



GATHERINGS AT PRIVATE RESIDENCES

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NOTE: Pursuant to the [Governor's New Normal Plan](#) and [Directive 030](#), certain counties with elevated COVID-19 risk may have additional and/or different restrictions on businesses and activities above and beyond the Statewide Standards. If you live, work, or own a business in an elevated COVID-19 risk county you will need to consult your county officials and visit [NVHealthResponse.nv.gov](https://www.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) to determine more about your community.

Social interaction is important for our mental health and well-being, but we all must follow strict social distancing measures to ensure we are being as safe as possible. If you are planning to host or attend a residential or social gathering, always remember this guiding principle from the [CDC](#):

"In general, the more people you interact with, the more closely you interact with them, and the longer that interaction, the higher your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces because indoors, it can be harder to keep people at least 6 feet apart and the ventilation is not as good as it is outdoors."

If you are hosting or attending a residential or social gathering, please review the information and best practices below to help protect yourself and others.

Directive 033, effective 12:01am on October 1, 2020, provides that gatherings, events, celebrations and ceremonies in private residences should be limited to a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Capacity should be decreased if necessary, to ensure a minimum of 6 feet social distancing between non-household individuals. Unless the home regularly functions as an event space or venue, events larger than those outlined above should not take place in a private residence.

RISK LEVELS: Gatherings and Events

The higher the level of community transmission in the area that the gathering is being held, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading during a gathering, so you should try to understand the current community transmission risk in your area before deciding to host or attend a gathering. According to the [CDC](#), the more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.

The risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows:

- **Lowest risk**: Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.



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- **More risk:** Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- **Higher risk:** Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.
- **Highest risk:** Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

***RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES:**

- DO NOT attend or host a private gathering if you or a household member are sick. Stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (symptoms of COVID-19) , if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Remind invited guests to stay home if they have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days or are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#). Anyone who has had [close contact](#) with a person who has COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health. Invited guests who live with those at higher risk should also consider the potential risk to their loved ones.
- If you are hosting a social or residential gathering, you are strongly urged to keep a list of guests who attend for potential future contact tracing needs.
- People from different households should stay at least 6 feet apart.
- Arrange tables and chairs to allow for social distancing. Set up seating areas ahead of time that allow for adequate space between people.
- Host your gathering outdoors, whenever possible. If this is not feasible, make sure the room or space is well-ventilated (for example, open a window). Stay within your local area as much as possible.
- Try to minimize sharing items and equipment with people not in your household. If you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol once you are done.
- When guests arrive, minimize gestures that promote close contact. For example, don't shake hands, do elbow bumps, or give hugs. Instead wave and verbally greet them.



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- Wear a face covering in all public indoor spaces and indoor businesses. Even in private social settings, wear a face covering during times when you can't keep at least 6 feet between people who don't live in your household.
- Wear a face covering when you arrive, when you leave, and if you have to move around among people.
- Consider providing face coverings for guests or asking them to bring their own.
- Encourage guests to bring their own food and drinks.
- Limit people going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen or around the grill, if possible.
- If serving any food, consider identifying one person to serve all food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.
- Use single-use options or identify one person to serve sharable items, like salad dressings, food containers, and condiments, so that multiple people are not handling the items.
- Use touchless garbage cans or pails.
- Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use when feasible.
- If you choose to use any shared items that are reusable (e.g., seating covers, tablecloths, linen napkins), wash, clean, and sanitize them after the event.

***CONFIRMED CASES**

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who tests positive.
- Work with local health authority to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notification. All suspected infections or exposures should be tested.
- Following testing, contact local health authority to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
- Shutdown any facility for deep cleaning and disinfection, if possible. Use disinfectants outlined on [EPA List N](#).



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[Personal and Social Activities \(CDC COVID-19 Guidelines\)](#)

[CDC Readiness and Planning Tool to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 at Events and Gatherings](#)

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN NEVADA

Carson City Health and Human Services

Areas Served: Carson City, Douglas County, Storey County and Lyon County (Cities: Minden, Gardnerville, Genoa, Glenbrook, South Lake Tahoe, and Topaz Lake)

Address: 900 East Long Street, Carson City, NV 89706

Phone: (775) 827-2190

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Areas Served: Churchill County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Humboldt County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Mineral County, Nye County, Pershing County, and White Pine County.

Address: 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706

Phone: (775) 684-4200

Southern Nevada Health District

Areas Served: Clark County (Cities: Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, Mesquite and Laughlin)

Address: 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

Phone: (702) 759-1000

Washoe County Health District

Areas Served: Washoe County (Cities: Reno, Sparks, Gerlach, Vya, Pyramid, Washoe City)

Address: 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512

Phone: (775) 328-2400



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