



# Meeting Minutes COVID-19 Mitigation and Mangement Task Force

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	April 22, 2021
	<b>TIME</b>	10:00 A.M.
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Tanya Benitez/Meagan Werth Ranson
<b>Task Force Voting Member Attendance</b>		
<b>Member Name</b>		<b>Present</b>
Caleb Cage		X
Richard Whitley		X
Terry Reynolds		X
Jaime Black		X
David Fogerson		X
Felicia Gonzales		X
Brett Compston		ABS
Meagan Werth Ranson		X
Chris Lake		X
Dagny Stapleton		X
Wesley Harper		X
Mark Pandori		X
<b>Task Force Non-Voting Member Attendance</b>		
Kyra Morgan		X
Lisa Sherych		X
Julia Peek		X
Melissa Peek-Bullock		X
Malinda Southard		X
Lesley Mohlenkamp		ABS
Samantha Ladich		X

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Caleb Cage, Governor’s Office (GO), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Meagan Werth Ranson, GO. Quorum was established for the meeting.

## 2. Public Comment

Chair Cage opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. Written public comment is attached.

Virginia Valentine, Nevada Resort Association, provided the following public comment, “Resorts are doing their part to get people vaccinated so we can continue to safely reopen, vaccinating employees, employees and families, and employees, families and some general public. Health and safety have been our priority since the beginning. Preparing these plans present unique challenges. These plans must address many diverse and complex businesses in a safe and consistent manner gradually lifting over a year of very strict regulation in a matter of weeks. the complexities and the real time nature reopening makes it even more important that counties provide clear and consistent guidance and have

the flexibility to make adjustments as we progress to full reopening. We appreciate that Washoe County and Clark County for reaching out to stakeholders from resorts and other segments of the business community during the development of their plans. The association especially found the outreach and guidance from Clark County, the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) and all the local governments and agencies represented on the Regional Policy Committee to be very helpful on the mitigation plan and throughout the pandemic. We also wish to thank the Governor’s Office and to recognize the work of Director Cage, Director Reynolds, the Gaming Control Board (GCB), and all the Task Force members for your tireless efforts over the past year.”

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Cage called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the April 14, 2021, Task Force meeting. A motion to approve the draft minutes as presented was provided by Director Terry Reynolds, Business and Industry (B&I) and a second was provided by Chief David Fogerson, Division of Emergency Management (DEM). Motion passed unanimously. Chair Cage called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the April 15, 2021, Task Force meeting. A motion to approve the draft minutes as presented was provided by Chief David Fogerson and a second was provided by Deputy Superintendent Felicia Gonzales, Department of Education (DOE). Motion passed unanimously. Director Reynolds abstained from a vote for the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes due to an absence at this meeting.

### 4. Current Situation Report

Kyra Morgan, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), provided an overview of the current situation in Nevada as it relates to COVID to include the following (slides were also included in the meeting packet):

- Cases
  - 269 14-day rolling average cases daily
  - 242 cases per 100,000 over the last 30 days
  - 311,750 cumulative cases
  - 9,899 cumulative cases per 100,000
- Testing
  - 180 tests/day per 100,000 over the last 14 days
  - 5.9% test positivity rate over the last 14 days
  - 3,120,860 cumulative tests
- Hospitalizations
  - 335 confirmed and suspected hospitalizations
  - 78 total ICU
  - 34 total ventilators
- Deaths
  - 3 14-day rolling average deaths daily
  - 4 deaths per 100,000 over the last 30 days
  - 5,388 cumulative deaths
  - 171 cumulative deaths per 100,000

Ms. Morgan provided the group with an update regarding the slides provided in the handouts showing the trends of COVID-19 in Nevada. Ms. Morgan noted daily new cases are increasing slowly but steadily over the past two weeks. The 14-day average reached below 200 and is now back up to 269. The state is likely seeing a combined effect from the increase to 50% capacity and behavior change as the general public is letting their guard down from the low numbers over the prior month. This is not unexpected or necessarily cause for alarm but warrants close monitoring. Overall testing numbers are down and the lowest they have been since last summer. Low testing numbers alone are not cause for concern, but low testing numbers in combination with high case rates or high-test positivity rates are. The test positivity rate is above the World Health Organization (WHO) threshold of 5.0%, at 5.9%. It is not unexpected for this to increase as the pool of “healthy people” seeking regular testing is reduced via vaccination. In part because less asymptomatic people will be testing out of an abundance of caution or no longer being tested on a recurring basis (via employment, for example), DHHS expected this number to increase. Daily hospitalizations have been increasing, with 335 confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases hospitalized in Nevada hospitals as of April 20, 2021. It is reasonable to anticipate increases in hospitalizations may continue as restrictions become lightened and events and activities begin to normalize. Still, due to high vaccine coverage in the state’s elderly populations (60% of those aged 50+, 68% of those 60+, 76% of those aged 70+, hospitalizations should not reach the previous peak of the winter surge. The average number of COVID-19 deaths per day remains at three over the previous two weeks. As of April 20, 2021, Nevada had administered 1,726,411 doses of vaccine to Nevada residents. This equates to about 34% of Nevadans having initiated vaccination and almost 23% of Nevadans being fully vaccinated. Based on current daily volume, DHHS is projecting that Nevada will reach 75% vaccination coverage by August or September. For the population 16 years and older, over 43% have initiated vaccination, and 29% have been fully vaccinated. As of April 21, 2021, Nevada had administered 1,796,493 doses of vaccine total (1,119,319 initial doses and 746,144 doses completed). For Specimens collected April 1, 2021 through April 21, 2021, it has taken approximately two days after specimen collection for results to be reported. In terms of the County Tracker, Carson City, Lincoln, Lyon, and Storey are flagged for elevated disease transmission: Carson and Lyon were flagged with a high case rate (>200), Carson City, Lincoln, Lyon, and Storey flagged with a high-test positivity (>8%), and Lincoln and Storey were flagged with a low average number of tests per day per 100,000 (<100). Excluding prison/inmate population does not significantly impact most counties’ overall status for elevated disease transmission. Counties that have relatively high increases in testing and case rates after excluding prison inmate populations are due to having few to zero COVID-19 positive inmates. Since the number of tests and/or cases remain relatively constant and the population size (denominator) is smaller without the inmate population, DHHS would expect to see increases in testing and case rates.

