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## BYU changes COVID-19 reports again, fewer updates



Preston Crawley

Students walk around campus on the first day of school Aug. 31. As of Sept. 11, there were 218 active COVID-19 cases in the campus community. The campus recently moved from daily to weekly reporting.

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Members of the BYU community came out on social media to voice their displeasure following BYU's decision to move from daily to once-a-week reporting of COVID cases.

The change comes at a time when both Utah County and BYU cases are skyrocketing and the county's infection rate is the highest in the state. BYU reported 218 active cases and 258 total cases on Friday, Sept. 11.

Following BYU's decision to move to weekly reports, the university also announced it was rolling out a new COVID dashboard that shows the total number of cases as well as how many are active and how many are no longer in isolation. The dashboard also has weekly totals and daily averages for each week.

But professors, students and alumni were not impressed with the dashboard. Instead, various individuals questioned the motivation behind BYU's decision, with theories ranging from more mild ideas like a need to decrease anxiety that could come from viewing daily reports to suggestions that BYU was trying to hide case numbers or save face.

"Please change this back to daily. Transparency and rapid reporting are important for building trust and helping people to be more aware of the risks they are facing," BYU computer science professor Daniel Zappala said in a tweet.

"This is a step back in transparency. As a Provo resident and a spouse to a BYU professor, the daily count reporting helped me trust in the

administration's handling of classes being held in person. This change makes me wonder what BYU's motives are," @Kathrynmds tweeted.

But BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said there is no truth to these claims. Instead, the change in reporting frequency allows the university to "provide a more accurate picture, which takes into consideration daily case counts that may be high or low."

She added that BYU's contact tracing team continues to receive and manage positive reports each day and BYU's new form of reporting is consistent with other higher education institutions in Utah.

BYU sociology professor Kevin Shafer hopes BYU will do more than surrounding schools because "that's what BYU has traditionally done and that's what BYU should continue to do."

"In the midst of this pandemic, we need to communicate as openly and honestly about these things as possible," he said. "I think more information is better. ... People can make more informed and better decisions when they have more data available to them."

He said while he understands why some people have tagged on nefarious motives to BYU's decision, his reaction has just been confusion rather than seeking to explain the administration's rationale.

"I think it would be helpful if the university explicitly explained why it made the change and not let individuals impute motivation upon the university," Shafer said.

BYU senior Calvin Burke also wants an explanation for the decision, which he feels is a lack of transparency. "I'm hopeful that this will be something

that will be changed quickly because it seems inconsistent with our values at BYU — like fundamentally inconsistent."

Like Shafer, Burke expressed a desire to see BYU be at the forefront of reporting techniques — a space currently occupied by Ohio State University. OSU's dashboard is one of the most detailed COVID-19 dashboards of any university in the country. Its data ranges from daily updates, the number of tests administered, the state of its PPE supply and the percent of positive tests to the number of quarantine beds available at the school.

"At BYU we've always held ourselves to a higher standard than other universities and institutions of higher education," Burke said. "I'd love to see a dashboard identical to or similar to, if not better than, the one at Ohio State."

This is a possibility since, according to Jenkins, BYU is considering adding more information to its dashboard. A recent Harvard study regarding best practices for COVID-19 data visualizations stresses showing trends over time instead of just snapshots of daily infections. "Without the additional context, a daily toll means very little and can be wildly misinterpreted. A one-day number won't help viewers understand the bigger picture," writes study author Betsy Gardner.

That's not to say daily reporting is necessarily a bad thing, the issue is more the broader context given with those daily reports. Our World in Data, which publishes data sets used by journalists and researchers around the world, encourages daily reporting that is shown as a full-time series with all data points since

an outbreak started and that isn't limited to just the number of cases. This is the approach the Utah Health Department has adopted: cases and testing numbers (and other data sets) are added daily to show an overall trend.

Our World in Data also recommends providing detailed data — such as negative test results and breakdowns by age group or the testing process negative test results — as well as explanations to go along with the reported data.

Kent Gee echoed calls for an expanded and more frequently updated COVID dashboard from BYU, saying as a scientist he's always grateful for more data.

"I appreciate messages like 'Compassion is contagious' and visual reminders to maintain physical distancing, but I also think that we can use actual data to teach principles to help the campus community become more science- and math-literate while also encouraging modified behavior," he said. "Timely feedback regarding case counts is an essential part of this process."

The rapidly evolving nature of this semester is also a factor in Gee's desire for more frequent and extensive reporting from BYU. If cases continue to double every three days, BYU could potentially have 1500 cases by the end of next week.

"For all I know right now, we could transition to remote learning — without the campus community understanding why — before the next set of numbers are even released. In that way, weekly updates are a travesty, in that they fail to deliver their intended value," Gee said.



Hannah Miner

President Kevin J. Worthen spoke about his four hopes for BYU students during the first devotional of the semester on Sept. 8. Scan this photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

## Pres. Worthen shares hopes for campus

By EMILY HARRAH

BYU President Kevin J. Worthen has four hopes and a caution for the university as an unusual school year begins.

"I hope each of you stays safe and healthy," he said in a devotional address. "We are in the midst of a pandemic and that requires that we do some things differently. Most importantly, we must be willing to adhere to the safety guidelines and directions to which each of us has agreed to comply."

President Worthen's hope for health and safety was made visually by the fact he spoke in the Marriott Center but to an entirely remote audience watching by broadcast.

"If we are to continue on with any face-to-face instruction, every one of us will need to be more vigilant in washing our hands, wearing a mask, social distancing and avoiding gatherings where those things are not observed."

His second hope is that the campus community will discover, or rediscover, the joy of discovery "that you more fully experience the enlightenment and energy that comes from learning truth through study and faith."

"As hard as it may be to believe at times, learning can be an exhilarating, edifying experience, even when — or maybe especially when — it is exhausting. It can be joyful, particularly when it is facilitated by the Holy Ghost."

His third hope is that each member of the BYU community feels they belong. "I hope that we can each develop a loving, genuine concern for the welfare of all of God's children, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation or other distinguishing feature, each of which is secondary to our common identity as beloved spirit children of Heavenly parents."

"I hope that we can learn to have difficult conversations without being difficult, because those kinds of conversations, held in love, will be necessary if we are to be a true Zion community," he said.

He said his fourth hope is most important. "I hope that in the coming year each of you can feel in greater measure God's love for you individually. At those times when you wonder if anyone cares — or if anyone should care — I invite you to ask God what He thinks of you — what He really thinks of you."

Sister Peggy Worthen also spoke at the devotional that opened the new school year. She talked about the importance of record keeping and faith. She shared that as she has kept a journal and re-read past experiences, she has seen her faith increase. "When we turn to Heavenly Father, our faith increases — even amid life's challenges. And when our faith increases, so does our courage to face the challenges."

## On-campus COVID isolation housing filling quickly

By ANDREA CABRERA

BYU has students quarantined in on-campus housing because of the coronavirus just two weeks into the semester.

"I don't exactly know what's going on but from what I understand, things aren't going well," said Heritage Halls resident assistant Daniel Webb. "We got an email recently about outbreaks in Helaman Halls, which those are the kinds of things that are filling up quarantine centers."

The BYU COVID-19 housing website says quarantine protocols are in place for BYU students living in on-campus housing, but a BYU On-Campus Housing Manager Jay Brown said "quarantine centers" do not exist.

"We have 5,606 single students living in on-campus housing and have isolation housing that can accommodate about 5% of that number," Brown said. "Part of our plan includes utilizing Aspen Grove if needs be."

Multiple floors in Heritage Halls were designated as isolation housing for on-campus residents



Preston Crawley

Residents in Heritage Halls share messages with the outside using sticky notes.

who tested positive for COVID-19. But these isolation housing units might be reaching capacity, a possibility the university has not confirmed.

"If I were to guess it would be

that we have reached capacity or we will within the next couple of days," Webb said. "I feel like things could have gone well at school, but the amount of partying that people are doing is really not, like, it's way

worse than I expected."

In an email Friday, Sept. 4, University Communications encouraged students to "be wise" and follow safety requirements on and off campus. The email also said there is no "specific case threshold" that indicates to move back to remote learning. Instead, BYU is looking at various factors, including "BYU's capacity to isolate or quarantine those living in on-campus housing."

Heritage Halls apartments have their own bathrooms, so residents typically quarantine in their apartment. Most students in the isolation housing, however, are Helaman Halls residents since Helaman Halls buildings have community bathrooms. Those asked to relocate during quarantine or isolation may transport themselves or may utilize transportation provided by request in their housing area.

