



ELKO COUNTY
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ELKO COUNTY COVID-19 ASSESSMENT PLAN

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Elko County is the fourth largest county in the continental United States covering just over 11 million acres or 17,000 square miles with over 70% of our land being federally managed land. Elko County has a cumulative population of 55,116 according to the [2019 Nevada State Demographer's Certified Estimate](#). Within the borders of the County are four incorporated cities (Elko, Carlin, Wells, and West Wendover), three unincorporated towns (Jackpot, Montello, and Mountain City) and several other rural communities, including Spring Creek. Approximately 90% of the County's population resides within a 20-mile radius of the City of Elko. Spring Creek is approximately ten miles south of Elko and is the second largest homeowner's association in the United States with approximately 13,000 residents. It is also the second most populated community in Elko County. Every community across the State is faced with unique challenges as the situation and response to COVID-19 evolves. Elko County communities are no exception.

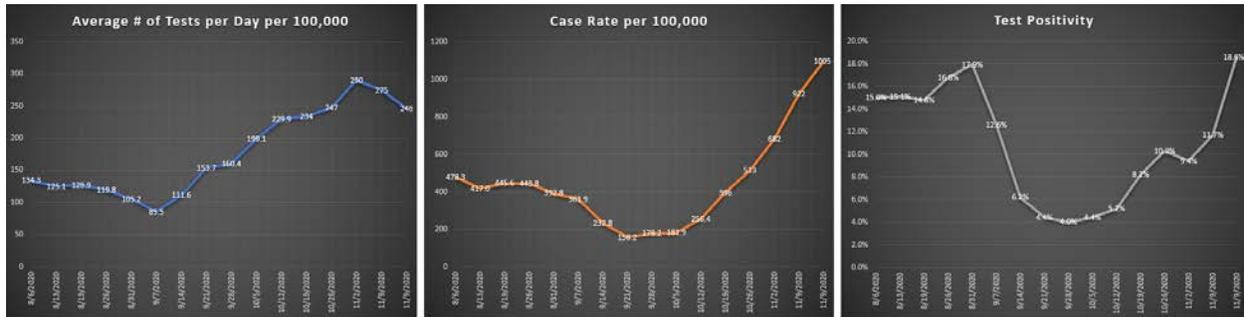
Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 441A, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) is the health authority for Elko County and most other rural and frontier counties in the State. Immediately following the Governor's emergency closure of schools in mid-March, Elko County stood up the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under a Unified Command Team structure consisting of the County Health Officer, Emergency Manager, and command staff. The focus of the EOC was to provide immediate, local response to our communities, including five neighboring counties, and to support the State in unprecedented times knowing that resources were, and continue to be, limited.

Elko County experienced a 54% increase in confirmed cases in the month of October. The increase is consistent with many other counties in Nevada and surrounding states with much of the increase attributed to community spread and clusters among families and friends. As the weather gets cooler, we expect social gatherings to move indoors where the virus spreads more easily. Individuals tend to be better at wearing face coverings in the workplace and in public settings, than around loved ones and friends in private spaces. With increased community spread our essential workforce including healthcare workers and first responders are impacted by either contracting COVID-19 themselves or because they have been exposed outside of the workplace, requiring self-isolation.

On October 30, 2020, Elko County team members met with Dr. Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, where she advised that lockdowns and closures are counterproductive to mitigating the spread of the virus. Instead she indicated a balanced, aggressive approach is key to changing the trajectory we are on. An approach which requires adequate access to testing with acceptable turnaround times. In addition to adequate testing,

together as a community, we must get better at wearing masks in personal settings to protect others from getting infected.

Below are the trends of the current criteria being used to determine elevated risk of disease transmission, which include average number of tests per 100,000 people, case rate per 100,000 people, and test positivity rate. These trends reference data between August 6, 2020 and November 16, 2020.



HOSPITAL CAPACITY

Describe the state of hospital capacity within the county, including:

Describe the status of staffed ICU beds, ventilators, staffing, medication treatments, and PPE.

Elko County continues to collaborate with Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital (NNRH) to closely monitor overall capacity to treat and care for all patients, not only those with COVID-19. NNRH has ten designated rooms to isolate and treat COVID-19 patients, including a negative pressure room. Through the pandemic, staffing and occupancy has been good.



