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White Pine County Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan

Preface

The rationale for this Plan includes many factors specific to White Pine County. White Pine County is leading vaccinations in the State per capita and vaccines have been available to everyone over eighteen years of age since March 24, 2021.

The population and geographic area of White Pine County leads to safer conditions, even when fully open, than other more populous counties under strict restrictions and mandates. For example, White Pine County will never have the congested scenes witnessed on Las Vegas's Fremont Street, or other similar locations in Nevada.

This plan, being discussed and potentially approved by the County Commission on April 7th, gives community members ample time to prepare for the reopening and allows each community member to decide for themselves the best way to address their own health and safety concerns.

Monitoring

White Pine County does not intend to reduce, interfere with, or change the methods and execution of the monitoring of COVID-19 that has occurred since March, 2020.

The protection of vulnerable persons is achieved by the availability of vaccines, which has been available vulnerable persons choosing to receive them for months in White Pine County.

White Pine County intends to continue the testing and contact tracing efforts, which are currently in place.

White Pine County will cooperate with William Bee Rire Hospital, and will convene a special meeting if the Hospital's COVID bed capacity reaches or exceeds 75%.

PPE in White Pine County is reportedly sufficient for current needs.

Mitigation Measures

While White Pine County understands (but respectfully does not endorse) that some industries and organizations will have restrictions and mandates prescribed by entities outside of the county, White Pine County will issue no restrictions or mandates. White Pine County will likewise not impose a mask mandate. White Pine County encourages each business or organization to determine for themselves what, if any, restrictions, rules, and/or mandates shall be in place.

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This applies to, but not limited to, Public Gatherings; Private Gatherings; Food and Beverage Establishments; Places of Worship, Gyms, Fitness/Dance/Yoga Studios; Martial Arts Studios and Similar Establishments; Arcades, Racetracks, Bowling Alleys, Pool Halls, Movie Theaters, and Similar Activities; Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries; Body Art and Piercing Establishments; Spas, Massage Therapy, and Massage Establishments; Hair Salons, Barbershops, Nail Salons, and Businesses that Provide Aesthetic Skin Services; Retail Stores; Community and Recreational Centers; Youth and Adult Recreational Sports; and Adult Entertainment Establishments, Nightclubs/Dayclubs, Brothels, Karaoke.

Enforcement Measures

As White Pine County will not have any restrictions or mandates imposed by the County, enforcement measures are unnecessary.

Public Information

White Pine County does not intend to reduce, interfere with, or change the methods used for public health and vaccination campaigns that are currently in place.

Resource Needs

White Pine County's resource needs for public health, enforcement, or emergency management are currently being met through the county budget, and various state and federal grants, including, but not limited to CARES Act grants and funding, and public health grants. WPC has not specifically identified any further needs, but will continue to apply for future grants when/if they become available.

Amended Plan

While this Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan does not include future loosening or tightening of restrictions, if COVID-19 infections in White Pine County results in 75% or higher COVID bed capacity at William Bee Rire Hospital, the White Pine County Commission will convene a special meeting to consider amending the Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan.

Endorsements

Board of Public Health



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Superintendent of the White Pine County School District



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Nevada Rural Hospital Association

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April 13, 2021

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In the "Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery Transition Plan" released by Governor Steve Sisolak on March 15, 2021, county governments were directed to develop local mitigation and enforcement planning processes and have these plans endorsed by the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), among others. While the NHA is not a governmental entity and is not going to usurp the authority of local elected officials, we do, however, appreciate the ability to review your local plans and provide endorsement when warranted.

For a local transition plan to receive the endorsement of our organization, certain elements must be included. These specific elements include:

- An emphasis on vaccinating the public.
- A plan to monitor hospital status for both possible COVID-19 patient saturation and the adequacy of patients' access to care.
- Monitoring local PPE sufficiency.
- Social distancing enforcement efforts.

After a thorough review of the White Pine County plans, the Nevada Hospital Association is providing the required endorsement. We look forward to working with you as the state transitions to normalcy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lake", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

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