

To Dr. Angela Dunn,

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

This letter is being drafted as a means of bringing to your attention the fact that numerous attempts have been made by members of the public, over a period of months, to make contact with you concerning the COVID-19 situation here in the State of Utah, and the government's subsequent all-encompassing response to this situation. These attempts have included the following:

- 1) A well-meaning phone call placed on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> of 2020, by a member of the public, to the State Office of Epidemiology, which was met with the following response: "*Dr. Dunn does not take calls from the public.*"
- 2) A number of very simple, straightforward COVID-19 public health policy questions posed during an "*Ask Me Anything*"<sup>i</sup> live virtual question and answer session, held on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> of 2020, and featuring both Mayor Erin Mendenhall and yourself. Sadly, these important questions were not answered, despite being some of the very first to be brought forth during the course of the live session.
- 3) Innumerable attempts by thousands of members of the public, over the course of the past several months, to contact County Health Departments, the State Health Department, State Committees, State Legislators, and the Executive Branch of the Utah Government as part of an effort to seek some level of clarity as to the meaning behind the broad-spectrum public health policies enacted upon the public at large, all of which seem to be in direct violation of the Utah Constitution as well as State Statute and Administrative Rulemaking Procedures concerning legally allowable government and bureaucratic agency response to public health crises<sup>ii</sup>.

Being as you are the State Epidemiologist for the State of Utah, you are well aware of the fact that the research that you conduct, as well as the opinions that you express through the public (and private) comments that you utter, have a direct effect upon the lives of millions of individuals here in the State, via the subsequent enactment of 'one-size-fits-all' public health policies. You must understand that such policies, while at first seeming to be of good intent to ensure the welfare of all people, do in fact have wide-ranging, unforetold consequences, which, in a great many cases, do not always work out to be 'for the greater good.'

There is an old saying, concerning a road paved with good intentions. During such times as those in which we as a people are currently enduring, it may at first seem that traveling such a road, together as a mass of people, will in fact lead us to a better place, at some unforeseen point in the future. Unfortunately, such 'free invention of the human mind', i.e. grave sacrifices made now in the hopes of a brighter future, leads to a particular train of thought that is fraught with errors, for what is often overlooked are the effects that such modes of thinking, and acting, have upon *individuals*.

It is the hope of the people of the State of Utah that you will take these words to heart, and to seriously consider how it is that your actions are affecting individual lives; in essence, abiding by the old adage of 'stepping into the shoes of another'. Such feelings as these can be experienced only when you allow yourself to *directly* engage with the public at large, and not merely across fiber optic lines. And while it is true that a number of individuals within the public sphere are, at present, quite irate, and understandably so, this is not the case for all. You may be surprised to find that there are those who are willing, and able, to engage you in thorough discourse. But you must take the first step, by moving out from behind the pulpit, and acknowledging *every individual voice*. Only then, as you say, will you truly be able to "*bring everyone together*"<sup>iii</sup>. A good place to start would be through the answering (in a public platform, for all to hear) of the questions attached as an addendum to this letter.

Regards,

We the People of the State of Utah

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSv4AaMk1RA>

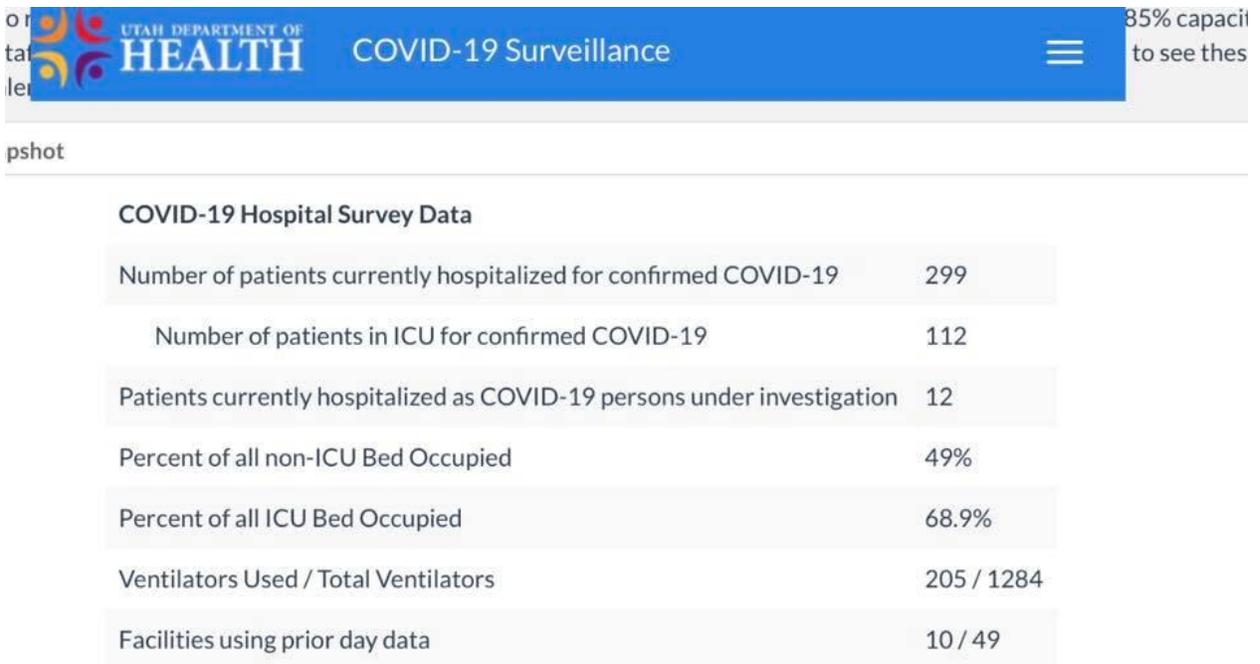
<sup>ii</sup> [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zlk7uKuTLZpmFepNXsyyNmB2qTVh3XubL16DL\\_Zdch8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zlk7uKuTLZpmFepNXsyyNmB2qTVh3XubL16DL_Zdch8/edit?usp=sharing)

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/04/19/face-utahs-coronavirus/>

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- (1) Names of all Utah hospitals
- (2) Total capacity and ICU capacity per hospital
- (3) Total COVID capacity and total COVID ICU capacity per hospital
- (4) Total capacity and ICU capacity currently in use per hospital
- (5) Total capacity and ICU capacity currently in use for patients with COVID as the primary cause, per hospital
- (6) #2 and #4 figures for 2019, 2018, 2017
- (7) Number of COVID tests administered each day for the past 6 months, by county

These are the numbers of which we have currently been made aware:



COVID-19 Hospital Survey Data	
Number of patients currently hospitalized for confirmed COVID-19	299
Number of patients in ICU for confirmed COVID-19	112
Patients currently hospitalized as COVID-19 persons under investigation	12
Percent of all non-ICU Bed Occupied	49%
Percent of all ICU Bed Occupied	68.9%
Ventilators Used / Total Ventilators	205 / 1284
Facilities using prior day data	10 / 49