"I think every single room that is available for quarantine has three bedrooms, but two bathrooms, so there's only two people in each one. That way no one has to share a bathroom," explained Webb.

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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## BYU Fall 2020 COVID-19 snapshot

1 active case in every 200 people



218 active cases

258 cumulative cases

18.4 average new cases per day

Source: BYU COVID-19 case management website.

Ben Daniel

## Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



### Schools delay start after wind storm

Salt Lake City schools delayed their first day until Sep. 14 due to continued power outages after a windstorm tore through Utah this week.

The storm knocked down trees and caused significant damage from Salt Lake City to Logan on Sept. 12. Gov. Gary Herbert declared a state of emergency as the state and residents continue clean-up efforts.

The district had already delayed classes two weeks because of the pandemic.



### Winds a worry as death toll reaches 35 from fires

Nearly all of the dozens of people reported missing after a devastating blaze in southern Oregon have been accounted for, authorities said, as crews battled wildfires that have killed at least 35 from California to Washington state.

The flames up and down the West Coast have destroyed neighborhoods, left behind only charred remains of homes, forced tens of thousands to flee and cast a shroud of smoke that has caused some of the worst air quality in the world.



### Police to work with probe of shooting of autistic boy

A police department vowed Sep. 8 to cooperate with multiple investigations of the shooting of a 13-year-old autistic boy by officers.

The Salt Lake City Police Department said the officers were called to a home in Glendale, Utah, the night of Sep. 4 with a report of a boy who had threatened people with a weapon.

The boy reportedly ran and was shot by an officer after being pursued by police. The Salt Lake City Police Department said they are cooperating fully with the incident protocol team.



### Boeing finds new problem with 787

Boeing has recorded its first orders of the year for the grounded 737 Max, but a new flaw has surfaced in another of its planes, compounding the company's struggle to recover during a pandemic that has undercut demand for new jetliners.

Boeing said it is inspecting part of the tail of the two-aisle 787 after finding that pieces were clamped together too tightly, which could lead to premature fatigue of a part called the horizontal stabilizer.

## Study: Kids infected at day care spread coronavirus at home

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NEW YORK — Children who caught the coronavirus at day cares and a day camp spread it to their relatives, according to a new report that underscores that kids can bring the germ home and infect others.

Scientists already know children can spread the virus. But the study published Sept. 11 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “definitively

indicates — in a way that previous studies have struggled to do — the potential for transmission to family members,” said William Hanage, a Harvard University infectious diseases researcher.

The findings don't mean that schools and child-care programs need to close, but it does confirm that the virus can spread within those places and then be brought home by kids.

Earlier research from the U.S., China and Europe has found that children are less likely than adults to be infected by the virus.

## Teacher deaths raise alarms as new school year begins

ASSOCIATED PRESS

O'FALLON, Mo. — Teachers in at least three states have died after bouts with the coronavirus since the dawn of the new school year, and a teachers' union leader worries that the return to in-person classes will have a deadly impact across the U.S. if proper precautions aren't taken.

AshLee DeMarinis was just 34 when she died Sept. 6 after three weeks in the hospital. She

taught social skills and special education at John Evans Middle School in Potosi, Missouri, about 70 miles southwest of St. Louis.

A third-grade teacher died Sept. 7 in South Carolina, and two other educators died recently in Mississippi. It's unclear how many teachers in the U.S. have become ill with COVID-19 since the new school year began, but Mississippi alone has reported 604 cases among school teachers and staff.

## Utah aiming to keep COVID-19 fatalities, unemployment low

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SALT LAKE CITY — Utah has set new goals for fighting the coronavirus pandemic that include keeping the state's fatality rate below 1% and maintaining an unemployment rate below 4.5%, state leaders said Sept. 10.

Gov. Gary Herbert and other state leaders rolled out their new plan, which prioritizes both public health and boosting the state's economy through the fall and

winter. Utah is currently meeting its two primary targets with a death rate of 0.77% and a 4.5% unemployment rate, according to state data.

State officials also unveiled an online dashboard that will be updated weekly to track whether the state is meeting its goals. Those new targets include controlling outbreaks, increasing mask compliance, restoring consumer confidence to pre-pandemic levels and reducing the number of weekly unemployment claims.

## Voting in person Nov. 3? Expect drive-thrus, sports arenas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Voting will look a little different this November. States are turning to stadiums, drive-thrus and possibly even movie theaters as safe options for in-person polling places amid the coronavirus pandemic and fears about mail-in ballots failing to arrive in time to count.

The primary season brought voters to an outdoor wedding-style tent in Vermont

and the state fairgrounds in Kentucky. The general election on Nov. 3 is expected to include voting at NBA arenas around the country, part of an agreement owners made with players to combat racial injustice.

Large venues and outdoor spaces allow for social distancing that helps prevent the spread of the virus, though there are questions about keeping people warm as the weather gets cold and the possibility that fewer traditional neighborhood polling places could lower voter turnout.

## Teacher departures leave schools scrambling for substitutes

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INDIANAPOLIS — With many teachers opting out of returning to the classroom because of the coronavirus, schools around the U.S. are scrambling to find replacements and in some places lowering certification requirements to help get substitutes in the door.

Several states have seen surges in educators filing for retirement or taking leaves of absence. The departures are straining staff in places that were dealing with shortages of teachers and substitutes even before the pandemic created an education crisis.

Among those leaving is Kay Orzechowicz, an English teacher at northwest Indiana's Griffith High School, who at 57 had hoped to teach for a few more years. But she felt her school's leadership was not fully committed to ensuring proper social distancing and worried that not enough safety equipment would be provided for students and teachers.

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

## IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

### Students engineer new filter for masks made from everyday materials

By CASSIDY WIXOM

BYU engineering students worked on a project this summer where they created masks made from materials found anywhere in the world to help developing countries access better protective filtration systems.

Starting in June, undergraduate students Austin Kerr, Ethan Fullwood and Katie Valera worked with engineers from Avant Design in an internship-like setting to test and design an electrospinning process that creates a filter to layer on masks.

Electrospinning is a method of producing fibers by adding an electric charge to a solution made of a polymer and a solvent. The solution is held in a syringe needle and the accumulating electric charge forces the solution to be pulled towards a collector. This causes the solvent to evaporate, leaving behind threads of polymer that are sprayed onto the collector in a random manner that can be used as a membrane.

The Avant Design engineers guided the students through the process, helping brainstorm ideas and aiding in adjustments for things that went wrong or didn't achieve desired outcomes. Their main goal was to create a good filter to apply to masks.

Once the team started to succeed in creating a filter that worked, they challenged themselves to adjust the design to be made from commonplace materials.

"The novelty is (the students) came up with a process that can be done in some village anywhere in the world using equipment anyone could have. We opened it up so anyone can make these respirators that protect their lives," said David Fullwood, one of the project's overseeing professors.

The team discovered the electric currents needed for the process could be pulled from an old CRT TV, which are prevalent almost everywhere in the world. After trying many different mixtures of common household chemicals and plastics, the students settled on a solution made from cigarette filters, acetone and vinegar.

Kerr reminisced on the



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Undergraduate engineering students Austin Kerr, left, and Ethan Fullwood examine a mixture they made in the lab.

difficulty of finding solutions that worked. "I'd give them a solution that took three hours to mix and then in 20 seconds be told it doesn't spin, it didn't work at all and I've got to go back to the drawing board."

According to Ethan Fullwood, an electrical engineering freshman, sometimes the spinning of solution resulted in pretty designs that lay nicely on the collector. Other times the spinning would spray everywhere, covering the lab in spiderweb-like fibers.

Once they found the perfect combination of polymer and solvent, "it was like magic," he said.

"Before I did this project, I had never heard of electrospinning. The different experiences of it were so dynamic," Ethan Fullwood said.

A senior capstone team of electrical, manufacturing and mechanical engineering undergraduate students took over the project for this academic year to refine the design and initiate distribution.

These students have the unique opportunity to collaborate with students from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. This across-the-globe connection allows for real-time implementation of the electrospinning process to test how applicable and effective the design is in a different country with limited resources and equipment.

With a focus on global engineering, the capstone team hopes to use this project to help as many people as possible.

"Our work won't just impact

people here in the United States with COVID, but it's going to help everybody around the world with air pollution," capstone member Justin Goldade said.

According to professor David Fullwood, pollution is one of the biggest causes of death in major industrialized cities. He said he hopes that with this project they could create masks that filter out bad particles to not only help slow the spread of COVID, but also improve breathing conditions for people in highly polluted cities.

