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## COVID-19 — UTAH — 3/24/20

**Utah Legislature.** On March 12, 2020, the Utah legislature adjourned sine die. Prior to adjournment, the legislature adopted <u>HB 494</u>, authorizing the Department of Administrative Services to transfer or divert moneys to another department, agency, institution or division only for the purposes of providing a state response to COVID-19. The bill awaits Governor Gary Herbert's signature, along with <u>HB 3</u>, a supplemental appropriations bill that includes authorization of a one-time appropriation of \$24.0 million for the purpose of disease response. The Utah legislature also adopted <u>HJR 24</u>, extending to June 30, 2020, a state of emergency declared by Governor Herbert on March 6.

**Governor's Actions.** On March 13, Governor Herbert closed public schools for two weeks, to be reassessed at that time. In other executive orders, Governor Herbert has allowed public bodies to meet electronically and ordered restaurants and bars to suspend dine-in services.

**COVID-19 Cases.** As of March 24, Utah has 257 COVID-19 cases in 9 counties, with 1 death. A total of 5,823 people have been tested.

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