

New hot spots, sick politicians, mask fights: News from around our 50 states

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Utah

Salt Lake City: Federal inmates have sued officials who run an Ogden jail, alleging a failure to adequately protect them from the coronavirus. Six people charged with federal crimes and held at Weber County Jail filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Friday, asking for more inmates be released to home confinement and for additional health measures, such as mandating masks and providing hygiene supplies. The lawsuit comes as the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah and other groups have protested the jail's handling of an outbreak that's led 114 inmates to test positive for COVID-19. The lawsuit says county officials "are aware of the grave dangers posed by COVID-19 and have failed to implement measures to comply with their constitutional obligations to those in their custody." Attorneys representing the inmates said the jail had only been quarantining newcomers for an average of three days before moving them to the general population.