Director Terry Reynolds inquired if the State could compare case rates with vaccination rates by County, side by side. Ms. Morgan noted she will follow up and send out after this meeting. Director Reynolds inquired if there are trends in terms of the increased case rates seen in some of the rural areas or certain areas within the State, if there are trends in terms of what is occurring, and if there is analysis on this. Ms. Morgan noted the Counties that are increasing the most as far as cases are Carson City, Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, and Lyon. Those are the most obvious in showing increases in cases. Test positivity rate, Carson City shows the most significant increase. Churchill, Clark, Elko, Nye, Storey, and Washoe County are showing visible increases in test positivity as well. Then testing numbers are driven by other factors. Use this to confirm if case rates or if test positivity is higher. There are specific regions that seem to be affected more than others. Chair Cage noted one thing that has been worked hard on is looking at this data as trends over time. Looking at the numbers but acknowledging that it is growing slowly, and that Nevada is still at numbers lower than previously seen. The group is trying to monitor this as a growth over time. Dr. Mark Pandori, Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) noted it is notable that the increase is slow and that is happening in the place of

transition where Nevada is seeing an extremely large increase in variants of concern. These variants have the ability to spread more quickly, yet the increase is at a relatively manageable and slow manner.

## **5. Update on Nevada’s Roadmap to Recovery Transition Plan**

### **a. Churchill**

Jim Barbee, Churchill County Manager, provided an overview of the plan from Churchill County. Manager Barbee noted on April 20, 2021, the plan was presented to the Board of Health. Churchill has used this venue to change any kind of actions that the county has had over the last year. This group is comprised of members from the school district, hospital, senior care facilities, senior center, and a broad group that participate to move the plans forward. The plan was approved April 21, 2021 with a 100% vote. Generally speaking, Churchill County is going to continue as the county has in the past year to track, monitor, and utilize the data to react in a timely manner. Churchill County has 34% vaccination rate for 11,600 total vaccines administered. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states the over 65 population was greater than 60% vaccinated. This is very positive. Churchill is requesting to open at 100% on May 1, 2021. Churchill County will continue testing and contact tracing efforts. One notable exception is Churchill County has been working with NSPHL and with the support from the State toward getting another satellite laboratory in Churchill. Personnel will be trained by NSPHL. In terms of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as DEM spends down, Churchill has put in a request for six months of PPE, for a stockpile. For Mitigation components, the most recent statements from the Governor for social distancing will transition to a recommendation to allow for the higher percentage within buildings for capacity. Churchill County will follow that as well. Churchill recognizes that the statewide mandate for masks will stay in place. Enforcement monitoring activities will continue as they have. There is enforcement in the County through the sheriff. Churchill County has done a tremendous amount in terms of public information and will continue. Churchill has put out new billboards in the last 30 to 45 days in terms of vaccinations and are currently working to update those messages. Churchill County is on social media daily. Churchill will place no additional restrictions beyond the restrictions that exist from May 1, 2021, to June 1, 2021. Chief Fogerson commended Churchill County. The ability to do what they have done with the CARES Act Funding (CRF) is amazing. The county has set themselves up well with partnerships. This is refreshing to see how the county is making the community better. Julia Peek, DHHS, echoed Chief Fogerson comments. Churchill is able to pivot as needed. Developing a satellite lab is amazing. This County has moved mountains. Dr. Pandori commended the effort from the testing perspective. Developing a lab is a challenge but they did it. Chair Cage spoke to new advancements on the horizon for Churchill County. Ms. Morgan noted the expectation that with 100% opening, cases will increase. Putting this on the record for all Counties to take this into consideration. Director Reynolds noted Counties need to focus on vaccination levels in the county. This is the key in these communities to ensure the vulnerable populations are being vaccinated. The Mobile Vaccination Units (MVU)’s is a huge asset to assist in this message. Making sure there is a significant majority of communities vaccinated. Director Reynolds is happy to see this happen in Churchill county. This is a plus in getting the state back to where it should be.

### **b. Clark**

Billy Samuels, Deputy Fire Chief for Clark County Fire Department, provided an update for Clark County. Chief Samuels noted the Clark County Local Mitigation Enforcement Plan continues to highlight a regional approach following health and medical experts from SNHD. This plan was truly an all-encompassing effort with input from all jurisdictions. The plan included letters of support from the SNHD, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite, Boulder City, Clark County School District (CCSD), and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Chief

Samuels noted the plan was approved by the Commissioners at the Board meeting on April 20, 2021. Clark County weekly first doses administered have been between 50,000 and over 60,000 consistently since the first week of March. There have been 815,000 first doses administered in Clark County, which is approximately 100,000 doses short of reaching 50% as of April 19, 2021, with an eligible population of approximately 915,000. Clark County is about 282,000 first doses away from reaching 60% of the same eligibility population. If Clark County keeps the current volume up of weekly first doses, Clark County should reach 50% of the eligible population within two to three weeks and then three to four weeks Clark County should be able to reach the 60% of eligible population receiving an initial vaccination dose the weekend of May 15, 2021, or May 22, 2021. Chief Samuels provided an overview of the details in the plan, notes are as follows:

### **Capacity and Social Distancing**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

##### **Effective May 1, 2021**

- Capacity restrictions in Clark County may increase to no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code; and social distancing requirements in Clark County will be reduced to three feet.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements in Clark County will be removed when:
  - 60% of the eligible population in Clark County has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Note: Eligible population is 16 and older.

### **Public Gatherings and Events**

#### **Capacity**

##### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Not applicable prior to local authority transition plan submittal.

##### **Current Statewide Standards**

- Limited to no more than 250 individuals or 50 percent of fire code.

### **Large Gathering Plans**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Not Applicable Prior to Local Authority Transition Plan Submittal.

### **Applications submitted after Transition to Local Authority:**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Refer to the Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness and Safety Plan on page 27.

### **Private Gatherings and Events**

#### **Capacity**

##### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Private social gatherings are restricted based on CDC Guidance.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

### **Food and Beverage Establishments:**

Restaurants and Bars, Pubs, Wineries, Distilleries, and Breweries (those that serve food and those that do not). This includes all restaurants and bars within gaming properties.

### **Capacity**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Indoor dining may operate at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements.
    - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.
- No occupancy limits for outdoor dining\*\*, as long as all social distancing requirements (if applicable) are followed.

### Reservations

#### Proposed Local Measures

- Reservations Not Required

### Seating

#### Proposed Local Measures

- Seating of patron may be increased to no more than 12 patrons per table with social distancing requirements (if applicable).

### Bar Seating

#### Proposed Local Measures

- Patrons sitting at a table or booth must only be served via table service.
- Patrons may be served at bar tops under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable), and bar top parties should be limited to no more than four persons.