Capstone coach Jacob Morrise said throughout this coming year the team will tackle new challenges of mask typology, breathability, reusability, safety of operating the machine and the cost-effectiveness of the process. The students will also work with the India team to ensure the new masks are culturally acceptable and impactful.

When finished, the capstone team is hoping to distribute the design all over the world through the help of BYU's connections in other countries. Although the students said they don't know how big of an impact they will have, they are excited to try their best to help those near and far stay healthy through the use of these filtration masks. They said this endeavor helps them follow BYU's motto to "Go forth and serve."

"Even if we just saved one person's life or improved one person's ability to breathe, this whole project would be worth it for me," Morrise said.

## MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### MPA student helping impoverished nations



MPA student Lillian Bradley is using her passion for service and the skills she's gaining to fight for impoverished nations. Bradley's main focus in developing a new non-profit is on housing and advocating for survivors of human trafficking. She was adopted from poverty-stricken Ghana at age 3 and has been passionate from a young age about giving back to her land of origin. "I believe if you become an influential person for good, your influence will be contagious and inspire others around you to do the same," Bradley said.

### Renaming the Whitmore Global Management Center



The Whitmore Global Management Center is being re-named the Kay and Yvonne Whitmore Global Business Center. Kay, former CEO of Eastman Kodak, and his wife emphasized

international relations in their work. "Our new name will help communicate more clearly our mission to help students make an impact in the global business market," Whitmore Center director Bruce Money said. The Whitmore Center trains BYU students and local business people while offering international educational opportunities.



### DAVID M. KENNEDY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 24 Gilman Scholarship recipients

A record 24 BYU students qualified for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship in 2020. This prestigious, need-based scholarship makes it possible for students to study internationally to prepare for

their desired career. This year's students will study on nearly every continent, with destinations ranging everywhere from Italy to Ecuador to South Korea.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Gilman scholars will defer their study abroad until next year while others are continuing their studies virtually this fall. Gilman recipient Jordan Chou said that while he was disappointed to have to adjust his travel plans, he is still looking forward to the learning opportunities ahead.

## IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

### Grant awarded to study public transportation



BYU was among four universities to receive a \$1 million grant from the United States

Department of Transportation to study challenges and changes to the public transportation industry in the 21st century. BYU Civil Engineering professor Gregory Macfarlane and his team of students are focusing on modeling and simulation. Macfarlane hopes to keep public transportation relevant, even as competitors like Uber and Lyft edge in.

"Public transit is one of the only modes of transportation that can sustainably move large amounts of people in dense and growing urban areas," Macfarlane said.

## DAVID O. MCKAY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### 2020 ASHA Fellowship of the Association award



Christopher Dromey, McKay School Communication Disorders department chair, was awarded the 2020 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Fellowship of the Association award.

Dromey's 6-plus peer-reviewed publications and revolutionary research on speech motor control distinguished him from the crowd, says ASHA's website. To be nominated for this award, Dromey "must have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders." Dromey has taught in the McKay School since 2000.

## BYU's new inclusion committee discusses GE updates

By MCCALL ANDRIZZI

BYU's recently created Committee for Race, Equity and Belonging posted a story to the university's Instagram account outlining updates and actions taken towards a more inclusive and equal campus culture.

The committee was created in June when President Kevin J. Worthen requested the creation of the Committee for Race, Equity and Belonging as a response to the demand for an increase of social justice and equality in the United States.

In this update, committee members shared what they have done already and have committed to do in the future to advance the progress being made on campus regarding race and equality.

Some of the actions being taken include plans to become a permanent campus committee and to meeting with the general education redesign committee "to discuss integrating race, equity and belonging topics into BYU's general education requirements."

Committee members said they have read and categorized over 600 submissions outlining suggestions and personal experiences from the BYU community. Additionally, they have met with the BYU Black Student Union, the Black Alumni Society, and other students and alumni in an effort to better understand their



Preston Crawley

Students walk outside the Wilkinson Student Center during the first week of school. BYU's committee for Race, Equity and Belonging updated the campus community Thursday about its progress.

experiences. Students and faculty are still able to visit the committee's website to submit their own personal thoughts and suggestions for the committee to take into consideration moving forward.

"May we please be intentional with respect, care, concern, love and compassion that we show each other as we move forward in this new school year," committee member Lita Little-Giddins said.

The committee is hoping to submit formal recommendations to President Worthen by the end of this calendar year, and students are eager to see change across the BYU campus.

Jacob Peterson, an undergraduate student at BYU, said he is not very aware of actions the school is taking to increase inclusivity and eliminate racism

and discrimination on campus. He believes BYU should require all students to enroll in a course that covers racial inequality and social justice.

"These topics are briefly touched on in some classes but should be more incorporated into other classes, as well as taught directly in its own course, at least through a mandatory lecture series," Peterson said.

BYU student Elizabeth Sorenson hopes changes are made on campus and awareness is spread among the student body on how the committee is actively working to create equality at Brigham Young University.

"There's such a discrepancy among the racial variation in our student body that I don't think there's an innate sense of belonging," Sorenson said.

# TODAY

**UNIVERSITY DEVOTIONAL**  
Tuesday, September 15,  
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This event will be streamed live and available for viewing on BYUtv.



**Elder James B. Martino**

*General Authority Seventy,  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Elder James B. Martino was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in April 2009. At the time of his call he had been serving as a member of the Sixth Quorum of the Seventy in the North America Southwest Area. Elder Martino has served as a member and president of both the Central America Area Presidency and the Europe East Area Presidency. He is currently serving as president of the North America Southeast Area.

Elder Martino received a bachelor of science degree in business from Brigham Young University in 1974. After graduation, he began

working for Russell-Newman, Inc., an apparel company. He was president and CEO of the company from 1989 to 2000. He served as chairman of the company from 2003 until his retirement in 2009.

Since joining the Church in 1968, Elder Martino has served in numerous Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission, stake executive secretary, stake Young Men president, seminary teacher, bishop, stake president, and mission president.

Elder Martino was born in Denton, Texas. He and his wife, Jennie Marie Barron, are the parents of five children.

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# Can landlords require tenants to sign a COVID-19 liability waiver?

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Both renters and landlords have been hit hard by COVID-19, but where do one group's rights end and the other's begin?

It's a question the BYU community has been asking since Winter Semester 2020 when students petitioned to be released from their contracts after moving home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is renewed interest in the question, however, with the start of Fall Semester. Redstone Residential, which manages many BYU-contracted apartments, sent out a COVID-19 liability waiver to all of its residents, including non-BYU student residents.

The waiver verifies that the renter has reviewed and understands all CDC guidelines and acknowledges that Redstone Residential cannot ensure that residents will not get sick with or exposed to COVID-19.

"It is (the renter's) sole responsibility to ensure their physical condition is suitable for the health risks that may be encountered while on the apartment premises," states the waiver.

BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said the Off-Campus Housing Office is aware of such waiver addendums and they do not contradict the terms of the standard contract.

"While the OCH Office cannot give legal advice to students or to landlords, we encourage students who have a dispute with these waivers or their contracts to reach out



Preston Crawley

The coronavirus pandemic has ignited discussion about the rights of landlords and tenants. Scan this image with the **UNIVERSE PLUS** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

to BYU's Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution, where the matter can be mediated or arbitrated," Jenkins said.

A statement from Redstone Residential shows the difficulties landlords and management companies have faced during the pandemic and the motivation behind the waiver.

"Because pandemics have generally not been objects of consideration in rental contracts, there have been questions as to the integrity of rental contracts and building owner liability," reads the statement. "The addendum is a simple liability release that takes into account these considerations."

According to the website of the Utah Apartment Association, whose members consist of owners and managers of over 110,000 rentals across Utah, residents cannot use the coronavirus to require more from management than a contract provides.

For example, landlords and management companies have no obligation to report cases.

While landlords aren't required to provide cleaning supplies or sanitize common areas, the Utah Apartment Association encourages it as a best practice to help prevent the spread of disease.

Likewise, it encourages landlords and management companies to restrict usage of their large gathering spaces like clubhouses.

BYU geography major Jordan Hamann lives in Arcadia apartments, a Redstone property. He said he wishes there was a way for students to influence the institutions and policies that affect housing in Provo. His reaction to the waiver was resignation.

"It's not entirely incorrect, but it is a harsh reminder of the issues that student housing presents in this pandemic. What options exactly do BYU students in the bubble have? Are we not a captive audience?" he said. "I knew that when I started here, but who says it has to be so troublesome?"



