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Governor Sisolak To Discuss Phase 2 Reopening Next Tuesday, Sets Target Date for Reopening of Gaming in Nevada

CARSON CITY, NV – Today, ahead of the holiday weekend, Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak announced he will hold a press conference on Tuesday, May 26, to discuss the next phase in Nevada's reopening plan, as outlined in Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery.

Saturday marks two weeks since Phase 1 began. Since that time, the LEAP and the Governor's Office have been monitoring the first phase of reopening, analyzing data trends and evaluating potential plans for Phase 2. If Nevada's COVID-19 data continues to reflect positive or consistent trends through the Memorial Day Weekend, the Governor will announce a Phase 2 reopening date at the Tuesday press conference, along with business reopening and statewide continuing operation guidelines.

Additionally, on Tuesday, the Nevada Gaming Control Board will be holding an informational workshop where state and local health and safety officers will provide an update regarding COVID-19 response measures at Resort Hotels. After presentations, the Board will consider any action necessary with regard to reopening plans. Gaming properties are required to submit reopening plans to the Board for approval seven days before reopening. **Pending the evaluation of trends in Nevada's COVID-19 data, along with the results of the Gaming Control Board meeting on Tuesday, the Governor has set a target date of June 4, 2020, for reopening Nevada's gaming industry.**

Without a thoughtful and measured reopening of Nevada's gaming industry, all of the work that Nevadans have done to fight the spread of this viral pandemic will have been for naught. The Gaming Control Board remains resolute in ensuring that gaming operations in this State do not compromise the health and safety of Nevadans. In consultation with the Office of the Governor, as well as federal, state, and local health officials, the Board's Policies aim to diminish personal contact and increase the level of disinfection in high-use areas, and the Board expects full compliance with these Policies by each licensee. The Board is firmly aware of its statutory duty to protect the public health and welfare of the Silver State's citizenry, while allowing the gaming industry to flourish through strict regulation.

Gov. Sisolak reminded Nevadans to stay safe to stay open over the long holiday weekend, encouraging Nevadans to wear face coverings if in public, avoid large gatherings of ten or more and to practice aggressive social distancing by staying at least six feet away from other people.

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