### Self Service Buffets (Section added by Clark County)

#### Proposed Local Measures

Buffets are permitted to operate. Food may be presented in a buffet style self-service if:

- Each station is supervised by an employee.
- Hand sanitizer is offered to the patrons prior to obtaining tableware.
- Service utensils are changed out every hour.
- Patrons and employees practice adequate social distancing (if applicable).

### Additional Measures

#### Proposed Local Measures

- Strongly encouraged to continue curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations. Restaurants and bars are encouraged to try to expand outdoor seating options, and local governments are encouraged to work with these businesses to meet this goal.
- Restaurants and bars should continue to have hand sanitizer available.
- Congregating areas can open. Until 60% of the eligible population in Clark County has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, areas designated for dancing is prohibited.
- Preparing food table side (e.g., tableside guacamole) is permitted if the patrons do not consume food at time of preparation and all are wearing adequate face coverings.
- For additional guidance from SNHD see “Food Establishment Guidance: at [www.snhd.info/reopen](http://www.snhd.info/reopen)

### Places of Worship

#### Capacity

#### Proposed Local Measures

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code:
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.



## **Additional Measures**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Refer to Nevada COVID-19 Safety Guidance for Places of Worship.

## **Gyms, Fitness/Dance/Yoga Studios, Martial Arts Studios and Similar Establishments:**

### **Capacity**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## **Gym/Studio Locker Rooms**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Locker rooms may be opened at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable). Single stall showers may be utilized.
- Community showers, saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, and other communal areas may open and must operate under the conditions described below in the “Pools and Hot Tubs – Saunas, Steam Rooms and Other Facilities” section.
- Hot tubs and spas may open and must operate under the “Pools and Hot Tubs” Guidance as described below.

## **Additional Measures**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Equipment may be moved or designated inoperable under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable), to ensure social distancing between users.
- Equipment that is not moved or designated inoperable, may be used with the following conditions:
  - The number of occupants is limited to the number of individuals that can maintain adequate social distancing (if applicable).
  - Staff and/or supplies are present so that high touch surfaces can be adequately cleaned after each use.
  - The facility should increase ventilation to the maximum extent possible to ensure outside air is cycled through the space.
  - Routine cleaning and disinfection of equipment.

## **Pools and Hot Tubs (This category added by Clark County)**

### **Capacity**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Pools, spas, and hot tubs may operate at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements.
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## **Pool Locker Rooms and Bathhouses**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Locker rooms and bathhouses may open at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable). Single stall showers may be utilized.

Hot tubs and spas may open and must operate under the guidance of this section.

## **Saunas, Steam Rooms, and other Similar Facilities**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

Community showers, saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, and other communal areas may operate under the following conditions:

- The number of occupants is limited to the number of individuals that can maintain strict social distancing (if applicable).
- Staff and/or supplies are present so that high touch surfaces can be adequately cleaned after each use.
- Post signs that advise users:
  - To not use the facility if ill or not feeling well.
  - Practice social distancing (if applicable); and
  - Wear face coverings/masks.
- The facility should increase ventilation to the maximum extent possible to ensure outside air is cycled through the space.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection must continue.
- Other recommendations/best practices include:
  - Limit use to single persons or groups of people who are in the same household.
  - Allow time between uses for fresh air to circulate in.

## **Additional Measures**

### **Proposed Local Measures**

Employees and patrons must wear face coverings, except:

- Lifeguards conducting bather surveillance,
- In an aquatic venue, hot tub, or spa
- Moving directly between their seating and an aquatic venue, hot tub, or spa, or
- Activity eating or drinking

## **Water Parks:**

- Water parks shall control access to the public to ensure that occupancy does not exceed 80% capacity based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable).
- Water parks shall limit locker room access to restroom usage only.
- All employees must wear face coverings to the maximum extent practicable.
- Food sold at concessions at water parks must be consumed in a designated area under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable). Surfaces are cleaned and disinfected by employees after a party leaves after consuming the food.

For additional guidance from SNHD see “Aquatic Facilities Guidance” at: [www.snhd.info/reopen](http://www.snhd.info/reopen)

## **Gaming Floors:**

- Capacity and mitigation measures for gaming areas will not transition to local control after May 1 and will remain under the authority of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Uniform, statewide mitigation measures will continue to apply to gaming areas.
- After May 1, other businesses located within a gaming property will be subject to the applicable County’s capacity and other mitigation measures applicable to that type of business, per the approved Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan. For example, a retail clothing store located within a gaming property shall follow the mitigation measures for retail stores that are set forth in the County’s plan.

## **Arcades, Racetracks, Bowling Alleys, Mini Golf, Pool Halls, Amusement and Theme Parks, and Similar Activities:**



## Capacity

### Proposed Local Measures

- Capacity requirements may be no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## Additional Measures

### Proposed Local Measures

- High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently and social distancing (if applicable) between groups.
- Food and drink should be contained to areas designated as restaurants/food courts and should adhere to requirements in place for those types of establishments.

## Libraries, Museums, Art Galleries, Aquariums and Zoos:

### Proposed Local Measures

- Capacity requirements may be no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## Additional Measures

### Proposed Local Measures

- All interactive and/or hands-on exhibits may open and must be cleaned at least once per hours. High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently.
- Food and drink should be contained to areas designated as restaurants/food courts and should adhere to requirements in place for those types of establishments.

## Body Art and Piercing Establishments:

### Capacity

#### Proposed Local Measures

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 80% of occupancy based on applicable fire code.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## Appointments

### Proposed Local Measures

- Services shall be provided by appointment only.

## Additional Measures

### Proposed Local Measures

- Piercing is permitted around nose and mouth. The employee is required to wear a face mask and face shield while working around or in the mouth and nose.
- Establishments with walls/partitions between stations or chairs may utilize all stations, but no more than one customer can be at a station at any given time.
- Establishments without walls/partitions between stations/chairs may only seat clients under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable).
- For additional guidance from SNHD see “Body Art Guidance” at: [www.snhd.info/reopen](http://www.snhd.info/reopen)

**Spas, Massage Therapy and Massage Establishments:**

**Capacity**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing protocols established by the Nevada state Board of Cosmetology and Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

**Appointments**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Services shall be provided by appointment only.

**Additional Measures**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Out-call and/or in-home service may be provided with observation of same protocols as in the establishments.
- Establishments, including day and overnight spas, that may operate for aesthetic and massage services may permit the use of steam rooms, saunas, portable saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, and any other communal facilities and must operate under the conditions described above in the “Pools and Hot Tubs – Saunas, Steam Rooms and Other Facilities” section.
- Hot tubs and spas may open and must operate under the “Pools and Hot Tubs” Guidance described above.