Josh Carter

Local bike shops are dealing with the effects of a nationwide bike shortage caused by an increased demand of bike products since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Nationwide bike shortage affecting Utah County shops

By JOSH CARTER

Local bike shops are feeling the effects of a nationwide, coronavirus-fueled bike shortage.

Demand for bike products skyrocketed at the beginning of the pandemic, as people began to look for new ways to exercise in a socially-distant manner. However, COVID-19-related factory shutdowns have caused bike manufacturers to struggle to keep up with the demand, creating a perfect storm for bike shops across the country.

"We had a massive increase in interest in the cycling community as soon as people realized the activities they normally do in the summer would be limited," said Clayton Batty, general manager of Hangar 15 Bicycles' Provo and Orem locations. "It's hard to say exactly how much of an increase we had because our demand came on and tapered off earlier this year. The demand would have kept growing, but eventually, we ran out of bicycles and products due to manufacturers shutting down for periods of time earlier in the year."

According to the NPD Group, a market research company, nationwide sales for bikes and accessories in April of this year grew 75% compared to April 2019. The U.S. bike market drew in over \$1 billion in sales, the most ever since the NPD Group has been keeping track. The majority of these sales came by way of cheaper, more family-friendly bikes.

The NPD Group reported lifestyle/leisure bike sales grew by 203% in April, while front-suspension mountain bike sales increased by more than 150% and children's bike sales grew by 107%.

As bike shops began to run out of these family-friendly products, people started to

turn to higher-end bikes typically purchased by enthusiasts, such as road bikes and full-suspension mountain bikes. In June of this year, full-suspension mountain bike sales were up 92% compared to June 2019, while sport performance road bike sales increased by 87% and E-Bike sales grew by 190%, according to the NPD Group. Overall, the NPD Group reported a 63% increase in nationwide bike sales in June.

The bike industry's global supply chain, however, could not keep up with the surge in demand, especially with numerous manufacturers dealing with COVID-19-related shutdowns. Local shops began to scramble, turning to additional manufacturers for specific products at times and increasing their backorder requests significantly. As a result, customers' wait times for bike products soared.

"The shortages in products have definitely been a struggle," said Jordan Washburn, who works in Utah bike company Fezzari's sales and marketing department. "It feels like the headaches of normal supply chain multiplied tenfold. It's one thing to manufacture our frames, but if just one part is delayed the entire bike is delayed. Component manufacturers of suspension, drivetrains, wheels, etcetera have had many delays, which then have caused us to have delays, which ultimately means longer lead times for the customer."

According to Washburn, Fezzari's normal wait time of one to two weeks has been increased to between 16 and 20 weeks for most products. Other local shops such as Hangar 15, Mad Dog Cycles and Taylor's Bike Shop have some in-store selection but are also currently experiencing similar delays for most bike models.

Although the demand for bike products is expected to

cool off during the winter, some shop owners throughout the country expect the shortage to last into the spring of 2021 and possibly beyond.

While dealing with their current supply chain setbacks, local shops have still had plenty of work to keep their respective staff members busy. With an influx of bikers comes an increased need for repairs, something which Batty said he's spent a lot of time training new staff members to do this summer.

"The amount of bikes we've repaired has at least doubled, if not tripled from what we have seen in years past," Batty said. "While it was great to have this growth, it was extremely difficult to continue providing the service we strive for in all of our shops every day to every customer because we just weren't prepared for this."

Washburn has also noticed he and his coworkers at Fezzari have been spending longer than normal hours at work, helping customers with repairs and collaborating to find any way possible to cut down their product wait times.

Although it has been tiresome, Washburn hopes the coronavirus-fueled, nationwide interest in biking lasts long after the pandemic is over.

"We hope that this will be a lasting, positive change from the pandemic that will have a long-term and positive impact on people to get outdoors and live a healthy lifestyle," he said.

"We are grateful and humbled by the support from our customers and are impressed with how understanding they are and how they are willing to wait to get the product they truly want," Washburn added. "It's a few weeks of waiting right now, but they will then be able to enjoy riding the bike of their dreams for years to come."

## Police Beat

### BYU

#### THEFT

**Sept. 7** - Police are investigating a report of personal items being stolen from a vehicle broken into in the Wymount Terrace parking lot.

**Sept. 7** - Two vehicles were reportedly broken into at Wymount Terrace but no personal items were stolen.

### Provo

#### THEFT

**Sept. 5** - A bicycle was stolen from a residence near 700 East and 3230 North.

**Sept. 6** - Property was stolen at a residence near 2770 West and 1390 North.

**Sept. 6** - Vehicle parts were stolen near 900 East and 820 North.

**Sept. 6** - A bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near 700 North and 900 East.

**Sept. 6** - Property was stolen at a residence near 100 West and 400 North.

**Sept. 6** - A bicycle was stolen near 300 North and 1020 East.

**Sept. 7** - Property was stolen near 800 East and 620 North.

**Sept. 7** - A bicycle was stolen near 1500 North on Freedom

Blvd.

**Sept. 8** - A bicycle was stolen near 100 East on Center St.

**Sept. 9** - A bicycle was stolen from a parking garage at 1340 N. Freedom Blvd.

#### CAR THEFT

**Sept. 7** - Two automobiles were reported stolen from a dealership near 800 W. Columbia Lane. The incidents appear to be connected.

**Sept. 7** - A motorized vehicle was reported stolen near 500 South and 100 West.

**Sept. 10** - An automobile was stolen near 900 West and 200 South.

#### BURGLARY

**Sept. 5** - Residential burglary was reported near 1600 North and 200 West.

**Sept. 6** - Residential burglary was reported near 1000 East and 620 North.

**Sept. 6** - A burglary from an open garage was reported near 1100 North and 2780 West.

**Sept. 6** - A back door window was reportedly broken into but no property has been reported stolen from a residence near 2700 West and 1390 North.

**Sept. 7** - Residential burglary

was reported near 2700 West and 50 North.

**Sept. 10** - Commercial burglary was reported near 2000 West and 1100 North.

#### ARRESTS

**Sept. 6** - A man was arrested after being caught breaking into Good Thyme Eatery at 63 E. Center St.

**Sept. 8** - An individual who made multiple false allegations to the police has been arrested after filing a false report of aggravated robbery at 7-Eleven at 496 N. University Ave.

#### ROBBERY

**Sept. 8** - Robbery involving use of force was reported at a bank near 1400 N. State St.

**Sept. 8** - Police are investigating a report of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery involving a handgun near 400 West on Center St.

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Sept. 8** - A woman filed a delayed report of being sexually assaulted in early 2020 near 700 W. 1720 North St. by a man she knew.

**Sept. 10** - A woman reported being sexually assaulted near 30 West and 500 North, while walking to her car late at night.

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## Utah state parks see visitation increase this year

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Utah's state parks remained open to visitors throughout the spring and summer despite widespread COVID-19 closures, resulting in significantly higher visitation than in recent years.

According to Utah State Parks public affairs coordinator Eugene Swalberg, visitation to most state parks sharply decreased in March and April due to county restrictions during the pandemic, but the number of visitors started increasing again in May. "Outdoors is a great place to social distance."

Swalberg said the most visited park this summer was Jordanelle State Park in Heber City, followed closely by Sand Hollow State Park and Deer Creek State Park.

"People can't go to the movies; they couldn't do a lot of the normal activities maybe they were going to do," said East Canyon State Park manager Chris Haramoto. "And so they were looking for an outdoor recreation outlet."

As part of his "Stay Safe, Stay Home" directive, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert instated an executive order on March 28 that only allowed visitors of the county where the state park is located to enter.

For example, East Canyon



Gunlock State Park

Visitors enjoy the water at Gunlock State Park in Washington County. Utah's state parks have had higher visitation rates during the COVID-19 pandemic than in recent years.

State Park is located in Morgan County, but Haramoto said most visitors usually come from Weber, Davis and Salt Lake counties. As soon as the mandate was lifted near the end of April, visitation shot up at East Canyon.

He said the park normally doesn't start getting busy until Memorial Day weekend. This year it started getting busier almost a full month before that. He talked to several people who told him it was their first time visiting East Canyon this year.

Gunlock State Park in Washington County actually had increased visitation not only for the summer but even during March and April.

Gunlock's park manager Jon Allred said a lot of people from the Wasatch Front were taking their spring breaks at the park in early spring,

and then visitation just kept going up throughout the summer. He said the parks in Washington County likely had higher numbers in those early months because of the warmer weather.