17 November 2020 Data Set

| Region/ County | # of Licensed Inpatient Beds | # of staffed inpatient beds | Hospital Census | % Licensed Beds Occupied | % Staffed Beds Occupied | # of Licensed (Adult) ICU Beds | How many (ADULT) ICU beds are occupied? | % (Adult) ICU Beds Occupied | Total # of Ventilators | How many ventilators are currently in use? | % Ventilators in Use | CONFIRMED COVID-19 Cases | # SUSPECTED COVID-19 Cases | # confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients in ICU | # confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients on a ventilator | Relative demand: confirmed and suspected % total patients | Relative demand: confirmed and suspected in ICU to licensed ICU beds | Relative demand: % ventilators in use confirmed and suspected | Relative demand: confirmed and suspected % total patients to STAFFED beds |
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| Elko | 75 | 75 | 14 | 19% | 19% | 7 | 0 | 0% | 16 | 0 | 0% | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86% | 0% | 0% | 16% |

Nineteen active cases are currently hospitalized:

- 10 at Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital (Elko)
- 7 at the University of Utah
- 2 at Saint Luke's

PPE, and medication levels are adequate as reported to NHA. NNRH is sanitizing PPE, including N95 masks in effort to ensure PPE levels remain stable. In addition, they continue to purchase and stockpile PPE to prepare for a surge.

NNRH has several staff, both medical and administrative, that are self-isolating related to COVID-19 – both with positive tests results and close contact exposures, not necessarily related to exposure in the workplace or in the healthcare setting. As community spread increases, our essential workforce, including healthcare workers and first responders are impacted. When healthcare workers are out of work, it not only affects the response to COVID-19, but also prevents other necessary medical treatments from occurring.

Describe the status of Alternative Care Facility planning, staffing, and implementation.

NNRH can expand capacity within their own facility, including obtaining additional ventilators, if necessary. However, full implementation of NNRH’s Surge Plan, even if only expanding within the currently facility, will require additional staff.

Describe your current assessment of overall hospital capacity and metrics that will determine expansion to Alternative Care Facilities.

Elko County has worked with NNRH to ensure appropriate metrics have been identified which determine the implementation of the Surge Plan. The “triggers” which require implementation of the plan are based mostly on staffing needs, which are situational and dynamic. NNRH has sister facilities from which they may be able to utilize staff. In addition, NNRH works with contract staffing agencies to fulfill staffing requirements, when needed, and are prepared to do so.

Current capacity is good and remains stable. The capacity at transfer facilities is being closely monitored and could become a challenge in the event we are not able to transfer patients to a higher level of care, if needed.

The Task Force should also note, the town of Jackpot is located on the Nevada-Idaho border and the City of West Wendover is located on the Nevada-Utah border. Both communities have access to an acute care clinic operated by Nevada Health Centers; however, most residents seek medical care outside of the State, especially when advanced care, such as hospitalization is required. We are not being notified when a Jackpot resident seeks care in Idaho and tests positive, which is extremely problematic in reducing the exposures to others in the community.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Describe the status of PPE within the county, including:

The Elko County Logistics Team continues to support the regional warehouse which was established to provide supplies to Humboldt, Lander, Eureka, White Pine, and Elko counties as well as State and tribal agencies in northeastern Nevada. The Nevada National Guard trained the Logistics team members to utilize their database, Inflo.

Describe the status of PPE on hand (in local reserve) and on order.

Nevada is stable with a 30-day supply on-hand with vendors being identified to maintain continuity of operations. In addition, Dr. Bix advised, there is plenty of PPE in the national stockpile, including access to ventilators, if necessary.

The current PPE status for health care providers and our public health system, including private practices, is at sufficient capacity for maintaining the status quo. As PPE has become more readily available through the normal supply chain, we have received fewer requests for assistance. However, the logistics team continues to work with existing suppliers and to identify new suppliers to plan for and build supplies necessary to respond to a surge or resurgence of COVID-19. In addition to the regional warehouse, Elko County EOC maintains a local warehouse in effort to respond to immediate, short-term needs.

Through the use of CARES Act funding, Elko County and the incorporated cities have an appropriate amount of PPE to support the continuity of local government and municipal operations for at least 30 days, including the continuance of criminal jury trials.

Describe the county’s distribution priorities.

