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**Governor Sisolak signs Emergency Directive, solidifying changes related to social distancing announced last week**

CARSON CITY — Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak has signed and issued [Emergency Directive 044](#), to help achieve the goal of reopening business capacity to 100 percent in all counties by June 1.

As outlined in the Nevada Roadmap to Recovery, COVID-19 mitigation measures will begin transferring to local authority starting May 1 and each Nevada county has been working with the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force ("Task Force") to finalize plans for this transition.

As a result of this transition to local authority, each county will be able to make decisions based on what is best for their communities while considering transmission of the virus, vaccination, testing and other infrastructure needs specific to their areas.

All counties will be able to set their own mitigation measures, including restrictions on businesses and public activities, by approving their COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan as set forth in Directive 041. Local Plans may be in effect no earlier than May 1. If any provision of a Local Plan adopted by a county conflicts with a required Statewide Mitigation Measure that provision is void.

Attached to this email is [guidance](#) which outlines the updates and changes made in Directive 044. Those updates include, but are not limited to:

- Transition of authority from the state to counties to impose social distancing measures no earlier than May 1;
- Clarifying updates on the submission and approval process for large gathering and events;
- Transition of authority over mitigation measures within schools from the state to county school districts, charter school sponsors, private school leaders effective May 1;
- The Nevada Gaming Control Board will have authority over mitigation measures for gaming areas effective May 1;
- All remaining state mitigation measures, with the exception of the mask mandate, will terminate effective June 1. Following June 1, if counties would like to amend their Local Plans, they will no longer be required to go through the approval process outlined in Directive 041.

Additional guidance covering schools, gaming, open meeting law and more can be found at [nvhealthresponse.nv.gov](https://www.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov).

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