Allred said part of the reason for higher visitation could be the stricter regulations in California and Nevada, causing people from those states to visit the parks. "I think people discovered that it's not that far to travel to a state park, and Utah has some really great state parks."

East Canyon and Gunlock State parks are currently limiting capacity by monitoring the parking lot. Allred said they are limiting it to 3/4 full. Haramoto said East Canyon has overflow parking, but they have closed that and now when the main parking lot is full they stop letting people in.

## BYU football game at Army postponed due to positive COVID tests



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

BYU Football player Petey Tuipulotu wears a mask during the team's Fall Camp on Aug. 4. After the team's 55-3 win over Navy, BYU Athletics announced the next game against Army would be postponed due to positive COVID tests in the team.

By CALEB TURNER

BYU Athletics announced on Sept. 12 the postponement of BYU Football's Sept. 19 matchup against Army at West Point due to "a small number of positive COVID-19 test results and the resulting tracing exposures within the BYU football program."

The exact number of positive tests and the names of players were not

released as part of the announcement. As of Sept. 11, there were 258 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among the BYU campus community, with an average of 20 news cases per day from Sept. 4 to Sept. 10.

"We appreciate the university administration, state health officials and a variety of medical experts who have helped us navigate these unprecedented times," said BYU Athletic Director Tom Holmoe in a press release. "While we share the disappointment of everyone

involved in the game between BYU and Army, safety as well as the physical and mental well-being of our student-athletes, coaches, staff and the opposing team is our top priority."

BYU football players wear masks and undergo symptom checks at practices, but rules and expectations regarding off-the-field activities have not been publicly outlined or made known. The coaching staff and players have repeatedly expressed their trust in each other to

be wise and stay committed to creating a "low-risk environment" among the team.

Twitter user @BlueBrethren suggested the program isolate players at the Missionary Training Center in Provo to avoid further contact and possible infection from the public. No additional out-of-practice precautions have been announced by BYU Football since the postponement.

This is the first time BYU has reported any positive tests among the

team, despite testing at least three times a week. According to the press release, the Cougars will conduct small-group workouts next week until cleared to resume full-team practices.

BYU says the two schools will work together to try and reschedule the contest. The Cougars' next scheduled game is now Sept. 26 versus Troy in the home opener at LaVell Edwards Stadium, when the program hopes to allow 6,000 fans to be in attendance.

## COVID-19 can't stop BYU runners

By ANDREW CALL

The NCAA officially postponed the upcoming fall cross country season in August, causing disappointment for a BYU team coming off a historic 2019 season that brought the Cougars their first national championship in program history.

Even with the pause in competition, BYU head coach Ed Eyestone isn't going to let the disappointment keep his athletes off the track.

"We're still running every day," said Eyestone. "They haven't really cut their mileage down at all. We still meet every day. I need to keep the guys fired up and keep their eye on the prize."

More than half of competing schools decided against playing this fall, which was the threshold at which the NCAA decided to cancel the national championship in November. The season was tentatively pushed to the spring, but nothing is guaranteed.

BYU cross country coaches and athletes met on Sept. 3 to discuss plans and goals moving forward. Eyestone spoke with his athletes about focusing on what is certain, instead of all of the uncertainty that has filled 2020.

"What we're certain of is that we have very talented athletes and we are the defending national champions," Eyestone said. "As we focus on that certainty, it's really not that difficult for my athletes to maintain motivation."

Because of the global pandemic,



Nate Edwards/BYU Photo

BYU's cross country teams had a historic season in 2019 with the men's team taking home the national championship. Because of the pandemic, this year's season has been tentatively postponed to the spring.

the NCAA is allowing senior athletes another year of eligibility in their respective sports. However, with graduation plans and future careers ahead of them, many seniors are choosing to bypass this option and move on from their collegiate sport. One of the team's captains, Jacob Heslington, has decided to finish his BYU career, while other seniors' decisions are still on the table.

"We'll make that decision according to what is best for the student athlete," Eyestone said. "It will be a case-by-case basis."

This uncertainty has not lowered the team's expectations for the future by any means. When asked about the upcoming season, Eyestone

responded positively and mentioned Conner Mantz and Casey Clinger as runners to look out for in 2021.

"I think we're actually a better team this year than we were last year," Eyestone said. "We're a little deeper and a little stronger."

In the meantime, BYU athletes will continue to focus on what they can control by training as usual. They are following their regular schedules of two runs a day, strength training and daily contact with their coaches.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Eyestone said. "Hopefully we're able to have some incarnation of the cross country season in the springtime. If that's the case, then our guys will be ready to run."

## BYU Football allowing 6,000 fans at home opener against Troy

By ANDREW CALL

BYU Athletics announced Sept. 8 concerning ticket sales for football home games in 2020. Approximately 6,000 fans will be allowed in LaVell Edwards Stadium for the home opener, with the potential for a higher occupancy in future games based on COVID-19 data and the recommendations of health officials.

In order to have a safe experience for fans, 1,500 tickets with assigned seats will be sold in each of the stadium's four sections. Season tickets can no longer be bought. Instead, seats will be available on an individual game-by-game basis. All purchases and deliveries will be digital. Tickets for the Sept. 26 home opener versus Troy were first made available to current season ticket holders on Sept. 14 through byutickets.com.

"We appreciate the university administration, government officials and a variety of medical experts who helped develop a plan to best ensure a safe and healthy game-day experience at LaVell Edwards Stadium," said BYU Athletics Director Tom Holmoe. "We are in the process of reaching out to season ticket holders with options for purchasing tickets."

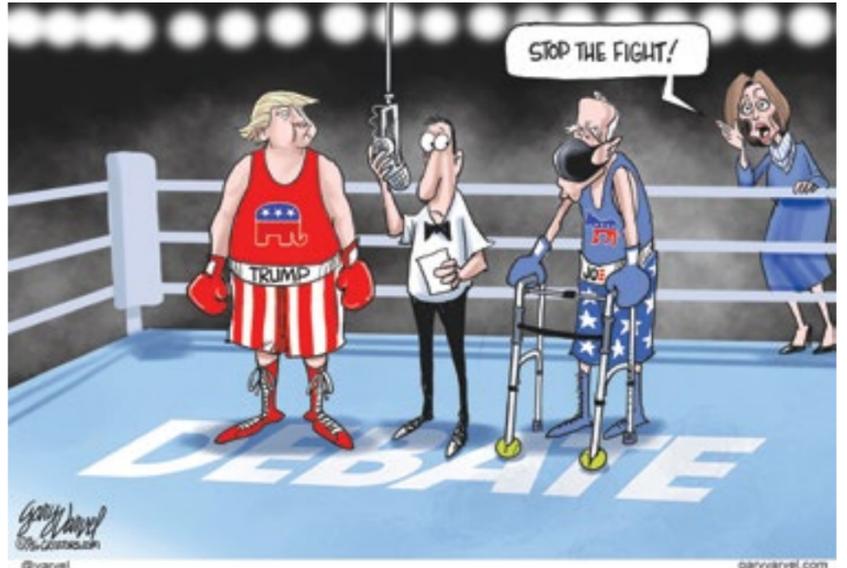
In accordance with COVID-19

safety precautions and guidelines, masks are required in the stadium, as they are in other areas of the BYU campus. Each section of the stadium will have separate entrances and exits to limit contact among fans. All transactions in the stadium will be cashless, including concessions and merchandise. More information with game-day protocol will be provided to those who have purchased a ticket.

For BYU students, a percentage of the available 6,000 seats will be set aside for the ROC student section at each game, though BYU has not put a number on that. ROC passes will not be sold this season. Instead tickets for individual games can be purchased for \$20 the Monday before each home game at 10 a.m. MDT, also online through byutickets.com. Each student will only be allowed to purchase one ticket per game, using their student ID number.

Starting Sept. 10, students can log in to the student ticket page to get registered and ready for the sale. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis until all available seats are sold.

Following BYU's win at Navy, the team has seven games remaining on their 2020 schedule, including five home games against Troy, UTSA, Texas State, Western Kentucky and North Alabama.



## WEEKLY QUESTION

Daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here's what they had to say. Responses are unedited.