PPE is distributed based on the priorities set by Nevada Division of Emergency Management, specifically hospitals, acute care facilities, private practices and correctional facilities, first responders and those supporting vulnerable populations.

TESTING CAPACITY

Describe the status of your local testing efforts, including:

Elko County continues to encourage anyone who would like to test to be tested.

We are seeking alternatives and solutions to sending samples to the Nevada State Public Health Lab for processing. We have been consistently sending approximately 700 samples to NSPHL each week, including samples from the local skilled nursing facility and the Elko County jail – two of our most vulnerable populations. The current turnaround time is anywhere from 5 to 10 days for results.

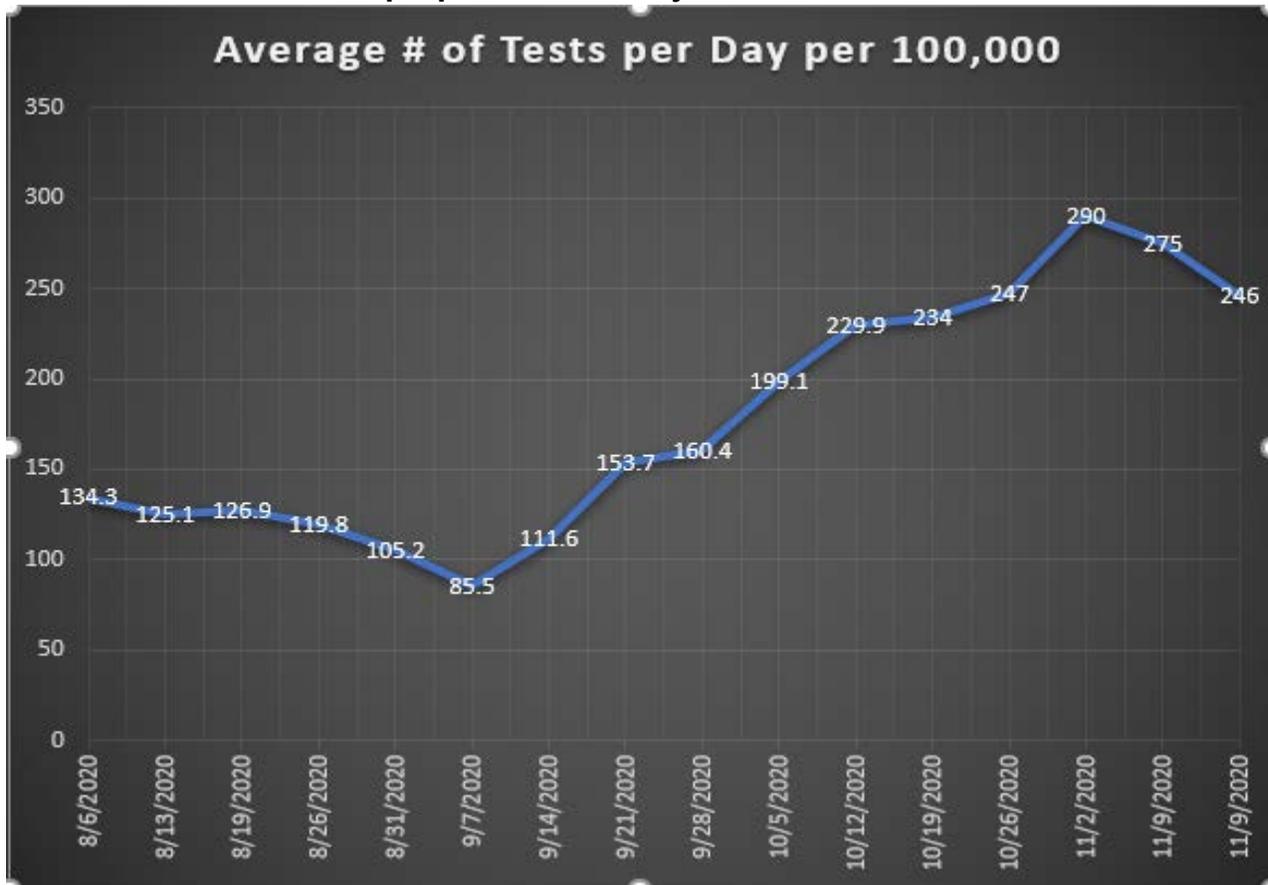
We are working closely with several State and local partners for both short-term and long-term testing support and solutions.

