

UTAH COVID-19

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GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Statewide Public Health Emergency: Richard G. Saunders, the Interim Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health issued [State Public Health Order 2021-1](#) on January 13th, which remains in effect until otherwise modified, amended, rescinded or superseded.

Liability Immunity

- On April 22nd, the Governor signed [SB3002](#) Emergency Health Care Access and Immunity Amendments. This legislation provides liability protections to health care providers who treat patients during a major public health emergency (it is not COVID-19 specific). These protections apply regardless of whether the health care provider is compensated or not. Immunity provisions include general standard of care during an emergency, acting outside the scope of practice, unapproved use of drug or device, and, use of investigational drug or device.

Appropriately titled COVID-19 Provisions, [SB3007](#), signed by the Governor on May 4th, is specific to COVID-19 and has broad applicability. This law states that a person is immune from civil liability for damages or an injury resulting from exposure of an individual with COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by the person, or during an activity managed by the person. Immunity does not apply to willful misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm.

Volunteer Physicians and Nurse

- Physicians formally licensed in Utah or in another U.S. state, with an unrestricted license, in good standing, may [apply for volunteer health practitioner license](#), to work as a volunteer at a qualified location, under a delegation of service agreement with an actively licensed supervising professional.
- A nurse who is part of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact may work in Utah, without obtaining a license. If a nurse is not part of the compact, they may volunteer at a qualified location and would also work under a delegation of service agreement with an actively licensed supervising professional.