**Hair Salons, Barbershops, Nail Salons and Businesses That Provide Aesthetic Skin Services:**

**Capacity**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing protocols established by the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology and Nevada Barbers’ Health and Sanitation Board, as applicable.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

**Appointments**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Services shall be provided by appointment only.

**Additional Measures**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Out-call and/or in-home service may be provided with observation of same protocols as in the establishments.
- Salons and barber shops with walls/partitions between stations or chairs may utilize all stations, but no more than one customer can be at a station at any given time.
- Salons and barber shops without walls/partitions between stations/chairs may only seat clients under strict social distancing requirements (if applicable).

**Retail Stores:**

**Capacity**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

**Retail and Grocery Stores with over 50,000 square foot capacity**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Must have “counters” at all public entrances to manage capacity (if applicable).
- Must have health screening signage at public entrances.

**Self-Serve Food/Beverage Options**

**Proposed Local Measures**

Retail stores, including grocery stores, may offer limited self-service food and drinks with mitigation measures in place.

- Salad bars, salsa bars, olive bars, condiment stations and bulk food bins can take place if:
  - Each station is supervised by an employee.
  - Hand sanitizer is offered to the patrons prior to obtaining tableware.
  - Service utensils are changed out every hour.
  - Patrons and employees practice adequate social distancing (if applicable).

**Sampling**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Food sampling at grocery stores and farmer’s market can resume if face coverings are replaced as soon as sample is consumed.

**Additional Measures**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.
- For additional guidance from SNHD to: [www.snhd.info/reopen](http://www.snhd.info/reopen)

**Cannabis – Medicinal and Recreational Establishments:**

- After May 1, Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana Establishments will remain under the authority and regulatory control of the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB). However, capacity and mitigation measures for Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana establishments will fall under the category of “Retail Stores: within each County.”
  - For example, if a County decides to set a capacity limit of 50% for retail stores in its Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan, marijuana establishments will also be at 50% capacity.

**Indoor Malls:**

**Capacity**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements and at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

**Additional Measures**

**Proposed Local Measures**

- Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.

## **Community and Recreational Centers**

### **Capacity**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements and at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

## **Building Elevators**

### **Capacity**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Elevators can increase to eight passengers if:
  - The exhaust fan is operated at maximum flow.
  - Instructions posted in the elevators lobby of each floor advising passengers to:
    - Minimize talking while traveling between floors, and
    - Space themselves to promote social distancing (if applicable).

## **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports**

### **Tournaments**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- Leagues and tournaments for non-contact type sports such as bowling, darts, billiards, and other similar sports that occur indoors do not need to submit a Preparedness and Safety Plan. Those leagues and tournaments must meet all social distancing (if applicable), occupancy and face covering requirements.
- Events including tournaments and other recreational sporting events with less than 250 attendees, do not need to submit a Preparedness and Safety Plan.
- Events with more than 250 attendees, a Preparedness and Safety Plan will need to be submitted and approved by the Clark County Recovery (CCRO) Enforcement Workgroup. The plan can be submitted to: [CCROEnforcementWorkgroup@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCROEnforcementWorkgroup@ClarkCountyNV.gov)
- Baseline requirements include:
  - Plan to ensure face coverings are always worn by spectators. Does not apply to sport participants.
  - Plan for testing and screening
  - Plan for if someone displays symptoms or tests positive
  - Plan for contact tracing
  - Plan to ensure capacity limitations (if applicable)
  - Plan to manage the flow of people to avoid congestions and crowding upon entry. Exit can be unmanaged if guests are directed to nearest exit.
  - Plan to ensure social distancing (if applicable)
  - Plan to avoid shared equipment and commonly touched surfaces
  - Plan for cleaning and disinfection
  - Plan for signage: face coverings, distancing, hygiene, etc.

## **Additional Measures**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- If the number of spectators/attendees is more than 250 individuals, a Preparedness and Safety Plan must be submitted to the Clark County Recovery Enforcement Workgroup.

## Contact Level

### Proposed Local Measures

- Full Contact Sports: As of March 30, 2021, full-contact sports may resume for practice and competitions subject to the requirements set forth in Directive 034, including the requirement to adopt a Preparedness and Safety Plan as set forth in Section 11 for all organized leagues and associations beginning competition, games, matches or league play. Any full contact league or tournament that resumes after May 1 will need to submit a Preparedness and Safety Plan as described in Section 11 of Directive 034 to the Clark County Recovery Enforcement Workgroup. The Plan can be submitted to: [CCROEnforcementWorkgroup@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCROEnforcementWorkgroup@ClarkCountyNV.gov)
- Non-Contact and Minimal Contact Sports:
- Minimal contact and non-contact sports are allowed to hold practices, games, competitions, and tournaments, indoors and outdoors, if social distancing (if applicable) and all requirements can be met.

## Establishments Currently Closed That May Transition to Local Authority:

### Adult Entertainment Establishments

#### Proposed Local Measures

Effective May 1, 2021

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements and at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
  - All employers must always provide face coverings for employees and require employees to wear face coverings.
  - The business requires the mandated face coverings for all patrons when not actively eating, drinking, or smoking.
  - The business promotes frequent and thorough hand washing, including providing workers, customers, and worksite visitors with a place to wash their hands.
  - The employer maintains regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
  - Conducts daily surveys of staff health conditions.
  - Permitted to allow adult/topless activity.
  - Entertainers can be less than three feet from the public if the entertainer has taken the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and only after 14 days of this vaccination date. The entertainer must complete the second dose of the vaccine within six weeks of taking the first dose (if applicable). Alternately, the entertainer must take a weekly COVID PCR test and receive a negative result.
  - Must maintain the required social distancing (if applicable).
  - Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

### Nightclubs and Day clubs

#### Proposed Local Measures

Effective May 1, 2021

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements and at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.
  - All employers must always provide face coverings for employees and require employees to wear face coverings.

- The business requires the mandated face coverings for all patrons when not actively eating, drinking, or smoking.
- The business promotes frequent and thorough hand washing, including providing workers, customers, and worksite visitors with a place to wash their hands.
- The employer maintains regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Conducts daily surveys of staff health conditions.
- Must maintain the required social distancing (if applicable).
- Until 60% of the eligible population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine, designated areas for dancing must remain closed. Once the designated areas for dancing are permitted in a non-restricted gaming license location, they will be considered “Club Venues” and will also fall under the authority of the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

### **Brothels**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

N/A for Clark County

### **Karaoke**

#### **Proposed Local Measures**

- May operate under strict social distancing requirements and at no more than 80% occupancy based on applicable fire code.
- Refer to Guidance for Safe Karaoke and Open Microphone Events issued by the Governor’s Office on April 8, 2021.
- Capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements may be removed when criterion under the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section of this Plan is met.

