

Restore Carson City

Carson City's Transition Plan

Update prepared for Board of Supervisors May 6, 2021

Monitoring

The City will continue to monitor the State's County Tracker for test positivity rates, hospitalizations and other measures to ensure the City stays within acceptable ranges and will implement or adjust requirements as needed. In addition, testing and contact tracing efforts will continue. Long term facilities and group homes are performing their own testing; however, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) will continue to investigate positive cases. Carson City Jail and Juvenile Detention have protocols in place and CCHHS will continue to assist, if needed, and will investigate positive cases. CCHHS will continue to partner with Friends in Service Helping (FISH) to assist any homeless individuals who test positive to find a place to quarantine. CCHHS will also continue to work closely with Carson City School District and private schools regarding positive cases and will provide assistance as needed.

The City has procured a surplus of PPE and sanitation supplies both for City Departments and local businesses free of charge. The City will coordinate with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management to obtain additional supplies, as needed, from their surplus.

Mitigation Measures


Carson City is prepared to fully re-open without occupancy restrictions for all businesses, public gatherings, events and activities that are not subject to differing requirements imposed by a separate governing authority. The City has prepared an occupancy and requirements matrix for industries and activities. In addition, all businesses and events will be required by the State to follow applicable directives issued by the Governor and those industries governed by State Agencies must operate in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate Board.

Vaccination efforts will continue to be a community priority. As vaccines are now readily available including walk-in opportunities, occupancy for activities is being lifted. The percentage of vaccinations initiated (1st dose) for Carson City residents over the age of 16 is currently over 52% and 40% have been reported as complete.

Carson City has and will continue to follow the Governor's directives within City operations. Meetings may be held both virtually and in person.

Enforcement Measures

Carson City has established a COVID Education & Compliance Program and hired a COVID Education & Compliance Coordinator. As Carson City re-opens, the COVID Education & Compliance Coordinator will continue to educate businesses on applicable directives issued by the Governor, work in consultation with OSHA and the Nevada Department of Business and Industry, and promote availability of PPE and sanitation supplies.



Carson City has also established a COVID Compliance Task Force in order to create a comprehensive and coordinated approach between all compliance mechanisms. The Task Force will continue to meet as needed to discuss efforts to further engage businesses in compliance efforts. The Task Force is comprised of the following individuals:

- Mayor Lori Bagwell
- City Manager Nancy Paulson
- Deputy City Manager Stephanie Hicks
- Health and Human Services Director Nicki Aaker
- CCHHS Epidemiologist Dustin Booth
- Fire Chief/Emergency Manager Sean Slamon
- Deputy Emergency Manager Jason Danen
- Undersheriff Jerome Tushbant
- Community Development Director Hope Sullivan
- Carson City Chamber of Commerce Director Ronni Hannaman
- Nevada Builders Alliance CEO Aaron West
- Western Nevada College President Vincent Solis
- Carson City COVID Education & Compliance Coordinator Robert Rikalo

Public Information

The Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) Public Information Officer (PIO) and the City Digital Media Coordinator will continue to create community education materials regarding public health measures, testing and vaccines, monitor social media and ensure messaging aligns with the Governor's directives and the needs of the community.

Resource Needs

According to the COVID-19 Mitigation Taskforce, the Nevada National Guard, FEMA, and USDA will be available to assist with testing and vaccination events, along with data entry through September 13, 2021. This is a resource that is critical to the City's successful recovery and we appreciate the State's effort to secure these resources.

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Activities/Services	Indoor/Outdoor Occupancy	Additional City Requirements	State Requirements



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 045

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, and spreads through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that contact transmission occurs by direct contact with infected people or indirect contact with surfaces contaminated by the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I formed a COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team to provide medical guidance and scientifically based recommendations on measures Nevada could implement to better contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in late December 2020, Nevada began distributing COVID-19 vaccines, but the supply of vaccines remains limited; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's hospitalization rate for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases has trended downward since mid-January 2021; and

WHEREAS, since mid-January 2021, the 14-day moving average test positivity rate has generally declined, but COVID-19 still poses a substantial threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, I issued Emergency Directive 037, which set forth a stepped approach to easing the restrictions on the size of gatherings, reduced capacity for bars, restaurants, and other businesses, that were implemented during the Statewide Pause; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 037 provides that, beginning on May 1, 2021, it may be appropriate to transition the management of certain mitigation measures to the counties, if COVID-19 cases continue to decline; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 041, issued on March 12, 2021, sets forth a process for counties to create a COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“Local Plan”) that will provide for local control and enforcement of certain COVID-19 mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) released updated guidance recommending that all persons, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wear a mask while indoors. The CDC guidance also outlines situations where there is a low risk of spreading COVID-19 and wearing a mask may not be necessary, depending on whether an individual is fully vaccinated or not; and

WHEREAS, many Nevadans will choose to continue to wear a face covering in situations where doing so is not required, based on their personal judgments about their own health risks and those of their household members; and

WHEREAS, infectious disease and public health experts advised that wearing a mask or other face covering remains an important and effective measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, new variants of the COVID-19 virus have been identified, and medical experts have determined that some of these variants are significantly more contagious than previously known variants; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a statewide public health crisis and requires that certain mitigation measures and emergency management functions will continue to be managed at the state level to protect the overall health and safety of all Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The provisions of previous Directives are hereby superseded only by the explicit provisions of this Directive. Any provisions not addressed by this Directive shall remain in force as provided by previous Directives or regulations promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION 2: Consistent with Directive 041 and the *Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery* plan for a federally supported, state managed, and locally executed reopening approach, county governments are hereby delegated the authority to manage certain COVID-19 related mitigation measures, including restrictions on businesses and public activities. Restrictions imposed by county government through their COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“Local Plan”), as set forth in Directive 041, may be more

restrictive than the standards required by those statewide Directives that remain in effect, but in no case shall county-guidelines be more permissive than the provisions of those Directives.

