



**END UTAH  
HOMELESSNESS**  
Salt Lake Valley

# 2021 HEALTH UPDATES

## SALT LAKE VALLEY

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) is committed to rendering homelessness brief, rare and non-recurring, in collaboration with our statewide homeless services partners within the Utah Homelessness Network. We are working tirelessly to move individuals experiencing homelessness into long-term stable housing by addressing the core needs of individuals experiencing homelessness through our eight Core Function Groups.



The SLVCEH and Salt Lake County recognized the devastating impacts COVID could have on people experiencing homelessness from the start. Through collaboration and shared expertise, these entities prioritized those most at risk, ensuring shelter and other housing options as well as diligent attention to health protocols to stem the spread.



# COVID COLLABORATION

- Public nurses joined the street outreach teams early on in the pandemic response to help educate, screen, and connect unsheltered individuals with testing.
  - SLCo, SLC, and State funders worked with SLVCEH to identify priorities and gaps in funding related to CARES funding, and coordinated on funding, to ensure gaps were addressed.
  - SLCo established and operates a quarantine and isolation facility, allowing those with COVID-19 a safe place to recover, which also helped to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19.
  - The SLVCEH meets weekly with LHCCs across the state, to coordinate on COVID-19, emergency planning, and other issues.
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Partners have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep those experiencing homelessness safe and healthy! Together they've been successful in mitigating the spread, and saving lives.

## THE ROAD HOME

Increased street outreach teams for COVID supports to move folks into housing from unsheltered or sheltered locations. Shelter providers, in conjunction with the health department and local medical teams (4th Street, IHC), provide in house rapid COVID testing.



<.74%

PERCENTAGE CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED  
CASES WITHIN SALT LAKE COUNTY  
(AS OF JAN 27TH)

## VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Volunteers of America, Utah is supporting Salt Lake County Health Department by overseeing a section of the Quarantine and Isolation unit for homeless individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and are going through acute withdrawals from addictive substances.

## FOURTH STREET CLINIC

Fourth Street Clinic completed over 10,000 COVID tests, and over 50% of those were done on mobile, on site at a resource center or other service site. Also have an outreach MD going to the VP motel weekly to see clients.

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