### Should universities change tuition rates due to COVID-19?

Yes. Online instruction is no where near the quality we were paying for before.  
@KBAILE

I've seen no decrease in quality. Profs are working harder than ever & deserve compensation  
@SOPHIECPARMLEY

No. Professors have to do so much extra work right now.  
@AMY\_POFF

No, but maybe give us the option to defer for longer than one semester.  
@IM\_EMMA\_MECHAM

No, our tuition is already subsidized, we should be grateful for our "scholarship"  
@SAVANNAH\_RAIN\_13

If we go completely online -yes. As long as you have a choice to be in person, then we can pay  
@GOLDENBROWNIEBETH

Universities should lower tuition regardless  
@JOSHINTHEROBOT

Yes. You aren't getting all the resources the university factors into tuition normally  
@GABRIELLA.STEWART

Tuition needs to be way lower this year. People shouldn't be paying the same for less  
@TIALARSON02

I've yet to see how the way my professors teach costs more. So until they justify it, it's not worth it  
@ST\_RYKER

BYU tuition? Absolutely not. BYU students pay nowhere near full tuition already.  
@ALYSSA\_CREZEE

It's tough to demand better education in our new situation but also insist on paying less.  
@ROPAULDO

## READERS FORUM

### BYU needs to move online

BYU is special in many ways, but it is not the exception in the dangerous reopening experiment universities nationwide are attempting at the expense of students, faculty and staff, and communities.

A few weeks ago, BYU's Instagram featured timely reports of schools forced to go online and vacate campus, pleading with students to forgo large gatherings because "with love, care and compassion, we are confident we can make an on-campus experience work this semester."

Do we really believe that we can accomplish with "love, care and compassion" what countless other colleges failed to do with a comprehensive universal testing plan, mandatory quarantine upon move-in and strictly-enforced socialization restrictions? I don't. I work as a COVID screener and I feel safer at my job than I do in my apartment or the Wilk.

On Sept. 3, BYU reported 29 new cases, a single-day high. I am a student, a TA, and a roommate — not a professional mediator, campus administrator or epidemiologist. I am not equipped to handle the onslaught of sick friends, students and faculty that has already begun to infiltrate my life. None of us are.

Yes, our transition online must be undertaken with great care to provide an equitable and secure learning environment for all students. It certainly also needs to address the immense public health risk of off-campus housing that will not instantly resolve. But let's not miss the forest for the trees: BYU must move online — and now.

—Aurora Golden-Appleton  
Ithaca, New York

### Do your part, wear a mask

In the first week of the Fall Semester, at least 128 COVID-19 cases have been reported. Many of these cases have resulted from a lack of respect, disregard of regulations, and irresponsible partying. Seriously?

Even if you don't believe that masks do anything, you still need to do your part. What other choice do we have? There isn't a vaccine right now. How is it fair to potentially put others in danger and spread this virus just because a person may think that masks are annoying?

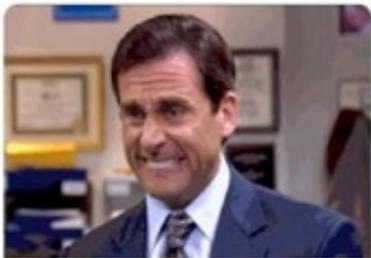
The disregard for the safety measures put in place because of the worldwide pandemic should not be happening with college students. Online education has been complained about and described as lesser education, so what do students do? They do everything in their power to ensure that their university will have a massive outbreak in COVID-19 cases and shift to remote learning.

Freshmen, your graduation was canceled. Upperclassmen, winter semester was cut short. We've all had the experience. Why on earth would we purposely do the things that we know will force our school to go online? It is unfair, disrespectful, and immature.

Fortunately, our university has not shut down. Yet. We all need to be safe and be smart. Would we rather have a fun weekend or the option to stay on campus? We, as BYU students, are the ones who will determine the outcome of this semester.

—Abby Fales  
Springville, Utah

Time traveler: What year is it?  
Me: 2020  
Time traveler:



The 2020 we were all really hoping for vs The 2020 we got



My main source of annoyance lately



## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut. Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

@CJaneKendrick Yesterday we walked our dog on the Provo east bench in 88 degrees. Today we walked her in the same spot... and it was snowing.

@the\_far\_country I'm currently posted up outside Provo Canyon, UT. Yesterday's high was 92. Today's high is 53. And I am HERE FOR IT

@alkerr12 Not my car getting booted the first week back in Provo

@Stefania\_A14 Provo guys really do slide into your dms and then get married a month later

@jacobbsearle byu really had the chance to call their online devotionals "E-votionals" and didn't do it

@lannadanielle getting scared that my eternal companion doesn't live in provo utah maybe i'll expand my search to orem

@Frosties4life Hey you all in Provo? Listen up. Don't take your free Google Fiber for granted.

@CollegeStudent I care about my grades but cant find the motivation to do any type of work ?????????????????????? What's that called???

@CJRealHoops1 Navy is all of us BYU is 2020

@gracerlange BYU destroyed the navy which means only one thing: Provo has officially become its own country

@pstholt15 Everybody in Provo is happy after a football game? Party like it's 1984!

@975Hans BYU deserves so much credit for fighting to play a season. Building a new schedule, practicing not knowing if they'll play, following protocol, preparing for anything and now kicking off on prime time ESPN. I've never been more proud of my former University. Great work boys!

Tweets are unedited.

## OPINION OUTPOST

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from state and national news sources.

### Preparing for the election

Labor Day once traditionally marked the start of election season, though in recent decades as campaigning has intensified, that's no longer the case. And since some states are sending ballots out as early as this week, now is the time to prepare for voting on Nov. 3.

If Americans want their voices to be heard come November, preparation starts today.

While this year — and, in turn, this election year — has been far from the usual, voters should feel comfortable and confident in the validity and security of vote-by-mail elections. Leaders in Utah, like Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox, whose staff oversees elections, have praised the system as a tried-and-true practice in the state.

By registering early and returning ballots on time, Utah voters can do their part to ensure a secure, accurate election.

— Editorial Board  
The Deseret News

### Political ads

Political ads on TV are often misleading, but at least they're widely seen,

enabling opponents to respond and others, including news media, to critique their veracity. Political ads on Facebook are another matter because the company lets candidates and their supporters say false things and lets them target such misinformation to relatively small audiences.

Mark Zuckerberg needs to decide how serious he really is about democracy. Never has one person had so much power and reach to influence what people see and believe.

Since Zuckerberg acknowledges the risks that political ads pose, Facebook should ban them entirely from now through November.

— Editorial Board  
The Boston Globe

### Clean air

The quality of the air along the Wasatch Front is among the most important issues we have to confront.

A conservative/libertarian state such as Utah is unlikely to even attempt to mandate

cleaner behaviors, but the state, various cities, churches and activist groups have done their part to encourage them.

Drive less. Take public transit, walk, bike, telecommute.

It is all too easy for individuals to decide that anything they could do is too small to make

a difference, so they don't do anything. For any one individual, that might be true. But for all of us together, it can make the difference between life and death for ourselves and our neighbors.

— Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Daily Universe encourages students, faculty and BYU staff to add their voice to ours by writing letters to the editor or by submitting editorial cartoons.

- All letters should be submitted by email to universe.ideas@gmail.com. The topic of the letter should be included in the subject line.
- Letters should also include the author's name, hometown (for students), campus position (for faculty and staff) and phone number. Anonymous letters will not be published.
- Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.

Opinion editor Kenzie Holbrook can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

**Dilbert®**

WELL, I PERSONALLY DOUBLED MY INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC.

NOW I HAVE A BAD CASE OF SURVIVOR GUILT.

DO YOU EXPECT TO GET MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THAT? I WON'T KNOW UNTIL I TRY.

WE DOUBLED OUR INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND IT ISN'T A GOOD LOOK.

WE NEED TO MAKE SOME SORT OF INSINCERE GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING.

OR WE COULD ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE.

I'M THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A SIGN IN THE FOYER.

**Garfield®**

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER ME.

THAT SURE SEEMED LIKE A CUE.

GREETINGS, EARTHLING!

WE HAVE TRAVELED 65 MILLION LIGHT-YEARS TO YOUR PLANET.

WE HEAR YOU HAVE BACON.

DEFINITELY WORTH THE TRIP!

**Non Sequitur®**

UH... WHAT ARE YOU... SHH... CLASS IS IN SESSION.

NOW EVERYONE TURN TO PAGE 147 AND... GIGGLE... HEH-HEH.

SIGH... KNOCK IT OFF, PANDA... AND THANK YOU.

MY ROLE IS TO HELP BRING BACK A SENSE OF NORMALCY TO THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM.

I SEE... THE NEW NORMAL BRIDGE TO NOWHERE.

