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Nevada adjusts face covering mandate to align with latest federal guidance, Governor signs Emergency Directive 045

CARSON CITY, NV. — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed [Emergency Directive 045](#), which aligns Nevada's face covering mandate with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On April 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [issued updated guidelines](#) for individuals based on whether they've been vaccinated or not, including new protocols for masks and face coverings.

Changes in the directive, which is effective immediately, include:

- Effective immediately, individuals not exempted by [Directive 024](#), [Directive 028](#), or [guidance issued by the Nevada Health Response](#) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering in a manner consistent with current guidance issued by the CDC, and any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC. This Section does not apply to participants in certain activities or events, including but not limited to: athletes, performers, or musicians, to the extent other directives set forth less restrictive face covering requirements

for those participants.

- Businesses shall ensure that all patrons, customers, patients, or clients utilize face coverings consistent with this Directive, which may include prohibiting persons without face coverings from entering any indoor premises.
- People and their household members may have different health concerns. Whether to continue wearing a mask outdoors or in other situations where it is not necessarily required is a personal choice that should be respected. Harassing someone because they are wearing a mask could result in criminal or civil penalties.

As used in the Directive and consistent with CDC guidelines, “fully vaccinated” means two weeks have passed since an individual received their second dose in a two-dose series of vaccinations, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks have passed since an individual received a single-dose vaccine, such as the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Those who don’t meet these requirements are NOT fully vaccinated and should continue taking all precautions until they are.

A complete copy of Directive 045 can be found at nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/state-information/governor-directives-and-declarations/.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine can be found at www.nvcovidfighter.org.

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