Mask Mandate Methodology

All counties in Nevada that are experiencing substantial or high transmission levels based on the latest CDC COVID-19 tracker must follow the mask requirements. In these counties, everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, are required to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

For a county to change masking requirement status it must remain in a transmission classification for two consecutive weeks. If a county’s status changes, it will have until Friday of the same week to implement that change.

This document, updated each Tuesday, will indicate the masking status of each county for that week.
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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).

Today, Esmeralda County is continuing to be listed as low risk of transmission by the CDC, so vaccinated individuals will not have to use masks in indoor settings.

Additionally, White Pine County is listed as low and Storey County is listed as moderate risk of transmission. If they continue to sustain moderate or low risk of transmission for another week, all vaccinated individuals will not have to use masks in indoors settings.

All other Nevada counties are listed as high or substantial risk of transmission by the CDC and must continue to use masks in indoor settings. Clark County is listed as substantial risk of transmission, an improvement from high transmission in previous weeks.

To be able to lessen mask restrictions, counties must remain at low or moderate transmission, as defined by the CDC, for 2 weeks in a row. Low transmission is defined as having less than 10 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days and less than 5% of tests resulting in positive cases in the past 7 days. Moderate is between 10 and 49.99 new cases per
100,000 in the past 7 days and between 5 and 7.99% of tests resulting in positive cases in the past 7 days.

Please review UPDATED NEVADA COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Delta Variant, Vaccinations and Masks for additional information on where and how this applies across Nevada.

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.

Please note that some school districts and local governments have implemented mask requirements that may be more restrictive than those set forth in Directives 047 and 048.

For the latest information on current mitigation measures in place by county, visit NV Health Response - Current Status.

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