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EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 052 COVID MITIGATION PLAN FEBRUARY 2022

Under Directive 052 from the Governor of the State of Nevada, Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) “shall adopt a COVID-19 mitigation plan”. The plan must include:

A policy on whether and under what circumstances face coverings will be required for students and staff while in school buildings or on school campuses;

A regular COVID-19 testing program for students and staff or volunteers, including but not limited to coaches, leaders, and advisors. If a student, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19, current CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine must be followed; and

A method for detecting school-wide outbreaks of COVID-19 and a plan for responding to and mitigating the outbreak.”

Memorandum Directive 052 Implementation, dated February 14th, 2022, from the State of Nevada gives updated guidance which states that plans must be posted to LEA websites and revisited every six months. The memo also outlines that current plans do not become effective until they are updated, submitted, and approved in writing by the local health authority.

The following pages contain descriptions of how SLAM Nevada intends to meet the requirements for the Plan for Path Forward Program of Distance Education and the Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.

CDC Mitigation Strategies

Masks

In accordance with Emergency Directive 052, as of February 11, 2022, masks are optional for all school staff, students, and visitors at SLAM Nevada. If an outbreak of COVID-19 is identified by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), SLAM Nevada will implement masking and/or other mitigation measures at the direction of the local health authority. In the event of an exposure or positive COVID test, students and staff will be required to wear a mask for 10 days (5 days for quarantine and 5 additional days if symptoms are resolving or the person is asymptomatic). The mask requirement and/or any other mitigation measures will be in effect until the local health authority determines the outbreak is closed. In the event of an outbreak, SLAM Nevada will communicate directly with affected families via email.

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Per CDC order, face coverings must be worn by all people (students and staff) while on public transportation- including school buses. SLAM Nevada utilizes a school bus to extracurricular activities. Regardless of the mask policy during school hours, passengers and drivers are required to wear a mask on the school bus.

Physical Distancing/Cohorting/Respiratory Etiquette

Respiratory etiquette is taught and reinforced throughout the buildings to minimize the transmission of respiratory pathogens. SLAM Nevada provides hand washing and sanitizing stations throughout the school. High-touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day. Staff includes students in the classroom cleaning procedures to the greatest extent possible including frequent opportunities for hand sanitizing and wiping down high-touch surfaces between activities and classes. To promote full-in person learning, SLAM Nevada recommends that, whenever possible, at least 3 feet physical distance between students in the classroom, multi-purpose rooms and other large common areas. Due to classroom size limitations, SLAM Nevada will layer multiple prevention strategies such as testing for students and teachers who demonstrate symptoms for COVID-19, handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19, and regular cleaning to help reduce transmission risk. Seating charts are required for all classes at SLAM Nevada.

As local guidelines no longer restrict capacity to account for COVID-19, capacity limits will revert to the maximum allowed by fire code. If local health recommendations change, SLAM Nevada will adjust to ensure capacity limits account for appropriate social distancing.

The health office has been established at every building for students with health care needs that cannot be addressed in the classroom (e.g., diabetic and other non-contagious health care needs). The management of moderate to severe first aid injuries, medication administration, and specialized procedures (non-aerosolized), such as diabetic care are handled in the health office to prevent possible cross-exposure risk with sick students.

An area for students with possible COVID-19 symptoms has been established at every building away from the health office. The sick room is identified with appropriate signage. Use of an alternative room, not the primary health office, is preferable to use for sick room health services delivery. The management of mild to severe illness, including students with fever or signs and symptoms is handled in the sick room to prevent possible cross-exposure risk with healthy students and staff. All employees who are assigned to work in the sick room are medically cleared and fit-tested for an N95 facemask.

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As community health conditions improve, these recommendations may be relaxed. If health conditions deteriorate, these recommendations will be adjusted to align with state and local guidance.

Ventilation

Teachers are encouraged to keep classroom doors open to increase air circulation and ventilation. When appropriate and safe, exterior doors are left open to bring fresh outdoor air into the building and to keep virus particles from concentrating inside. Changing HVAC filters in rooms/buildings will be implemented in the event of an outbreak or increased transmission.

Handwashing

Teachers continue to enforce and provide time for handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) to keep from getting and spreading infection illnesses, including COVID-19. On a regular basis teachers and staff:

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently and assist young children with handwashing.
- If handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer). Hand sanitizers should be stored up, away, and out of sight of young children and should be used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age.

Hand sanitizer is located at all entrances at each campus. Hand sanitizer is also provided in every classroom and office on campus.

Student/Staff Staying Home

Vaccines are up-to-date:

- Staff and students may return to work/school as long as they are asymptomatic (without symptoms of COVID-19).
- Staff and students must wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.
- Staff and students are encouraged to test on day 5, if possible.

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Vaccines are NOT up-to-date:

- Staff and students must stay home for 5 days.
- After returning to work/school, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.
- Staff and students must be without symptoms of COVID- 19 to return to work/school on day 6.
- Staff and students are encouraged to test on day 5, if possible.

