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VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE IN UTAH

On Wednesday, Utah hosted the only 2020 Vice Presidential debate. A special thanks to the University of Utah for hosting the event and the Utah Debate Commission for making the event a success. It was truly a historic night for Utah and we were honored to host the candidates in our beautiful state.

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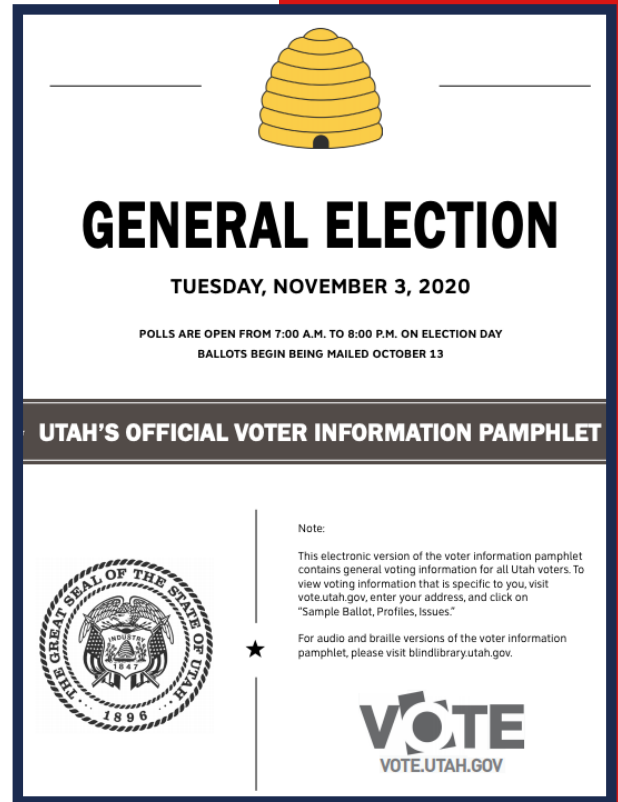
POLICY PRIORITY- AIR QUALITY



Air quality is an ongoing issue that the Utah Legislature looks to address. In an effort to better understand the problem and identify areas of opportunity, the Legislature commissioned a study through the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute called The Utah Roadmap. This study stated that our air is in fact getting cleaner, but with progress still to be made. As a legislature, we have devoted a significant amount of resources to air quality and cleaner air. Many of our refineries are moving to cleaner, Tier 3 fuels, and we passed legislation around wood burning stoves and the installation of modern water heaters. To find gas stations that sell Tier 3 fuel near you, click [here](#)

ELECTION UPDATE

Ballots will be mailed out soon. You should expect your ballot to arrive in the mailbox around October 13. To see all the candidates that are running and see Utah's Official Voter Information Pamphlet, click [here](#). Your voice matters, so get informed before you vote!



PODCAST - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

This week, we're covering the 7 constitutional amendments on the ballot in Utah. Listen to this week's episode to find out what they are, so you can cast your vote in confidence. [Click here to listen.](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, October 5

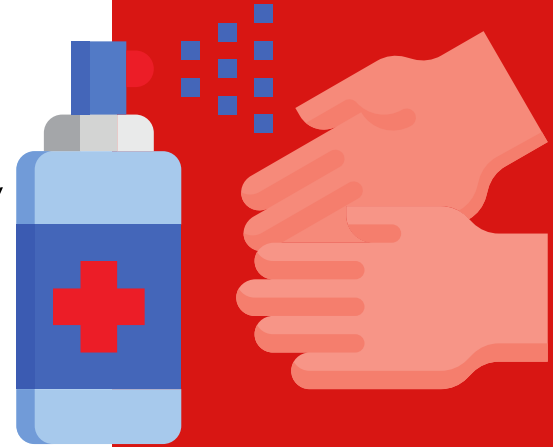
- 78,723 positive cases, an increase of 1,105 from the previous day
- 5,286 new tests administered
- 183 current hospitalizations
- 482 total deaths, 4 more than the previous day
- 57,965 recovered cases
- 13.6% positive rate