### **General Statements:**

- If a business sector or activity is not specifically cited in this plan, capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements as noted in the “Capacity and Social distancing” section of this Plan applies.
- Businesses are required to manage the social distancing requirements. New signage is not required to be replaced or updated to reflect update social distancing requirements.
- Large Gatherings and events approved by the Nevada Department of Business and Industry (B&I) are approved plans under the local authority.
- Large Gatherings and events approved by the Nevada B&I with stricter capacity and social distancing requirements may request approval to comply with the capacity and social distancing requirements as outline in the “Capacity and Social Distancing” section in this plan. Please submit requests to the Clark County Recovery Enforcement Workgroup. Requests may be submitted starting April 26, 2021.

### **Clark County Recovery Organization Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness and Safety Plan**

Large gatherings are groups of more than 250 individuals gathering outside in the same general area or indoors within the same room, arena, theater, or other such venue. While the community recovers from COVID-19, even organizers must consider the following:

1. Large Gatherings with less than 20,000 people can be approved at three feet social distancing with up to 80% capacity if:
  - a. The venue is outdoors or if indoors and the area is well ventilated
  - b. 50% of the community has completed their first dose of a vaccination for COVID-19
2. Capacity can increase to 100% fire code occupancy, with no social distancing with less than 20,000 attendees if:



- a. All attendees have either completed their vaccination for COVID-19 at least 14 days prior to the event or are tested using a PCR test 24-48 hours prior to the event and have evidence of a negative test result.
  - b. The venue is outdoors or if indoors the area is well ventilated.
  - c. 50% of the community has completed their first dose of a vaccination for COVID-19.
3. When 60% of the eligible community has been vaccinated, capacity at venues can increase to 100% with no social distancing. At that time, event organizers will no longer need to submit large gathering plans. Nevertheless, it is strongly encouraged that all event organizers develop mitigation measures as identified in the checklist below. These measures may need to be implemented in the unlikely event that conditions in the community worsen.
  4. Until social distancing is removed, all concerts (such as live music or DJ entertainment), sporting events (such as professional hockey, baseball, football, auto racing etc.) or other such events will have assigned seating. Fairs, conventions, and other similar gatherings can have general admission.
  5. Plans for events with general admission that are outdoors and events greater than 20,000 attendees can be submitted for review by SNHD on a case-by-case basis but may not be recommended to occur because of the current or projected conditions within the community.
    - a. Definition:
      - i. Standing room only tickets are tickets sold without a designated seat.
      - ii. General admission are tickets sold with a designated seat that is not assigned.
  6. At the conclusion of the event, the event organizer will inform all attendees that the Health District recommends that attendees be tested for COVID-19 at least five days after returning home.
  7. The Health District may require the event organizer to notify all attendees if any outbreaks or cases are identified among event participants or others associated with the event.
  8. If conditions worsen prior to the event, the Health District may require additional mitigation measures for the event in an effort to control further deterioration of COVID conditions in the community.

### **Enforcement Measures**

The Clark County Recovery Organization Enforcement Workgroup continues to meet weekly and as needed to discuss emerging issues, clarify directive sections, distribute new sources of data coming from OSHA and SNHD, and ensure all parts of the region are consistent in the application of the directives. Enforcement Workgroup members include staff from the following agencies: The Gaming Control Board, The Division of Industrial Relations, the Nevada State Athletic Commission, the Southern Nevada Health District, Boulder City, the City of Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite, the City of North Las Vegas, Unincorporated Clark County, the Attorney General's Office, and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Enforcement efforts will continue as long as mask mandates, capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements are in place. As the Clark County Region is maximizing resources to identify and eliminate non-compliance to the Governor's Directive, we will continue to analyze possible sources of non-compliance such as big box stores or hookah lounges. As trends are identified, we will continue to address issues via enforcement action up to license suspension. Common violations include businesses not enforcing the directive for customers to wear face coverings, businesses not enforcing the directive for employees to wear face coverings, businesses not enforcing the directive in respect to social distancing (if applicable), and businesses operating over capacity. The Enforcement Workgroup anticipates we can continue to improve our business compliance rates via boots on the ground approach to methodically check business. Additionally, the jurisdictions use the data provided by OSHA and the SNHD to complete targeting inspections based on industry types linked to high transmission rates, zip codes with the highest transmission rates, and zip codes with the most complaints. By utilizing a random, complain-based, and data-driven hybrid inspection model, the region is able to efficiently address constituent concerns and observations while having the ability to pinpoint industry specific issues. Each agency's goal is to address complaints within 2 hours and respond to complainants within another 24 hours. Also important is the fact that inspections are conducted seven days per week, which is invaluable to eliminating blind spots. Should instances of non-compliance be observed by agents, enforcement action is applied. Possible actions include notice of

violation, notice of non-compliance, misdemeanor citation, 36-hour suspension, and 14-day suspension. We will continue to evaluate the number of locations visited, emergency suspensions issued, citation issued, notices of civil penalty issued, notices of violation issued, and complaints received to determine when and where to apply resources. Further the local jurisdictions, the SNHD, and the State agencies will continue to work together as a region to address non-compliance in a time-efficient and consistent manner.

### **Monitoring**

Clark County, with the support and planning services of City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Boulder City, City of Mesquite, and the Southern Nevada Health District, will continue monitoring and reporting the critical statewide metrics as presented in the Southern Nevada Regional Recovery Organization Action Plans.

The Critical Statewide Metrics are:

- Average Number of tests per day per 100,000
- Case Rate per 100,000 last 30 days
- Case Rate (per 100,000) and testing positivity
- Hospital Capacity
- Access to Personal Protective Equipment
- Testing Capacity
- Case Investigation and Contact Tracing
- Protection of Vulnerable Populations
- Enforcement

Chair Cage noted he was able to watch the meeting yesterday and there was a lot of robust conversations around this plan. Chair Cage thanked Chief Samuels for providing a detailed description of the plan for Clark County. This is a great plan. Director Reynolds was also able to watch the meeting yesterday, commended everyone for coming together to put together a very solid plan. Director Reynolds noted the Division of Industrial Relations (DIR) will continue to work with this group in the future. Chief Fogerson also thanked Chief Samuels. There has been a lot of discussion through the last six months to work better together. The amount of work that has been done, creating the collaborative partnerships is important. The plan is thoughtful in terms of every aspect and the cause and effect of this pandemic. Director Richard Whitley, DHHS, noted it is a thoughtful plan with measures and triggers. It is impressive with the impact at a community level with the largest population. All officials can share the same goal to protect the workforce, the visitors, and the residents. The task of leading this is remarkable. Ms. Morgan appreciated that the plan is tied back to vaccine levels and appreciates the thoughtfulness. Fire Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, noted Clark County Manager Yolanda King did a great job. Chief Steinbeck wanted to thank everyone on this body for their support, an in terms of planning and resources to get to the place of execution. Chief Steinbeck noted the number one threat to this plan is vaccine hesitancy. Clark County can reach all of the goals, but vaccine hesitancy is the number one threat today.

