticipate service delivery continuing uninterrupted. We will follow CDC and local and state health department recommendations in considering any future actions.

Bluff: The Bluff Town Council closed the Bluff Community Center and Fire Mesa Kitchen to all social events and rentals last week in anticipation of the state of emergency order. The Bluff Town Council is working with the Bluff Volunteer Fire Department, EMS and Business Owners of Bluff to ensure that communication lines remain open. There are currently 4 dine-in food services that remain open in Bluff and it is anticipated that they are, or will be, in compliance with the State Public Health Order.

Monticello: The City of Monticello continues to carefully monitor the status of the COVID 19 and its effects. We will continue to carefully follow all guidelines as issued by the CDC and State and County Departments of Health. Effectively immediately the Hideout Community Center will be not be open for rental or other public uses. This step has been taken to assure group meeting guidelines are followed and to protect the public, especially our senior population and their Center that is in the same building. Our Welcome Center is closed until further notice. All other city services will continue without interruption.

School District: Student, staff, and community safety is the number one priority for San Juan School District. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic we are adhering to all guidelines put out by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Utah Department of Health. We will continue to closely monitor all developments and take appropriate action.

San Juan County Aging Department: San Juan County Senior Centers will temporarily suspend congregate meals and social gatherings. For our Congregate Meal Clients: We will provide a To Go Meal under the following guidelines:

- Clients that wish to have a meal will need to call the center by 10:00 am the morning of congregate meal day.
- For Monticello and Bluff that is Tuesday and Thursday, For Blanding and La Sal that is Wednesday and Friday.
- At that time clients will need to let the center director know how many meals are needed.
- By 11:45 clients can show up at the center and pull up to the designated door.
- An employee will bring packaged meals out to the client.

For our Home Delivered Meal Clients: We will still deliver home delivered meals to our homebound clients.