

A background image showing a group of graduates in black caps and gowns, with their hands raised in celebration. The image is partially obscured by a large blue rectangular overlay.

USHE COVID-19 Updates

Governor's Education Excellence Committee

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UTAH
SYSTEM OF
HIGHER
EDUCATION

- Transitioned all courses online mid-semester
- Closed on-campus, services, housing & auxiliaries

April

- Virtual commencements
- Delayed fall enrollment deadlines
- CARES funding
- State funding cuts

June-
July

- Limited in-person campus services
- Synchronous on-line / in-person
- Distancing
- Testing/Quarantine protocols

March

- Hiring & travel freezes
- Summer events & internships cancelled

May

- June 4: State plan for fall semester "re-opening"
- Institution plans
- Partnerships with local health departments

Aug.

“Gating Conditions”

- ✓ 1) Community prevalence
- ✓ 2) Higher education-specific health guidelines
- ✓ 3) Adequate PPE supplies for prevention
- ✓ 4) Liability protection
- ✓ 5) Tailored institution plans
- 6) Testing capacity
- 7) Contact tracing
- 8) Healthcare surge capacity

Institutional Plans

- ✓ 1) Repopulating campus.
- ✓ 2) Active monitoring of health conditions.
- ✓ 3) Containing and preventing the spread of the disease.
- ✓ 4) Shutting down operations if it becomes necessary.

Fiscal Impact

CARES:
\$98.7m

Students
\$49m

73% distributed
(direct payments to students)



Institutions
\$49m

31% of total impact
(doesn't include 2.5% cut)