Description of testing criteria:

Under the direction of Elko County Health Officer, Dr. Putnam, the testing strategy continues to be driven by availability of local resources. The priority for testing is as follows:

- Individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Close contacts of a confirmed case
- High risk or vulnerable individuals
- Healthcare workers and first responders
- Individuals scheduled for medical procedures

Overview of the number of people tested in a day/week.



Efforts to Increase Testing

Elko County received 10,000 Abbott BinaxNOW test kits on Saturday. We are working with local providers who have current approval for COVID-19 antigen testing. Nevada Health Centers is scheduled to start using them in the respiratory clinic this weekend.

Conversations with State and local partners related to increasing testing capacity in Elko are ongoing. The DPBH team has submitted an order for the lab instruments to make it possible. We continue to work through the challenges of where to place the equipment and how to staff it.

In addition, Elko County will be utilizing the State contract with Quest to support the jail and skilled nursing facility. The

Overview of targeted testing efforts for high-risk communities, outbreak intervention and other efforts.

Schools

The Elko County School District (ECSD) is the third largest in the state with 21 sites and approximately 10,000 students, 868 full-time staff, 224 part-time staff and 263 substitute teachers.

School District Staff: They have developed training modules for staff regarding Coronavirus awareness, cleaning and disinfecting your workplace and managing stress and anxiety. There is an administrator/supervisor quick reference guide for actions to take with their building when a student/employee has symptoms, exposure, or a positive test. They have also established a quick reference guide for students. This includes a description of coronavirus, how it is spread, how to protect themselves and their family what to watch for regarding symptoms, when to seek medical attention and returning to school criteria. The guide is comprehensive and includes picture algorithms.

Consistent with guidance included in the White House Report, the Abbott BinaxNOW test kits could be used to test teachers weekly as a screening tool to prevent the spread of the virus within the schools by identifying asymptomatic individuals which can be isolated until a confirmatory result is received.

| ECSD COVID-19 Dashboard | | |
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| Updated - 11/13/2020, 08:45 PM | | |
| School District Information | | |
| | Students | Staff |
| New Cases * | 11 | 9 |
| Active Cases * | 30 | 33 |
| Recovered Cases | 5 | 16 |
| Total Cases * | 35 | 49 |
| Current Exclusions ** | 276 | 117 |
| Total Exclusions *** | 438 | 340 |
| Current Number of Schools Impacted | 23 out of 23 | |

* New referred to cases since last update; Active refers to cases in which COVID is currently present;
 ** COVID-19 Exclusions include persons with COVID-19 positive cases, persons with symptoms and persons who are identified as close contacts.
 *** Total Exclusions refers to all exclusion cases since June 2020.

Skilled Nursing Facility Outbreak

Skilled nursing facilities are regulated by the State of Nevada, HCQC.

During mid-August, an outbreak was identified in the skilled nursing facility. A total of 69 individuals have tested positive, including 29 residents, 1 assisted living resident, and 39 staff. To date, there has been eight fatalities related to this outbreak, which accounts for 57% of the County’s deaths. The last positive resident tested on October 23, 2020. The last staff member who tested positive, tested on November 16, 2020.

Pursuant to CMS guidance, the skilled nursing facility is required to test staff and residents who have tested negative twice a week for at least the next 90 days. Elko County, through support of the Nevada State Public Health Lab, will continue to provide test kits to allow for regular, weekly testing of staff and residents until the outbreak is under control or longer required be the regulatory agency(ies). Nevada Health Centers will conduct rapid testing as capacity allows.

We also continue to closely monitor the City of West Wendover and keep in close contact with local health care providers. West Wendover is particularly challenging because on the other side

of the Nevada border is Wendover, UT and Nevada and Utah have separate jurisdiction over the city within their respective state. Many of the Wendover, UT residents work in the gaming industry in Nevada. If there was an outbreak in the Wendover, UT community, NV DPBH may not be notified. As it is, reporting of results from Utah Department of Health to NV DPBH for West Wendover residents who test in Utah is generally delayed. It is not uncommon for results to be delayed, significantly limiting our ability to effectively complete the disease investigation and appropriately contact trace each case.

