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State Superintendent's Statement on Accelerated Timeline to Vaccinate K-12 Educators

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson issued the following statement on Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox announcement today which states educators in Utah's K-12 schools will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine beginning Monday, January 11.

"It is an exciting time in our state to see educators prioritized in this fashion. By allowing teachers to be a priority for the COVID-19 vaccine, we are giving them the necessary extra layer of protection to feel safe inside of their classrooms. This step allows school communities to continue to excel in meeting student needs by allowing for quality in person instruction. I am proud to see Utah succeeding and leading in the nation by highlighting the importance of getting teachers vaccinated early."

More details about today's announcement, the COVID-19 vaccine, and Utah's distribution plan, can be found at www.coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine.

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