### **c. Douglas**

Patrick Cates, County Manager, provided an overview of the plan from Douglas County. Manager Cates began by thanking the members of this body for their hard work to mitigate the impact of the SARS virus in Nevada. Douglas County has been working this past year to manage the emergency response with the leadership of Douglas County's public health officer, emergency manager, and Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) as part of the Quad County Coalition. Manager Cates thanked the Douglas County Board of Commissioners for supporting this plan in rural Nevada. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2021. The Douglas County plan acknowledges the legal authority

of State Directive 024 regarding masks. Douglas County acknowledges State authority to set standards and engage in enforcement activities regarding businesses and encourages all businesses to follow all State Directives and CDC guidelines. Douglas County will continue to monitor the data and use that to guide any future changes to this plan. CCHHS will continue to do testing and contact tracing. Douglas County will continue to monitor hospital capacity at Carson Valley Medical Center and collaborate with the long-term care facilities, monitor the detention facilities, work with the schools, and assist and protect the most vulnerable residents through the social services programs. Douglas County will also monitor regional hospital capacity to include Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City. Douglas County plans to reopen to 100% occupancy limits on May 1, 2021. There will be no limitations on the size of public gatherings and events. Regarding local government facilities, Douglas County will ensure they are following all State Directives and the recommendations of Carson City and Dr. Hallman. Douglas County has a good supply of PPE and plans to continue the PPE distribution program via the Chamber of Commerce. East Fork is still providing masks within the community. Vaccines will continue to be a high priority. Douglas County has capacity to administer more vaccines than are being received. Enforcement will continue as it has throughout the state of emergency. Douglas County's focus has been on education for businesses and residents. Public messaging will continue to amplify CCHHS and State messaging through social media and other outlets. Regarding resource needs, Douglas County requests continued federal assistance for testing, vaccination events, and data entry. Chair Cage noted the plan was received with all necessary endorsements. Director Reynolds appreciated the comment about needing more vaccine and the County could be moving faster. It appears there is capacity in other areas, is that the case in Douglas County. Dr. Jeanne Freeman, CCHHS, noted CCHHS has been offering vaccines weekly. There has been a dramatic decline in the number of individuals wanting to be vaccinated. Comparing the COVID vaccine uptake compared to the flu. CCHHS is looking at changing methods. The method CCHHS is testing out today is a walk-in method. In Douglas County, appointments are being honored but will also open accessibility for walk-ins on a first come first serve basis. Working through those efforts to open more opportunities. Director Reynolds noted this is a great idea and will increase the number of individuals being vaccinated. Chair Cage noted this is a great plan presented from Douglas County.

**\*\*\*\*Break at 11:23 A.M., Return at 11:34 A.M. Quorum reestablished. \*\*\*\***

**d. Elko**

Amanda Osborne, County Manager, provided an update for Elko County. Manager Osborne expressed gratitude to Dr. Putnam as the County Health Officer. In November 2019, Dr. Putnam was leading a conversation with the board of health about the importance of public health infrastructure and the need to be able to weather the first 72 hours of a public health emergency to leading the COVID-19 response just a few short months later. The Elko County plan is driven by the following objectives which include protecting the vulnerable populations, keeping the students and teachers in in person learning, keeping individuals employed and encouraging businesses to stay open or to simply open. The monitoring efforts will stay the same as they have through the entire process. Elko County has placed a tremendous focus on the number of active cases and the communities where those cases are being reported. One of the things that Elko County has been using in addition to testing is review of the septic and sewage data which the City of Elko is collecting on a regular basis and it is very reflective of the test data. 58% of the population age 65 and older have been vaccinated. In the last 21 days, 80% of the cases have been for those age 49 and younger. Elko County realizes with the recommendation to open at 100% capacity and without social distancing limitations, the cases will continue to increase and as long as Elko County continues to ensure they system is not being overwhelmed this is the plan. Elko County has worked with the cities and have encouraged them to implement increased mitigation measures especially for events, which will be done through the regular permitting and licensing process. Each of Elko County's Cities are unique and Elko County will support them in those efforts. Director Reynolds inquired if Elko County is doing specific outreach to the large employers throughout the County to have vaccinations at their sites. Ms. Osborne noted MGM is technically in Lander County. In Elko there is a private company sponsored location that is

incentivizing vaccinations. Chair Cage noted the plan has all the necessary endorsements. All the measures are in place for the May 1, 2021 transition of local authority. Chair Cage expressed the same appreciation for local partners. This is a challenge and all the changes in the County have presented significant challenges, but the County has blossomed. Ms. Peek noted the epidemiology structure that Elko County has set up in that geographical region is solid, specifically working with Great Basin College (GBC). They have been a model for the region, supporting Counties in that whole geographic region. The County is ready to address any increases observed. Chief Fogerson noted he has observed testing and vaccinations efforts in the county. Elko County is night shift. These folks are out there getting it done. They took criteria from the State and built it from the ground up. The partnership in the County is amazing.

**e. Eureka**

J.J. Goicoechea, Commissioner of Eureka County, provided an update on Eureka County. Commissioner Goicoechea noted Eureka County Board of Health met on April 21, 2021, discussed, and approved the plan. The superintendent of the Eureka County School District was present at that Board of Health meeting and at the County Commission meeting later and he voiced support twice on the record for this plan both at the Board of Health and the County Commission. Staff of the Eureka Clinic, William Bee Ririe Hospital have supported this plan. The mask mandate will remain in place. Eureka County has had extensive outreach to the neighboring Counties, especially the mining operations. Eureka County has made vaccination PODS available. Commissioner Goicoechea thanked everyone in the County that has assisted through this last year. Eureka County will continue to work with Great Basin College in tracing positive cases. Eureka County expects to see the increase in numbers. Eureka County has a good supply of PPE. The county is prepared to work remotely if the need arises. A great deal has been invested in infrastructure throughout this process. Eureka will open the Senior Centers 100% occupancy on May 1, 2021, as long as staff abides by all mitigation measures. The number one concern is protecting the vulnerable population. Vaccine demand has drastically decreased but am hopeful to see this increase. Chair Cage noted the plan is straightforward. The plan includes all the appropriate endorsements. Dr. Malinda Southard, DHHS, noted this is a collaborative approach, and DHHS is standing by to continue to support the county with the BinaxNOW units. Dr. Southard Appreciates the support with the MVU operations. Ms. Peek thanked Commissioner Goicoechea in his support of the rural Counties and noted he has been an amazing public health partner.

