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Prior to rolling out Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan for Nevada, Gov. Sisolak announces extension Stay at Home directive with initial easing of restrictions

Carson City, NV — Today, one day before Governor Steve Sisolak rolls out his Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan, he announced that he has signed a directive extending a majority of the Stay at Home measures through mid-May, but will be easing some restrictions starting on May 1, 2020.

Nevada will continue to remain under the Stay at Home order, but this new directive signed today will allow Nevadans expanded outdoor and recreational activities and provide some relief for our small business owners. These changes include:

- All retail businesses will be allowed to operate under curbside commerce models, similar to curbside pickup currently allowed for restaurants and eateries
  - This now includes curbside for retail cannabis dispensaries
- Drive-in services are now permitted for places of worship, as long as congregants stay in a vehicle and maintain at least 6 feet of social distance from people not in their household
- Relaxing restrictions on outdoor activities, including golf, pickleball, and tennis, as long as they do it safely and in a way that prevents the spread of COVID-19

The loosening of restrictions listed above and in the directive will become effective on Friday, May 1, 2020. All other directives currently in effect will be extended through May 15, or until the state meets the necessary criteria set forth last week and consistent with the White House guidelines to demonstrate the state is making sufficient progress to slow the spread of COVID-19. If the State continues in a positive direction and meets the criteria, the start of the next phase could begin earlier than May 15. At that time, a Phase 1 directive will be issued.
While Nevada has not yet met the reopening criteria, the decision to ease restrictions on certain retail operations and some outdoor activities before entering Phase 1 was based on the State’s progress so far toward meeting the specific benchmarks, including positive case and hospitalization trends, along with testing and case contact tracing capacity.

“Nevadans have done an incredible job at staying home for our state, and as we work diligently to meet the reopening criteria, I wanted to begin some initial incremental changes that will make our full transition into Phase 1 smoother and positively impact our communities and small businesses,” said Gov. Sisolak. “Our ability to enter the next phase and any subsequent phase of reopening will be determined by the continued commitment of Nevadans to follow aggressive social distancing guidance and requirements.”

Under the extended directive, businesses that previously were directed to be closed will remain closed, including salons, barber shops, bars and casinos, among other things. Businesses that are deemed essential may still be open, and must still comply with strict social distancing standards and other safety measures to keep workers and clients safe.

Gov. Sisolak will present Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery during a press conference on Thursday, where he will outline the projected phases and structure for how Nevada and local partners will navigate our way through this public health crisis. More details on the press conference will be released shortly.

DIRECTIVE 016 (signed today and attached) extend the following directives through May 15:

- 003 – Essential v. Non-Essential
  - With two amendments, as outlined above: curbside and delivery for nonessential retail, and curbside for retail cannabis dispensaries
- 004 – DMV auto extension
  - With an amendment that says any drivers' license or other card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles that expires during the time that the DMV is closed to the public, the expiration date is extended for 90 days after the day the DMV offices reopen to the public.
- 006 – Open meeting law
- 007 – Social Gatherings
- 010 – Stay at Home #1
- 013 – Stay at Home #2
  - With the two amendments as outlined above: drive-in services are now permitted for places of worship, as long as congregants stay in a vehicle and maintain at least 6 feet of social distance from people not in their
household and relaxing restrictions on outdoor activities, including golf, pickleball, and tennis, as long as they do it safely and in a way that prevents the spread of COVID-19

**All other Directives remain in effect until the state of emergency is over or they have become obsolete by subsequent Directives.**

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