

Dear Vineyard Residents,

Over the past few days, there have been noted shifts in the movement of COVID-19. We understand the importance of your health and safety, as well as the long-term economic security of our community. To prevent the spread of the virus and to follow the recommendations of Governor Herbert and the COVID-19 task-forces, I would like to share steps the City is taking regarding COVID-19.

On Monday March 16th 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency for Vineyard. While there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in Vineyard, this is a pre-emptive mechanism that allows us to call upon state assistance, and to make necessary changes to city services and programs.

The following plans are being made effective as of March 16th:

1. The COVID-19 task-force has asked that gatherings be limited to 10 healthy individuals. In addition, those older than 60 years of age, and all immunocompromised individuals should stay home and practice social distancing. Mountain Land Association of Governments provides “meals on wheels” for seniors. Please call them to find out more about delivery and volunteering: 801-229-3821.
2. Practice social distancing in parks. The city is doing their part to maintain clean environments. Please avoid areas of the parks where social distancing is difficult, such as playground areas, pavilions, or large group activities such as soccer or basketball. I’m enacting a soft closure on our recreation that includes sponsored recreation activities, city events, and all pavilion reservations. However, please do get outside: go on picnics with your family, play tennis, go golfing, and go for a walk right here in your local community.
3. Vineyard City Hall will remain open for business; however, staff is working remotely where possible. We may have limited staff in the office, so we encourage all residents to contact the city through email, phone, or by visiting our website: [vineyardutah.org](http://vineyardutah.org).
4. Our scheduled public meetings will continue, and we encourage you to participate electronically through our YouTube Channel.

5. Please know that essential city services; police, water, sewer, and garbage collection will continue without disruption.
6. Planning for emergencies is an important principle for Vineyard. It is also significant to many organizations in our community. It is *imperative* to remember to gather supplies for emergencies in a slow, steady process to support a steady flow of resources for all in the community. It is best to act under routine operating procedures using these smart practices to keep a stable economy while still incentivizing proper social distancing. Please refrain from over-purchasing, and thus depleting supplies.
7. If you can **work** from home, please start doing so immediately. The emphasis is to work. We applaud all businesses who have this as an option, and are taking steps to help their employees work from home. If your company does not have this option, find innovative ways to stay open and work with the public in a way that allows for safe distancing.
8. I encourage you all to **support our businesses** here in Vineyard, as much as social distancing and best practices permit, and am creating an economic task force to work together to help keep the economy strong. I encourage our local entities to **find ways to innovate**, and make services available that work with social distancing and best practices.
9. As a city, we are aware of the economic impact this outbreak could have on our city finances. The city has a rainy-day reserve fund in place for emergency situations such as this. We will continue to monitor the situation and plan accordingly. As the city obtains information about possible resources for our businesses, we will do our best to connect you with that information.
10. With school closures, I hope that everyone has received the notices from school districts about grab-and-go lunch options for their students. Please reach out to your school if you have not learned about this resource. Please participate in your virtual school programs.
11. Travel smart and avoid areas that have COVID-19. We've been asked by tourism communities that we stay in our home communities. They do not have the resources to take care of visitors at this time. Follow the CDC guidelines and recommendations

Practice and encourage **BEST PRACTICES**

- A. Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds
- B. Cover your mouth when you sneeze
- C. Cough into tissue paper or your elbow
- D. Avoid touching your face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth.
- E. Implement social distancing. This is keeping 6ft. Distance from others.
- F. Be kind, and courteous, and wave instead of shaking hands.
- G. Please stay home if you become ill to avoid spreading it to those who are vulnerable.
- H. Encourage remote involvement and working conditions.
- I. Distance yourself from those at higher risk if you are ill.

### 13. CONTRACTED COVID-19

If you believe that you have COVID-19, please do the following:

1. Do not go to the doctor. Immediately self-isolate. Call those you have been in contact with so they can quarantine. Recognize the signs:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf>
2. If symptoms worsen, call your provider to begin the triage process, and determine location for possible testing or assistance.
3. If you are experiencing life threatening symptoms dial 9-1-1

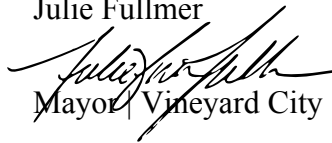
This is a fluid situation that will be continually examined and reevaluated as circumstances change and more information becomes available. The city will continue to work with state and county officials to determine if additional changes are merited. Making use of these safe practices will provide a continual steady flow of resources, provide better care for those who are vulnerable to or contract COVID-19, and allow our community to succeed as best we can. We appreciate all who have worked to create a positive calm response. It is important to be as educated as you can about COVID-19. Most people in Utah will be asymptomatic or have mild cases. However, smart practices will keep the most vulnerable to COVID-19 safe.

It's been amazing to see the community come together during this time where things are tough. Thank you for your kindness, your desire to help, and your thoughtful solutions. I hope we can continue to work together to help each other, and spread #Vineyardlove. Reach out to the city, to your clergy, and/or in your neighborhood social media pages if

you find yourself in need of help. Each offers different resources or may be able to point you in the right direction. Our community is connected, and has always proven responsive in helping those in need.

Vineyard City has a number of ways to communicate with you. We have our notification system in place and a newsletter, website ([vineyardutah.org](http://vineyardutah.org)), and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) to provide you with education and community preparations. Please feel free to reach out to Vineyard City at any time with questions. Our office number is 801-226-1929, or call me personally 567-356-2060.

Julie Fullmer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Fullmer".

Mayor, Vineyard City