Jackpot is also being closely monitored as the Idaho Department of Health is not transferring the cases to Nevada in a timely manner, if at all. We are generally notified of positive residents by their employer and we follow-up with the individual to obtain the lab and complete the contact tracing process.

Elko County Jail Outbreak

Nearly a month ago, we were notified that a Detention Deputy tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, the internal contact tracing process was implemented to identify close contacts and exposures. As of November 18, 2020, there have been 47 inmates, 7 staff members, and 1 contracted medical staff who have tested positive. Three of the seven staff members who have tested positive are unrelated to the outbreak. Both staff and inmates have been isolated and continue to be monitored to prevent community spread. All inmate cases recovered. Most experienced only mild symptoms and many cases were asymptomatic. Inmates and staff are being tested on a weekly schedule. The contracted medical staff is monitoring/assessing positive cases each day and reporting to the contact tracing team. No inmate cases have been transferred to a higher level of care related to COVID-19.

CASE INVESTIGATION AND CONTACT TRACING

Describe the current status of your contact tracing efforts, including:

Informal case investigation and contact tracing was implemented by Dr. Putnam early in Elko County's response to COVID-19, partially through the COVID-19 hotline. Positive cases and close contacts were instructed to self-isolate and were closely monitored until recovered.

Contact tracing has evolved to a highly competent team led by Dr. Amber Donnelly, Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services at Great Basin College. She developed a model which has been implemented across the State.

Case investigation and contact tracing has proven to be one of the County's best defenses and most effective strategies against spreading the virus in our communities. Twenty percent of the County's confirmed cases have been identified through familial relationships and contact tracing. Positive cases continue to be instructed to self-isolate and are monitored regularly by the contact tracing team. In addition, Elko County has provided communication about the new contact tracing app, COVID Trace.

Description of your current contact tracing workforce.

Elko County partners with Great Basin College to provide disease investigation and contact tracing services for Elko, Eureka, and Lander counties. The team is led by Dr. Amber Donnelly,

Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services and is adequately staffed to meet our needs. A significant number of cases have been identified through contact tracing efforts.

Late last week, we enlisted the help of Deloitte to assist with contact tracing. The local team continues to handle the disease investigation and Deloitte is working through the primary contacts, etc.

Percent of positive cases contacted within 24 hours, and percent of cases contacted within 48 hours.

Upon notification of a positive result through the NBS system, the disease investigator begins collecting and validating contact information. Many laboratory results are reported without information necessary to begin the case investigation. When data is missing, the ordering facility is contacted for each case to gather the necessary information. Currently, the team is contacting all positive cases within 24 hours as long as they have accurate contact information for the case. Cases are instructed to self-isolate and are monitored regularly. They are also contacting all close contacts within 48 hours so long as they have accurate contact information.

Please note cases have been “lost” in NBS which also negatively impacts our ability to complete the disease investigation and contact tracing in a timely manner.

Overview contact tracing findings suggesting high-risk areas.

Skilled Nursing Facility Outbreak

In August, an outbreak was identified in the skilled nursing facility. A total of 62 individuals have tested positive, including 32 residents and 30 staff. The State Epidemiologist’s team initiated an investigation to determine the source of the outbreak and an inspection by the HCQC team was completed the week of August 31 to ensure the appropriate infection control process was being followed, etc.

Ultimately, the State is the regulatory authority and is accountable to provide support and mitigate the spread of the virus in this facility.

Elko County will provide test kits to allow for regular, weekly testing of staff and residents until the outbreak is under control. Nevada Health Centers will conduct rapid testing as capacity allows.

Again, disease investigation and contact tracing efforts are adversely impacted if tests are not resulted in a timely manner which directly affects our ability to protect our vulnerable populations.

Workplace Exposures

We are monitoring clusters of cases related to workplace exposures. With the exception of one or two workplaces, most cases are not related to transmission in the workplace, but rather spread amongst family and friends and community spread.

Tribal Data

Currently, tribal cases make up a little more than 6% of our active cases. Elko County has separated tribal data from the rest of the county data to ensure local practices are consistent with those across the State. Separating tribal data from the County data is important because Elko County does not have the ability to require implementation of mitigation measures by tribes. Although, it is important to note, the tribes in Elko County have been very diligent about tracking their cases and ensuring their cases have any support needed.

