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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).

Throughout the State, all individuals, regardless of vaccination status are required to wear face coverings indoors or while in crowded outdoor settings with the exception of Esmeralda County.

Esmeralda County is now listed as a county with high transmission risk by the CDC, so if they maintain at substantial or high transmission for another week, mask will go back into effect for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, next Friday November 12. If the county drops back down to moderate or low transmission, the more stringent mask mandate will not go back into place.

Additionally, Clark County is listed as having substantial transmission and at this time, must continue to use masks in indoor settings. This is the first time Clark County has not been listed as high transmission since the state started using this metric for mask requirements.

The CDC defines high transmission as more than 100 new cases per 100,000 people or greater than 10% tests resulting positive in the past 7 days. Substantial transmission is between 50 to 99.99 new cases per 100,000 people or a test positivity between 8% and 9.99% in the past 7 days.

To be able to lessen mask restrictions, counties need to 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.

All other Nevada counties are listed as high transmission by the CDC and must continue to use masks in indoor settings.

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](#).