Tuesday, October 6

- 79,439 positive cases, an increase of 716 from the previous day
- 9,421 new tests administered
- 208 current hospitalizations
- 488 total deaths, which is 6 more than the previous day
- 58,534 recovered cases
- 13.8% positive rate

Wednesday, October 7

- 80,446 positive cases, an increase of 1,007 from the previous day
- 5,839 new tests administered
- 226 current hospitalizations
- 496 total deaths, 8 more than the previous day
- 59,289 recovered cases
- 13.8% positive rate



Thursday, October 8

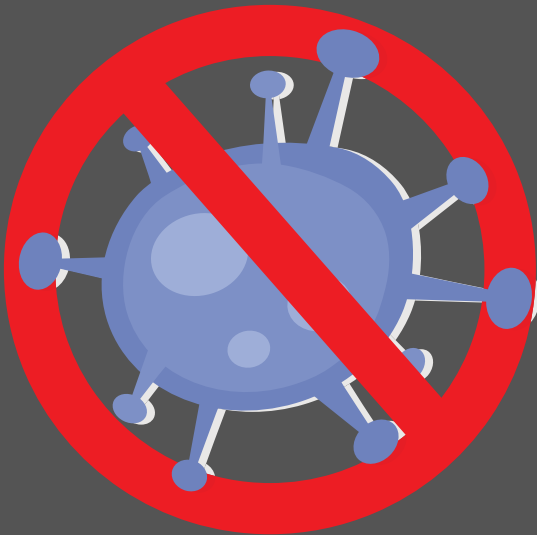
- 81,947 positive cases, an increase of 1,501 from the previous day
- 10,582 new tests administered
- 237 current hospitalizations
- 501 total deaths, 5 more than the previous day
- 60,220 recovered cases
- 13.7% positive rate

Friday, October 9

- 83,290 positive cases, an increase of 1,343 from the previous day
 - 9,026 new tests administered
 - 243 current hospitalizations
 - 505 total deaths, 4 more than the previous day
 - 61,326 recovered cases
 - 13.8% positive rate
- Utah's 7-day rolling average for positive tests is 1,148 per day.

The rolling 7-day average for percent of positive laboratory tests is 13.8%.

To see updated data and accurate information, visit the new Unified Response Scoreboard [here](#).



COVID TESTING

If you are feeling any symptoms of Covid-19 you should get tested. Keep in mind, there are many different testing locations including in mall parking lots, some Walgreens locations, and private companies. Find the location nearest you and check to see if an appointment is needed. To find all testing locations near you click [here](#).



VISIT UTAH- OUTDOOR RECREATION



Many events and festivals were canceled this year due to the pandemic, but one thing wasn't canceled - the great outdoors. Visit Utah has created a list full of activities to do outside including geocaching, hiking, horseback riding, and more. Click [here](#) to find the activity right for you and your family.

UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Below is the latest news release from the Department of Workforce Services on Utah's unemployment insurance claims: We saw a slight uptick in new claims but a decrease in continued claims. A few additional points to highlight from last week (September 27-October 3):

- Traditional unemployment insurance new claims increased by 5.5% from the previous week to 2,605 claims
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance new claims increased by 8.2% from the previous week to 739 claims
- Extended Unemployment Claims decreased by 5.7% from the previous week to 1,230 claims. Total new claims for all three programs ended the week at 4,574 (see claim graph below)
- Combined weekly claims for all three programs was at 40,390
- Total combined numbers from March 15 to October 3
 - New claims: 314,540
 - Benefits paid: \$1,538,575,604 (includes Lost Wages Assistance payments)



We will be watching seasonal activities that usually occur in the fall and winter months with increased new claims. Our main focus is on continued claims and whether people are ending because of exhausting their benefit or obtaining employment.

Visit the "hot job" web portal at jobs.utah.gov.