

SITUATION

As per state directive 037 and directive 041 this plan serves as the Lincoln county recovery and Mitigation plan to transfer the covid-19 mitigation measures to local authorities within Lincoln County.

This plan will outline mitigation measures and will identify local resources to be used in the monitoring, mitigation, and recovery of the covid-19 pandemic.

Lincoln county will work toward the re-opening to 100 percent while monitoring the covid-19 situation closely. Lincoln County has a very small population and is spread out across a large area of land, we have a unique situation here that supports our ability to re-open safely. The public, and businesses in Lincoln county are very much in favor of re-opening and getting back to some sense of normal and have demonstrated their commitment to helping reduce the risk and spread of covid-19.

MONITORING COVID-19 MEASURES:

Grover C. Dils medical center will continue to monitor the Testing, Case Rate, and vaccination efforts in Lincoln County and will continue to follow the CDC and CMS guidelines. They will continue to report any spike in cases of covid-19 to the county health officer and continue to meet other state reporting requirements.

Protect vulnerable Population:

The Lincoln County Health officer will coordinate with Grover C. Dils to continue to educate and monitor the at-risk population in Lincoln county. Vaccine Priority will be given to the vulnerable population as needed. The county health officer will direct the public messages and requirements needed to help keep our vulnerable population safe.

Testing, vaccination, and contact tracing:

Grover C. Dils medical center Caliente clinic and the Lincoln County Health Nurse will continue to perform covid-19 Testing and vaccination efforts for Lincoln County. They will notify the Lincoln County Emergency Manager in the event that they cannot meet the demand of testing or vaccinations at any given time. Contact tracing will be done by the county health officer. A high positivity rate will be reported to the county health officer who will then report to the Lincoln County Emergency Manager and Lincoln County Commissioners for assessment.

Hospital capacity management:

Grover C. Dils medical center will continue to assess the capacity of their facility and manage hospital capacity as needed. Grover C. Dils will notify the county health officer if capacity is above 80 percent

Status of PPE and other materials needed:

Each of the following entities will monitor their PPE levels and order supplies to meet their needs. Lincoln County Emergency Manager will be notified by the entity of any PPE or materials needs that the entity was unable to obtain.

Entity = Hospital, School District, county health officer, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Other county offices.

MITIGATION MEASURES:

Gatherings, events, and activities, large events, will be reviewed through the existing county policy and will be approved or denied on a case by case basis

SCHOOLS:

The local school district will draft their own plan to manage and mitigate covid-19 to meet their unique challenges and needs.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

All campaigns to promote public health measures, and inform and promote vaccinations will be done by the county health officer or Grover c Dils medical center to ensure accurate and relevant information is being shared.

RESOURCE NEEDS:

Any need for supplies or resources that are not obtainable by the entities should be requested in writing to the Lincoln county Emergency Manager who will use all available resources to fill those requests.

LOCAL MITIGATION MEASURES TO BE USED:

OUTDOOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

No capacity limit, no mask mandates

BUSINESSES, COUNTY OFFICES

No capacity limits, no mask mandates

Hand sanitizer stations are encouraged.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

No capacity limits, no mask mandates

Hand sanitizer stations are encouraged.

YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATIONAL SPORTS

No limits, no restrictions

CHANGES TO THIS PLAN

Changes to this plan will be made by the county commissioners and approved in a board meeting. All changes will be posted for notice and will be based on the data and measures of the covid-19 situation at that time.

The Lincoln county commissioners stated that from the beginning of the pandemic they have supported a common-sense approach to the response of the covid-19 pandemic, The impacts of covid-19 in Lincoln county have been very manageable and the commissioners are in favor of re-opening 100 percent, while encouraging local business owners to operate their business with a sensible approach providing for the safety of their patrons. The board of county commissioners is not in favor of a blanket mask mandate or the continued restriction of specific entities or events.