SECTION 3: Section 5 of Directive 024 and Section 4 of Directive 028 are hereby terminated.

SECTION 4: Effective immediately, individuals not exempted by Directive 024, Directive 028, or guidance issued by the Nevada Health Response shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering in a manner consistent with current guidance issued by the CDC, and any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC. This Section does not apply to participants in certain activities or events, including but not limited to: athletes, performers, or musicians, to the extent other directives set forth less restrictive face covering requirements for those participants.

SECTION 5: Section 6 of Directive 024 is hereby amended to read as follows:


Businesses shall ensure that all patrons, customers, patients, or clients utilize face coverings consistent with this Directive, which may include prohibiting persons without face coverings from entering any indoor premises.

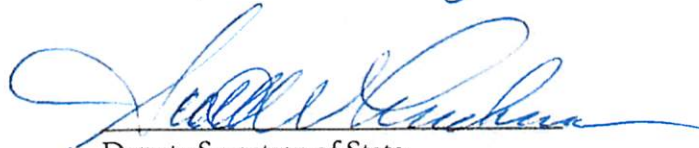
SECTION 6: The provisions of this Directive remain in effect until amended or terminated by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or upon dissolution or termination of the Declaration of Emergency.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed this 3rd day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor of the State of Nevada


Secretary of State


Deputy Secretary of State



DIRECTIVE 045 GUIDANCE

On April 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [updated guidelines](#) for individuals based on whether they've been vaccinated or not, including new protocols for masks and face coverings. On May 3, 2021, Governor Sisolak signed Emergency Directive 045, which updates the mask and face covering requirements for the State of Nevada to align with the CDC.

SUMMARY OF UPDATES IN DIRECTIVE 045:

- Effective immediately, individuals not exempted by [Directive 024](#), [Directive 028](#), or [guidance issued by the Nevada Health Response](#) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering in a manner **consistent with current guidance issued by the CDC, and any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC**. This Section does not apply to participants in certain activities or events, including but not limited to: athletes, performers, or musicians, to the extent other directives set forth less restrictive face covering requirements for those participants.
- **Businesses** shall ensure that all patrons, customers, patients, or clients utilize face coverings consistent with this Directive, which may include prohibiting persons without face coverings from entering any indoor premises.

[Click here to read Emergency Directive 045](#)

GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE THAT VE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED*

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

In indoor public spaces, the vaccination status of other people or whether they are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 is likely unknown. Therefore, **fully vaccinated people should continue to wear a mask that fits snugly against the sides of your face and does not have gaps, cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands often, and follow any applicable workplace or school guidance.**

These recommendations can help you make decisions about daily activities after you are fully vaccinated. They are not intended for healthcare settings.

**The CDC recommends that immunocompromised people need to consult their healthcare provider about these recommendations, even if fully vaccinated.*



Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If you do not meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

If you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. Talk to your healthcare provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking all precautions.

What You Can Start to Do

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people **without** wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) **without** masks or staying 6 feet apart, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- You can gather or conduct activities outdoors **without** wearing a mask except in certain crowded settings and venues. According to the CDC, although the risk of COVID-19 spread is low in outdoor settings, especially among those who are vaccinated, the following factors could increase risk:
 - A moderate, substantial, or high level of community transmission
 - Settings with a higher percentage of unvaccinated people (including children) present or people at risk of severe COVID-19 disease
 - The length of the visit
 - Crowding or when there is a decreased ability to maintain physical distance
 - Activities that involve behaviors such as singing, shouting, physical exertion or heavy breathing, inability to wear a mask, or inability to maintain physical distancing
- If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.
- If you have been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
 - However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.



What You Should Keep Doing

For now, if you've been fully vaccinated:

- You should still protect yourself and others in many situations by wearing a mask that fits snugly against the sides of your face and does not have gaps. Take this precaution whenever you are:
 - In indoor public settings
 - Gathering indoors with unvaccinated people (including children) from more than one other household
 - Visiting indoors with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- If you travel, you should still take steps to protect yourself and others. You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Fully vaccinated international travelers arriving in the United States are still required to get tested within 3 days of their flight (or show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months) and should still get tested 3-5 days after their trip.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you have been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system, should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss their activities. They may need to keep taking all precautions to prevent COVID-19.
- Fully vaccinated people should not visit or attend a gathering if they have **tested positive** for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status of the other people at the gathering.

What We Know

- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death.
- Other prevention steps help stop the spread of COVID-19, and that these steps are still important, even as vaccines are being distributed.



What We're Still Learning

- How effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Early data show the vaccines may work against some variants but could be less effective against others.
- How well the vaccines protect people with weakened immune systems, including people who take immunosuppressive medications.
- How well COVID-19 vaccines keep people from spreading the disease.
 - Early data show that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19, but we are learning more as more people get vaccinated.
- How long COVID-19 vaccines can protect people.

As more is discovered, the CDC will continue to update recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Until we know more about those questions, everyone—even people who have had their vaccines—should continue taking steps to protect themselves and others when recommended.

This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines. This guidance can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g. AstraZeneca/Oxford).