MY SCHOOL-WORK IS DONE, SO I'M GOING TO VISIT JILL FOR A WHILE.

OK... SAY HI TO YOUR IMAGINARY FRIEND FOR ME! HEH-HEH.

UH... FIRST OF ALL, DADDY, YOU'VE MET JILL...

AND SECOND, THE IMAGINARY FRIEND IS IN KATE'S HEAD.

OH, RIGHT. GORRY.

UH... WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? SHH... JUST IGNORE THEM, STELLA.

**Peanuts®**

LIFE IS RARELY ALL ONE WAY, CHARLIE BROWN.

YOU WIN A FEW, AND YOU LOSE A FEW!

REALLY?

GEE, THAT'D BE NEAT!!

His wife had always hated his work.

"You'll never make any money growing toyadstools," she complained.

"On the contrary," he declared. "My toyadstool business is mushrooming!"

She creamed him with the electric toaster.

**Pickles®**

WE'RE GOING OUT FOR A WHILE. YOU TWO BEHAVE YOURSELVES WHILE WE'RE GONE.

THEY'RE GONE! THE HOUSE IS ALL OURS!

THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO TELL US WHAT TO DO! WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT!!

BIG DEAL. I'M A CAT. I ALWAYS DO ANYTHING I WANT.

WITH MY OWNERS GONE I CAN ROMP ON THE TABLE!

I CAN WALLOW IN THE BIG BED!

I CAN GET INTO THE GARBAGE!

I CAN GET MY HEAD STUCK IN A PEANUT BUTTER JAR.

**Zits®**

IS THAT ANOTHER TEXT FROM JAKE? UH-HUH.

I'M REALLY NOT COOL WITH YOU TEXTING OTHER GUYS, SARA.

SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, OR JUST UN-WOKE.

ACTUALLY, HE'S BOTH.

SO, SARA IS TEXTING JAKE? I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

AND JAKE IS TEXTING BACK? CAN WE CHANGE THE SUBJECT?

OF COURSE. ARE THERE EMOJIS INVOLVED? THAT'S THE SAME SUBJECT!

**Sudoku**

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at [universe.byu.edu/sudoku](http://universe.byu.edu/sudoku).

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bay of Pigs locale
  - 5 Constricting snakes
  - 9 Actor who's the opposite of subtle
  - 12 "Moby-Dick" captain
  - 13 Large group on the move
  - 14 Drink such as Pepsi
  - 15 Justice's garb
  - 16 Designation on many a driver's license
  - 18 Bashful
  - 19 Holder for coffee or beer
  - 20 Attics
  - 21 Farm building with a loft
  - 23 Giant ... with four of the five letters of "giant"
  - 24 Bright, sunny area of a house
  - 27 Setting at the prime meridian, for short
  - 30 Pealed
  - 31 "No more seats," in brief
  - 32 Uncritically enthusiastic, colloquially
  - 34 Confess (to)
  - 36 Fruit in Newton cookies
  - 38 Leather for fine gloves
  - 39 Disdainful looks
  - 41 Seoul automaker
  - 43 Kind of ball that's supersoft
  - 44 President after F.D.R.
  - 45 Launch vehicle for many NASA missions
  - 48 Miley who played with Hannah Montana
  - 49 ... scale (trater of mineral hardness)
  - 50 Insects that may emerge after 17 years
  - 53 Play-\_\_\_ (toy clay)
- DOWN**
- 1 Autos
  - 2 "This doesn't look good ..."
  - 3 Wee one's sun protection
  - 4 "Honest" president
  - 5 Tennis champ Bjorn
  - 6 Dot follower in a nonprofit's web address
  - 7 In slow tempo
  - 8 One of 100 on the Hill
  - 9 Sharpen
  - 10 Oodles
  - 11 Destination of the rover Perseverance
  - 13 Hunting dogs
  - 14 \_\_\_ on the cob
  - 17 Serious stage plays
  - 19 Hosp. scan
  - 22 Bicker

- PUZZLE BY LYNN LEMPEL**
- 23 Groups of three
  - 24 Next year's soph
  - 25 Things to be mowed
  - 26 Doggie's sound
  - 27 Colorful dish with olives and feta cheese
  - 28 Mother: Sp.
  - 29 Larceny
  - 33 Intuitive feeling
  - 35 "Yes, proceed," quaintly
  - 37 Graduates of basic training, informally
  - 40 Machine-gunned from the air
  - 42 Weapons storehouse
  - 46 In profusion, as plant growth
  - 47 "This is so-o-o amazing!"
  - 48 What you can't have and eat, too, it's said
  - 50 Applaud
  - 51 Charged particles
  - 52 Big Apple school inits.
  - 53 "Buenos \_\_\_"
  - 55 Sly stratagem
  - 56 Typically lost items that are "found" in the starts of 16-, 24-, 45- and 57-Across
  - 58 Wonderment
  - 59 Corporate biggie

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bulldozed
  - 6 Construction details, informally
  - 11 Loop in secretly, in a way
  - 14 Rumor starter
  - 15 Item in a quiver
  - 16 "I figured it out!"
  - 17 Popular shooter in the Old West
  - 20 Angry music genre
  - 21 Bounds ... or partner of bounds
  - 22 Nothing, to Nero
  - 23 Railways not on street level
  - 24 Serious break in relations
  - 25 Puts one's own slant on the past
  - 33 One of the Coen brothers
  - 34 One feeding off others
  - 35 "\_\_\_ is me!"
  - 36 Baker who sang "My Funny Valentine"
  - 37 Refrain in a children's song ... or a literal feature of 17-, 25-, 42- and 55-Across
  - 38 Captain's spot
  - 39 \_\_\_ Lingus
  - 40 Opponents
  - 41 2008 sci-fi Pixar hit
  - 42 W.W. I leader
  - 45 Composition of some mountain forests
  - 46 Connections, informally
  - 47 Wolf pack vessel in W.W. II
  - 49 Bird bills
  - 52 Producer of lines at airports, for short
  - 55 Vietnamese noodle salads
- DOWN**
- 1 The Haunted Mansion or Splash Mountain, at Disneyland
  - 2 [Pardon me!]
  - 3 Goose egg
  - 4 Large part of an elephant
  - 5 Teach through repetition
  - 6 Multigenerational story
  - 7 Get ready, in brief
  - 8 Messes up
  - 9 Steal, in slang
  - 10 Coarsely ill-mannered
  - 11 They get wetter as they dry
  - 12 Fifth-most-common Korean surname, after Kim, Lee, Park and Jung
  - 13 Get on the line
  - 18 Where the baby bird gets the worm
  - 19 Sort through, as evidence
  - 23 The "E" of Q.E.D.
  - 24 The "R" of P.R.

- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- J O I S T B E B O P P B J  
 A P N E A A L O N E H O E  
 P E T E S D R A G O N O N E  
 E N O T R O N C A T E R  
 B E A N C A I R O  
 C H R I S T S C O L L E G E  
 Y A H O O O L E S E A M  
 T R I F O R S A K E N G O  
 E D N A W I E P R I E D  
 G O D S L I T T L E A C R E  
 C H E S S W O E S  
 T H E D A T E R I M A D  
 C A R H E A V E N S G A T E  
 B R O A R N A Z T A L O N  
 Y E S G R A D E S L E P T

- PUZZLE BY AMANDA RAFKIN AND ROSS TRUDEAU**
- 25 Opening of many a serial drama episode
  - 26 Old anesthetic
  - 27 Whys and \_\_\_
  - 28 Superior group
  - 29 Welcome at the front door, say
  - 30 Bank job
  - 31 Viking who was the first ruler of Normandy
  - 32 "Heel" of the Arabian Peninsula
  - 37 Things trimmed at a salon
  - 38 Dutch artist
  - 40 TV broadcast slot
  - 41 Hits the jackpot
  - 43 King's country in "The King and I"
  - 44 Collaborative online reference
  - 47 Pigmented part of the eye
  - 48 Group of like things
  - 49 The Titanic's undoing
  - 50 "What \_\_\_?" (store clerk's query)
  - 51 Things sold by the yard?
  - 52 Nincompoop
  - 53 Long, hard work
  - 54 Regarding, in a memo
  - 56 Real mouthful?
  - 57 Reverential poem

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# Performing arts students adjust to COVID-19 restrictions

By EMMA GADESKI

BYU performing arts students are quickly adapting to pandemic restrictions by changing how they rehearse and perform. BYU Arts previously released a statement detailing their decision to cancel all public performances this semester.