Other Information

In addition to COVID-19 screening, the City of Elko has implemented testing of sewage and septage samples. The sewer system serves nearly 25,000 residents and also accepts septage from outside septic systems. Reports are consistent with new cases being reported.

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Describe your county's plans for addressing outbreaks within vulnerable populations, including:

Overview of efforts and interventions in skilled nursing facilities.

The skilled nursing facility in Elko experienced an outbreak in late August. At this point, based on the information we have, spread within the resident population has been controlled. Six staff members are currently positive and self-isolating. This facility is under the authority of the State.

Overview of efforts and interventions in correctional facilities.

Elko County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center are the only correctional facilities which fall under the jurisdiction of the County.

- Inmates are brought in by patrol from any one of several agencies. Generally, arrestees are masked before being placed in the patrol vehicle, if possible. When the arrestee arrives at the facility, a jail deputy or contracted medical staff goes over the COVID-19 questionnaire. The arrestee's temperature is taken and depending on the arrestee's answers to the questions, they're cleared to be booked into the facility or sent to NNRH for further medical evaluation. Inmates who are clear for booking without symptoms are placed in isolation for at least 72 hours.
- If the inmate does not have a mask when booked, one is provided to them.
- Cleaning of the cells is completed at least twice a day to allow for the cells to be disinfected.
- Hand sanitizer and mask are provided to all employees.
- Employees are required to stay home if they're sick.

An outbreak has been identified in the Elko County Detention Facility. A total of 47 inmates, 7 staff, and 1 contracted medical staff has tested positive. Positive cases have been isolated away from the rest of the facility and regular assessment and testing is occurring to immediately identify and isolate any new potential positive case.

Elko County continues to work closely with Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) to ensure they

are supported from all aspects, including adequate PPE supplies. At least three staff member of NYTC has tested positive; however, NYTC falls under the jurisdiction of the State.

ACTION PLAN

Elko County strongly believes that lockdown policies have a devastating effect on short-term and long-term public health and cannot support another lockdown or stay at home order. Individuals are not attending preventive health screenings and appointments, childhood vaccination rates are lower than normal, and cardiovascular disease outcomes are worsening – not to mention the negative impact on mental health. We will continue to encourage outdoor activities to the extent possible.

Elko County's plan includes a specific focus on two actions in addition to the plan adopted by Elko County Commissioners on August 5, 2020:

- Adequate testing with an acceptable turnaround time.
- Increased mask wearing in personal/private settings, encouraged by local leaders in the community through various means of communications including social media, radio, and other visual presentations (billboards, etc.), which will be supported by CARES Act funding.

Best said by Task Force Director, Caleb Cage, "Now that I have experienced this virus myself, I am even more convinced of how important our statewide testing capacity is".

Elko County continues to evaluate options for testing which will provide acceptable turnaround times to support the critical disease investigation and contact tracing process to mitigate the spread of the virus within our communities. We will be utilizing the State contract with Quest to support testing in our skilled nursing facility and jail. We are in the process of getting the account set up now. We continue to explore the option of placing equipment at a local facility to increase testing capacity in Elko County.

On November 14, Elko County received 10,000 Abbott BinaxNOW test kits which will start to utilize this weekend through the respiratory clinic at Nevada Health Centers (aka Elko Family Medical and Dental).

Increased mask wearing is an effort that requires the whole community in order to be successful in mitigating the spread of the virus. Ineffective, inconsistent communication and misinformation have made this effort particularly difficult especially in a community as independent as Elko County. However, through local leadership, we have committed to supporting this critical action.

We have partnered with Great Basin College's team to support a "Why I wear a mask" campaign. GBC is leading the project and will communicate through local media outlets and social media through the end of the year. GBC will assist in clear, consistent communication regarding the importance of wearing masks not only in public settings, but also in private settings with family and friends. We are engaging with local partners and health care providers to help us share the message as well. We are increasing communication to the Hispanic

population as well. This effort is particularly important to prevent the overrunning of our critical healthcare resources to ensure they have they capacity to treat all patients and not be forced to crisis standards of care. CARES Act funding is being used to support this action item.

Commissioner Andreozi also sent a message challenging the community to join in supporting our effort to increase the use of masks.



Enforcement:

Elko County recognizes that slowing the spread of the requires a robust response, including enforcement and compliance efforts.

