Salt Lake County Numbers

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<td>Daily avg. past 7 days</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>74% Reduction in cases over the past 14 days</td>
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<td>Cases per 100,000</td>
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Questions

What is the Hilton doing to ensure good ventilation?
I could not find any specific information on this yet. I plan to visit the hotel and ask this question in person.

February 10, 2022 Update: I spoke with the head of engineering and he told me the room windows do not open but the main ventilation system that supplies the hotel has MERV 13 filters which are rated to filter out Covid particles. The individual rooms also have MERV 8 rated filters.

What is the Marriott doing for ventilation?
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Do all the Marriott guest rooms have windows that open to allow fresh air in from outside?
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What are the Hilton’s rules on masking?
On Hilton’s website it asks for their guests to follow all local guidelines with respect to mask wearing and social distancing. In Salt Lake County there are none currently.

What are the local (Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and Utah) rules about indoor masking?
Utah has no local restrictions or mask wearing requirements. Salt Lake County tried to implement a mask mandate but the State Legislature rescinded it. This most likely will not change due to the Utah State Legislature preventing any local jurisdiction, such as a city or county, from making any restrictive Covid protocols. Private businesses can make their own Covid requirements such as requiring customers to wear masks.

Variants

With the Omicron surge finally on the decline we are watching to see what the next dominant variant will be. At this time health experts have identified the sub-variant BA.2 as the next variant to take the place of Omicron. BA.2 has been detected in many states and across Europe but cases have not become significant yet. There is still a lot we don’t know about BA.2 such as will symptoms be severe, will it be more or less infectious than Omicron, and how long will symptoms last. In future reports we will be providing more information about BA.2 and any other emerging variants.

Travel info

Currently there are no travel restrictions within the US. To stay current on travel requirements from outside the US click the link below.

US Travel Requirements

Summary

Covid case numbers are still high in Utah but are on the decline. Hopefully, this will continue through the Spring. So far, we aren’t seeing data to suggest another surge is coming soon.