Nevada Health Response provides update on mask guidance

CARSON CITY, NV — Today, Nevada Health Response provided an update on county risk levels as posted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of updates published on August 24, 16 of Nevada’s 17 counties are currently deemed as having substantial or high transmission.

Counties flagged this week as having a high or substantial risk of COVID-19 transmission include: Carson, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe and White Pine.

Storey County has a high transmission rate for the second week in a row and, in accordance with updated State guidance, more stringent masking requirements, as laid out by the CDC, will go into effect on Friday, August 27.

Esmeralda and Lander counties are now noted as having a high or substantial transmission rate. In accordance with State guidance, if the county maintains a substantial or high risk for another week, the more stringent masking requirements, as laid out by the CDC, will go into effect on Friday, September 3.
White Pine’s rate dropped from high to substantial this week. Eureka County has been noted as low for three weeks.

Throughout the State, individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear face coverings indoors or while in crowded outdoor settings.

The CDC recommended that everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, wear a mask in public indoor settings in counties with substantial or high transmission. In line with Emergency Directive 045 (signed and effective May 3, 2021), the State of Nevada is automatically adopting the latest CDC guidance related to masks as a statewide requirement.

###