Each department has had to adjust in different and creative ways. Between online rehearsals, masks in dance class and holographic acting, students and faculty are making the best of a difficult situation.

## Department of Dance

Dance department chair Curt Holman said they are shifting the focus to individual movements and lowering capacities in classrooms.

"We've altered how we create our movement patterns across the floor," he said. He further explained that classes are doing a lot more linework rather than moving in a circle. This is a way for the dancers to stay in their own lane.

Some genres, like tap and ballet, make it easier to social distance than others, Holman said.

Instructors of partner classes, such as folk and ballroom, are looking at individual movement training. The goal is to focus more on what the individual is doing before working with a partner, Holman explained.

"We're definitely in new territory and trying to adapt the best we can while following the guidelines we have here at the university," Holman said.

Dance professor Jeanette Geslison said the dancers in her folk dance classes learn techniques apart from each other and she minimizes the time spent in formations and doing partner work. The students also wash their hands before class and before doing any partner work.

One of the largest adjustments has been wearing masks in rehearsal. Geslison has been keeping movement sessions shorter and giving dancers breaks in between. Students can go outside and take a break from wearing their masks while still social distancing.

Masks have presented another challenge in rehearsal. Geslison explained that as a dance teacher, she is used to seeing students' whole faces. Now, she has to pay attention to how dancers show expression



Preston Crawley

Folk dance students social distance while dancing. There will be no public, in-person performances this semester, but classes continue.

and energy through their eyes. "Being able to isolate the eyes like this has been a real learning experience for me," she said.

Geslison encouraged her students to "be wise" and make the best of the current situation, emphasizing personal responsibility.

The Dance Department will also host BYU Dance Live, a live-streamed performance, every Friday at 5 p.m. There will be 60 socially distanced seats reserved for dance students and family members of performers instead of the normal 300.

"It'll be nice for the performers to at least have some reaction from a few people that are able to come in," Geslison said.

Holman said the dance department has a large following of performing companies throughout the world and these shows are "a way for us to keep present during this unusual time."

"We're keeping up the art form of dance while trying to exist in a very limiting environment," he said. "We'll see how it goes. It's a bit of an experiment, but we're excited about it."

## Department of Theatre and Media Arts

The Department of Theatre and Media Arts is also making changes. Department chair Wade Hollingshaus explained that none of the shows will be the same as previously planned. For example, they are not doing "Fiddler on the Roof" because musicals require too

much singing and dancing in close proximity.

There are two risks the department is trying to mitigate: disruption and spreading the disease, Hollingshaus said. "If an actor gets sick, you can't run the show. We wanted to ensure as much as possible that what we had planned would actually happen."

To combat this, the department is experimenting with different models of performances. There will be three performances this season, Hollingshaus explained.

The first two will be remote shows, performed over Zoom or similar technology. Actors will perform separately from different locations and the performance will be live-streamed. This way, if an actor is sick, the production can still go on.

The third show will be a series of short plays performed around Halloween. These will be conducted using Pepper's Ghost, a projection technology that allows actors to appear on the stage as holograms. This technology is famously used in Disneyland's Haunted Mansion.

He said there will be one actor on the stage at most, with one to three more virtual actors projected from different locations. This is an opportunity for theatre design students to be involved in the process. These short plays will also be streamed online.

The department is

conducting classes both online and in-person, Hollingshaus said. They are also using physical distancing and masks in acting classes. The actors sometimes use face shields during performances so that their faces can be seen.

Hollingshaus sent a message to theatre and media arts students following BYU's announcement of plans for this semester. In the message, he discussed the "yes, and" concept in improvisational acting. This means to embrace what you've been given and add to it. He applied this idea to how he wants his students to deal with the current circumstances.

"It would be easy to wallow and lament over what might have been," he wrote. "Rather than take that enervating path of least resistance, we have chosen to say, 'Yes, and!' and have begun to make bold and innovative decisions that forge new opportunities, new possibilities, new potentialities for our department."

## School of Music

Groups in the School of Music will also be live streaming their performances.

Director of bands Donald Peterson explained that students are currently practicing with recordings at home. "It's a big emphasis on individual preparation."

Sectionals and socially distanced rehearsals will begin four weeks after the start of

school, around the beginning of October.

When in-person rehearsals start, Peterson said students will social distance and professors will shorten rehearsals. Students will need to "hear farther" since they won't be as close to each other as they used to be.

In addition to rehearsal changes, practice rooms can only be reserved within a four-hour block due to cleaning requirements.

According to the CDC, 87% of a choir in Washington developed COVID-19 after a practice with just one symptomatic person and two people died. "Transmission was likely facilitated by close proximity (within six feet) during practice and augmented by the act of singing," the CDC report says.

Social distancing and cleaning measures are in place at BYU to avoid an outbreak like this. "We didn't want to be the ones getting blamed for (school shutting down again)," Peterson said.

Peterson said the student body can support performers by wearing masks to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. If everything is shut down, there won't be any more rehearsals.

Peterson also mentioned how isolation has affected musicians' mental health. "Musicmaking is such a community thing. When the pandemic hit, students couldn't meet together and communicate through music. When you're used to making your art as an ensemble, it really took its toll."

Taylor Dixon is a senior from Las Vegas majoring in music education and this is one of her last semesters in the school's orchestra.

"Not being able to work with my colleagues and other people in the major is kind of frustrating," she said. "I want to be able to share my passion for music with other people. Because we can't gather in groups, it's harder to express that."

Another challenge arises from practicing on your own. Dixon explained that when you listen to a recording to learn music, you don't know exactly how your director is going to want it. There are certain "musical nuances" that each director might want to include.

An empty audience will also make performances different because seeing audience reactions and having applause is part of the experience, Dixon said.

# ISOLATION

## On-campus housing nearing capacity

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How students are moved from Helaman Halls to the Heritage isolation housing is uncertain. "I've seen people walking around one of the buildings, with just suitcases and sheets and blankets and stuff," Webb said. "It could be their friends that are delivering them their stuff but I cannot clarify that and I think I saw one time one of the university vans pull up in front of the building and drop off a person."

BYU freshman Anessa Gibson lives in May Hall at Helaman Halls. She said when she first moved in, the health enforcement "wasn't really good" but signs have now been hung in the hallways reminding students to wear a mask in the stairwells and common area.

"Recently I'd say that my hall is taking a little more precaution and setting up the signs," Gibson said. "I know other people in different halls who said their RA is like, it kind of depends on your preference, so there's no actual regulation for it."

The BYU on-campus housing quarantine procedure starts with a phone call from BYU Risk Management asking about symptoms and exposure, followed by instructions to quarantine.

"It wasn't just one call, I got like five or six different calls just from Risk Management," said Coleman Sandy, a freshman who tested positive for COVID on Wednesday, Aug. 26. "Even the state of Utah called me." Sandy is finishing quarantine with his roommates in his Heritage Halls apartment. He had hard symptoms for 24 hours but aside from that he said the experience "hasn't been all that bad."

When in quarantine, students stay inside for 10-14 days — 10 for those who tested positive and 14 for those who were exposed. Brown said length of quarantine and isolation is provided by a physician or local health authority. Resident assistants bring quarantined students packaged meals from the Cannon Center or buy their groceries using the student's meal plan or Cougar Cash.

"My advice for anybody else that gets quarantined is probably make sure you have enough food in your apartment. Snack foods are very helpful because you end up snacking a lot. And then make sure you have stuff to do," Sandy said. Isaac Alika Loo, also a freshman and Sandy's roommate, said he and his roommates started their own "quarantine Olympics."

"We're gonna have a winner and a loser with a prize and a punishment at the end," Loo said. "We've done that every other night this whole time so it keeps our minds at least semi occupied and keeps us from going too crazy."

Webb said sticky-note messages on windows are a trend at Heritage Halls. Quarantine apartments are no exception. "They say stuff like, like 'tested positive wear your mask' or things like that," he said.

Quarantine and safety requirement protocols are less structured for BYU off-campus housing.

Michael Carter, a BYU freshman living off campus at the Branbury Apartments, said the complex hasn't given any "strict guidelines as far as preventing the spread of COVID."

"Residents should coordinate with their landlords to understand their procedures during an outbreak," BYU Off-Campus Housing Manager Pat Newman said. Individual property owners are responsible for implementing their "individual practices."

When asked how off-campus housing will respond if COVID-19 numbers continue, Newman said, "The Off-Campus Housing Office will continue to follow the direction provided by our university and local health officials." This includes encouraging landlords to "implement all local ordinances associated with COVID-19."

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