**f. Humboldt**

Dave Mendiola, County Manager, provided an update for Humboldt County. Manager Mendiola thanked Dr. Charles Stringham for his efforts for the County and noted he has been a great leader. Manager Mendiola also thanked Ken Tipton, Marsha Forman, and Sean Wilkin for their efforts. They have worked so hard, especially more recently on the vaccination PODS. The effort it takes to put together a team for eight hours a day is not easy. The community has been amazing. Manager Mendiola thanked the mining partners and other businesses for assistance with volunteers, supplies, etc. Manager Mendiola thanked the Mayor and Ms. Heizer from the City of Winnemucca. They have been a key part of Humboldt County's mitigation, especially with respect to wastewater testing. Humboldt County will continue wastewater testing. The numbers continue to track very well with the positive cases. Humboldt County did reach out to Humboldt County School District for input on the plan. Humboldt General Hospital (HGH) erected the emergency hospital on two different occasions. Will have another 34/35 beds if needed. Manager Mendiola thanked the County Health Board and Dr. Chris Lake with the Nevada Hospital Association, HGH, and the school district. The Health Board approved the plan on April 8, 2021 and then this past week the County Commission approved the final plan as well. Manager Mendiola thanked Patricia Tindall, the Senior Center Coordinator. 40% of the senior residents have been vaccinated.

Overall, 35% of our citizenship has been vaccinated to date. Humboldt County has another mobile vaccination for phase two. Humboldt County will be over 40% once the mobile vaccination takes place. The premise of the plan has always been that Humboldt County has experienced that 99% of positive cases came out of the private sector. That continues even with this most recent spike. The business community has done excellent work implementing the procedures and the protocols that are put out by the directives by the Governor's Office and the Task Force. The plan is to begin the opening on May 1, 2021. The business owners have stated that they will not be able to open at 100% right now due to the national issue in getting people to return to work. The monitoring protocols will continue. Humboldt County will continue to contact trace and monitor hospital capacity. The PPE supply is good and will continue to be distributed to the businesses. In terms of enforcement, there is not much to do there because the businesses have done tremendous work and most of them realize they cannot open up to 100% tomorrow. Humboldt County is there for them, if they have a spike, the county is here to help and follow up with them. Humboldt County has removed the requirement for social distancing. Humboldt County has received all the endorsements and consensus. Humboldt County will continue to work on public information and to get information out to the public. Chair Cage expressed appreciation. The plan has the necessary endorsements.

**g. Nye**

Chief Scott Lewis, Director of Emergency Management, provided an update for Nye County. Chief Lewis began by thanking all for the opportunity to present Nye County's transition plan and thank all for the ongoing support to Nye County. Chief Lewis thanked Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Chief Steinbeck, and Chief Samuels for their gracious assistance to Nye County on multiple occasions. Chief Lewis noted Nye County's transition plan was authored by the Nye County Manager Tim Sutton and was recently approved by Nye County's Board of County Commissions at the meeting on April 20, 2021. Nye County's primary objective remains steadfast in moving Nye County safely and smartly towards a 100% opening. Nye County's immediate considerations include the protection of the citizens, schools, vulnerable populations, and businesses. Therefore, Nye County has adopted a flexible yet meaningful approach to risk management that allows Nye County the ability to meet the respective objectives. Nye County had to overcome many obstacles related to the vast geographical footprint. Nye County realizes this plan will serve as a pathway for a continued course to ensure an appropriate safety trajectory as Nye County moves forward. Nye County will continue to monitor the case counts and is prepared to take any appropriate actions. Nye County will continue to conduct contact tracing. From the beginning, Nye County has been a forerunner in administering COVID tests and have administered over 26,000. Nye County also identifies target hot spots and takes immediate response to any potential outbreaks and that includes assistance with PPE. The top priority is the continuation of the vaccine Point of Distribution (pods). Nye County agrees that vaccine hesitancy is a major concern. Nye County ranks high in the rural areas with over 20,000 vaccines administered. Nye County continues to vaccinate throughout the County. Currently Nye County has a large second dose POD underway at DEM. Vaccinations occur regularly at DEM fixed facilities, fire stations, government buildings, mobile and targeted group PODs for the vulnerable populations including the homeless and homebound seniors. Nye County has repurposed fire apparatus to go out and serve those needs in some of the most remote areas. Nye County has also embraced the pharmacies, the medical providers, and the MVU that was recently staffed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), State and Team Rubicon members as well as other volunteers. The MVU came through Nye County to provide vaccinations in Pahrump, Beatty, Tonopah, and Round Mountain. Nye County's hospital reports PPE is adequate. Nye County has a great communication piece with Desert View Hospital and the school district. This is further outlined on the signatory page of this plan. The Public Information Officer (PIO) internet communication continues to do an excellent job. Utilizing every available resource to communicate to both the internal and external customers with fixed and mobile display boards. Nye County has increased the quantity and the ability to deliver those messages. Nye County continues to distribute PPE support and response to the communities. Nye County has strategically relocated PPE through the County for faster deployment methods. Nye County will offer the support and guidance to the local businesses through a joint communication model, which consists of both the County



entities and Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Nye County does not have any specific requests at this time but reserve the possibility for personnel support, PODS, and requesting assistance from Clark County. Mr. Lewis concluded that Nye County is ready and able to assume local control of managing the pandemic within Nye County's boundaries. Nye County is grateful for the resources and assistance provided by the State over the last 13 months and Nye County looks forward to a continued partnership. Chair Cage noted there have been discussions regarding the Governor's mask mandate. The mitigation measures at the County level include no mention of this mitigation measure. Chair Cage noted the dialogue has been monitored by the Governor's Office. This is a great plan through and through, but the Governor's mask mandate put in place in June of last year remains in place. While this is not specifically addressed in the plan, this will not be terminated from the County perspective. Chief Lewis understands this perspective. Tim Sutton, Nye County Manager, noted people understand the Governor's stance on this topic. Chair Cage noted the plan has all the necessary endorsements.