Elko County’s Enforcement Plan is listed in the August 5, 2020 Re-opening Response plan that was adopted by the Board of Elko County Commissioners and approved by the Task Force on September 16, 2020 – details are included later in this plan.

Elko County is committed to the following:

- Collaborating with Nevada Department of Business and Industry to support local compliance efforts, specifically related to the complaints or referrals being received by NV OSHA. Community team members are scheduled to meet with Jacob LaFrance and

team on Friday, November 20 to work through the process and determine how we work better together.

- Increased communication to local businesses on importance of wearing masks, social distance and following capacity guidance.
- Provide support to local business to ensure they have the resources needed to follow the directives, such as access to PPE, cleaning supplies, etc.

Examples of the enforcement plan is listed below.

1. First Violation: Constitutes a verbal discussion with the business owners outlining and reviewing the requirement for COVID-19 protective measures. A “Notice of Violation” will be provided to the business and subsequently identified as a first violation. This violation identifies that failure to correct the violation may subject the business to criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties under NRS 199.280, NRS 202.450 and other applicable statutes ordinances and/or regulations.

It is hereby ordered that:

The Declaration of Emergency, Directive 024, Section 9: “Any individual who does not comply with Section 5 of this Directive, after receiving notice from law enforcement, may be subject to criminal prosecution and civil penalties under NRS 199.280, and any other applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance. All law enforcement agencies in the State of Nevada are authorized to enforce this Directive. The Office of the Attorney General is given concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute violations of this Directive.”

2. Second Violation: Enforcement is shared between Nevada Department of Business and Industry’s Division of Industrial Relations (DIR) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), local authorities and licensing jurisdictions and industries. Should there be additional contact due to non-compliance the business is subject to forfeiture of their business license until the business can prove willingness to comply with the directive. Business license reinstatement is subject to the licensing board’s approval.

It is hereby ordered that:

The Declaration of Emergency, Directive 024, Section 10: “Pursuant to NRS 414.060(3)(f), I, (the Governor), hereby authorize all local, city, and county governments, and state agencies to enforce this Directive and regulations promulgated thereunder, including but not limited to, suspending licenses, revoking licenses, or issuing penalties for violating business, professional, liquor, tobacco, or gaming licenses issued by the local jurisdiction for actions that jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of the public; conduct which may injuriously affect the public health, safety, or welfare; conduct that may be detrimental to the public peace, health, or morals; or any other applicable ordinance or requirement for such a license.”

The Declaration of Emergency, Directive 024, Section 8: “NV OSHA shall enforce all violations of its guidelines, protocols, and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Directive. State licensing boards are hereby directed to enforce all provisions of this Directive against licensees and

establishments within their purview and impose disciplinary measures against licensees who violate this Directive.”

Starting in July, enforcement efforts increased exponentially. For Businesses, OSHA will be starting a new campaign focused on immediate identification of infractions of the Governor’s Directives and Industry Guidelines and individual closure of businesses as those infractions occur.

DIR will be doing the following:

- a. Two call-in lines are available for the public to report businesses not following COVID-19 directives to OSHA: (702) 486-9020 and (775) 688-3700. These call-in lines will be promoted so Nevadans are easily able to help ensure enforcement in their communities.
 1. DIR will redirect current staff to the call-in line to ensure a person is able to take complaints and understand the concerns of the complainant.
 2. DIR will direct staff to onsite inspections of the complaints, as needed, based on the scope and severity of the complaint.
- b. DIR will increase available staffing to ensure that regular and unannounced surveillance of businesses in communities with high rates of COVID-19 cases occur.
- c. Department of Business and Industry will be working with business and chambers to direct prevention messages and offer free face coverings.
- d. DIR will develop public service announcements directed at businesses that may be most impacted by COVID-19.

3. Third Violation: Identifies that the business has failed to correct the violation and is subject to criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties under NRS 199.280, NRS 202.450 and other applicable statutes ordinances and/or regulations.

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Vaccine Update

We are working with State and local partners to develop a strategy to roll-out of the vaccine to those identified in Tier 1. Due to lack of communication related to the development process of the vaccine, apprehensions regarding the safety and efficacy of the vaccine are high and participation amongst the Tier 1 group may be minimal.

COVID-19 fatigue is real, and it is impacting all levels of leadership, healthcare workers, first responders and the community at large.