**h. Washoe**

Bob Lucey, Commissioner of Washoe County, noted the plan might be a little more aggressive than previous plans. This group wants to assure you that this group worked with the stakeholders, the community, and several individuals to identify a safe plan. The group has had to alter that plan numerous times. With the short notice of Directive 044, Washoe County went along with our endorsed plan but made changes to adhere to the State guidelines in Directive 044. With the changes made, the group did not have much time to gather or gain the endorsements from the other stakeholders at the time. Washoe County did retain the endorsements of the City of Sparks and the NHA. However, Washoe County did lose the endorsements of the City of Reno, Washoe County Health District (WCHD), and the Washoe County School District (WCSD). Washoe County maintains the idea of working with the staff to present concerns with the plan. The Commission still feels supportive of moving forward with 100% capacity and no social distancing. The vaccine protocols have been effective. Our Commission and our ability to provide testing still is adequately available for all citizens within the community. We will remain vigilant in providing outreach through public information to all the citizens about the benefit of the vaccine and how we can move forward with that. Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager, provided an update for the Washoe County Plan. Assistant Manager Solaro noted the plan is simple in terms of what Washoe County is trying to accomplish and within that list the goals and objective of the overall Washoe County response. It is important to understand that per the request of this body, Washoe County has also been in contact with the surrounding Counties. It is important to understand what happens in the surrounding Counties has the potential to impact Washoe County and what Washoe County does has the potential to impact those Counties. The plan should be similar to lessen the impacts. Washoe County provided a one-page document with the mitigation measures. Masks are required in the public setting indoors and out, Directives 024 and 028 remain in place as long as the Governor would like. Hygiene is still a must at establishments. Washoe County will continue to encourage citizens to disinfect and wash their hands. The changes are to operate with social distancing in mind, so the capacity limits while Washoe County is proposing they may be lifted is simply a recommendation to follow the guidance for CDC social distancing. Groups at tables and ticketed groups moves from six to ten and there are no restrictions on private gatherings. Washoe County does encourage citizens to follow the CDC guidance for gatherings to lessen the spread. Sports are a go in Washoe County. Self-serve buffets are not. Any event over 500 attendees will be allowed with a plan. That is a change from 250 which is the current statewide mandate. Enforcement will continue as it has been successful throughout this pandemic. The communication strategies turn to vaccination and the importance of that within our community. The monitoring and mitigation strategy is probably more important than the loosening of restrictions. Locally, Washoe County has implemented tools to assist in predicting the spread of COVID in the community, hospital capacity, Truckee Meadows COVID risk meter, the sewer prevalence study, and vaccination rates are all important tools to assist the county in determining when it may be necessary to reimpose 50% capacity limits. Assistant Manager Solaro thanked counterparts at the City of Reno, WCHD, City of Sparks, WCSD, as well as the community members that provided knowledge and insights throughout the process as the plan was prepared.



Chair Cage fully acknowledges the short timeline of Directive 044 created challenges for the County. To me it seems there is a real administrative challenge with 100% go to open on May 1, 2021.

Chair Cage noted there are two options to move forward given the plan lacks the necessary endorsements. One, is to move forward and pass the May 1, 2021, transition to June 1, 2021, and figure out the mechanism to transfer there (delay until then). Or two, the group reconvenes and get everyone on the same page to agree on a plan and move towards a May 1, 2021, transition. Kevin Benson, General Counsel for the GO, agreed that is his understanding. This is not a one-shot opportunity. Proceed under Statewide mitigation measures until June 1, 2021. Assistant Manager Solaro verified if Washoe County moves forward without an endorsed plan, what exactly are the parameters that will be in place. Assistant Manager Solaro also inquired is the 50% capacity with no social distancing and a limit of 250 events the guidance. Assistant Manager Solaro asked for an overview and a recap of what that looks like. Mr. Benson noted that is correct. The existing Statewide mitigation measures would remain in place and that is the 50% capacity, gatherings capped at 250 people, unless there is an approved large gathering plan. Commissioner Lucey acknowledges this plan was aggressive and altered Tuesday with multiple levels of confusion. Washoe County remains committed to going back to the three agencies that approval was not received to work through the issues. Washoe County would kindly request to represent the plan that would be supported by the Commission and the five entities within the community. Understandably Washoe County is the second largest Urban County in the State. Washoe County has been watching Clark County with greater control over their County. Washoe County relies on fulltime residents and businesses here that have been enduring the pandemic. Chair Cage noted an updated plan can be submitted prior to May 1, 2021, then the group can move forward. Chair Cage noted he does not take it lightly that the meeting was in a short timeline with the new Directives. The State is more than happy to assist Washoe County. This seems like a reasonable approach. Commissioner Lucey noted Washoe County remains committed to an approach to reopening in a safe manner. Washoe County wants to take this seriously and address all concerns. The group will work on this to move forward. A new plan will be submitted as soon as possible.

**6. Public Comment**

Chair Cage opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. No public comment was provided.

**7. Adjourn**

Chair Cage called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Chief David Fogerson and a second was provided by Director Reynolds. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

## **Meagan Werth Ranson**

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**From:** Daniel Arias  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 8:46 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

**Water polo needs your help! Our request to re-classify water polo has been denied.**

**You have provided no proof to refute that our sport is unsafe. While at the same time allowing other sports, in the same classification as water polo, the ability to play games and host tournaments.**

**We are asking for the same consideration and consistency in the decision making process.**

**You have allowed hockey, a sport that shares the same classification as water polo to have weekly games and even host tournaments. All this is advertised on their websites.**

**We have done everything you have asked and been told NO exceptions can be made unless your sport is reclassified by the Governor. That statement is false as hockey has been given preferential treatment either with or without your knowledge.**

**We ask that you address and answer these questions.**

**1. How is a sport that shares the same prohibited classification as water polo under current guidelines able to acquire an approval to host a local tournament? Hockey has been classified by our Governor as a high contact sport. No amount of adjustments to game play can eliminate contact in such a sport.**

**2. How is hockey able to advertise they can have games weekly when such is prohibited under current guidelines.**

**3. How can water polo acquire the same treatment as hockey**

**4. Can you claim that we are being treated fairly and with equity.**

**Our view, based on scientific data, is that water polo has been inaccurately classified as a high risk of transmission sport. In fact, since water polo is played in**

**a highly chlorinated environment (which kills the COVID-19 virus), when combined with proper on-deck protocols, water polo is safe and represents an extremely low risk of transmission.**

**We ask that you reconsider your position on the classification of water polo and immediately approve our request to host games.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**Thank You,**

Daniel Arias, D.O.