Face Mask Use After Testing Positive for COVID-19

- Staff and students must stay home for 5 days.
- After returning to work/school, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10).
 - Symptoms must have improved and staff/students must be without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication to return to work/school on day 6.
- If an individual has access and wants to test, the best approach is to use an antigen test at each school's campus toward the end of the 5-day isolation period. Collect the test sample only if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved (loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation). If your result is positive, you should continue to isolate until day 10.
[COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC](#)

SLAM Nevada employs a certified nurse (RN) on campus and a First Aid Safety Assistant (FASA). In the event of a positive test, these employees work directly with the SNHD and school administrators to enact immediate contact tracing and exclusion practices consistent with the most recent SNHD guidance. Each day, the school nurse/clinical aide follows up with all families with sick children, with student(s) that have been quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test, or with students that have been excluded due to contact tracing to determine if exclusions are necessary.

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Testing

SLAM Nevada provides information to families to increase access and awareness of vaccines in the community. To date, SLAM Nevada has offered 5 vaccination clinics at our school through a partnership with Albertson's/SAV-On.

The Health Office houses Binex Rapid COVID tests which are available for any staff or students who need to be tested. There are three staff members who are licensed to administer the tests, and maintain a log of students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or require quarantine or isolation due to exposure. The health office representative will conduct contact tracing of all individuals and report cases to the SNHD and report the cases to their supervisor who reports it to the SPCSA representative.

NIAA Sanctioned Sports – SLAM Nevada High School Athletes

All SLAM Nevada athletes participating in any sport, deemed necessary by NIAA, are tested weekly.

Testing has been done on Mondays using the Binex Rapid COVID tests provided by the state.

Student athletes who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months, are not tested.

Testing is free for the 21-22 school year.

Outbreaks

Cluster and Outbreak Masking

SLAM Nevada will continue to contact trace and identify individuals in the school/work setting that are symptomatic, exposed, or who test positive for COVID-19. If a cluster or outbreak is identified, SLAM Nevada will communicate those findings to the local health authority and quarantine individuals on a case-by-case basis.

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SLAM Nevada has adopted and utilizes the national Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' (CSTE) Standardized COVID-19 K-12 School Surveillance Guidance for Classification of Clusters and Outbreaks along with the 2021-22-School-COVID Guidance update.

CSTE Definitions:

A K-12 school-associated COVID-19 case (confirmed or probable) is defined as:

- A student, teacher, or staff member physically present in the school setting or participated in a school sanctioned extracurricular activity within 14 days prior to illness onset (or a positive test result) OR within 10 days after illness onset (or a positive test result).

A K-12 school-associated outbreak is defined as an educational institution that has been found by their local health department to have:

- Multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group OR
- At least three (3) cases within a specified core group meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 case with symptom onset or positive test result within 14 days of each other; who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting (i.e. household) outside of the school setting; AND
- Epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.

• Note: COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households are included. Case counts for school-related outbreaks include those associated with before and after school programs (e.g., school-sponsored sports, etc.).

Identifying Outbreaks within Schools

Site administrators are notified daily of all students and staff that are isolated or quarantined.

The site based nursing staff reviews each positive case and confers with administrators at each site to determine if 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group OR at least (3) cases within a specified core group meet criterion for a probable or confirmed school associated COVID-19 outbreak.

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A core group includes, but is not limited to, extracurricular activities, cohort group, classroom, before/after school care.

A school sanctioned extracurricular activity is defined as a voluntary activity sponsored by the school or LEA or an organization sanctioned by the LEA. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, preparation for and/or involvement in public performances, contests, athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club activities.

Per Directive 052, if the local public health authority becomes aware of a school that is experiencing an outbreak and has not implemented the agreed upon mitigation measures, the local public health authority may require the mandatory and immediate use of face covering for all students and staff in the affected school building(s) and any additional mitigation measures deemed necessary by the local health authority.

Declaration and Notification of Outbreaks In Schools

Outbreak declarations must be reported to the local public health authority immediately. Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD): (702) 759-0925 (24 hours), or schoolcovid@snhd.org. The site-based principal will inform the Executive Director. The Executive Director will work with the site administrator to inform parents/staff of the outbreak and mitigation response by SLAM Nevada. Communication with families and the community is crucial to ensure that they are aware of the outbreak and possible school closure and what is being done to address the outbreak.

Mitigation Response

SLAM Nevada will collaborate with SNHD to determine the appropriate outbreak response which is not limited to:

- Core group quarantine
- Universal school masking
- Proper sanitation
- Increased ventilation
- Changing HVAC filters in rooms and/or buildings
- School building closure

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- Possible suspension of athletic events and/or school gatherings both on or off school campus

Outbreak Monitoring

Parents will be encouraged to continue to report any students who become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19 to the school and staff will report symptoms or positive COVID-19 results to the health office and/or administration. Health office staff will continue to monitor and report case numbers at the school site to the SNHD to determine when the epidemic curve starts to decline.

Closing an Outbreak

An outbreak ends when the number of new reported illnesses drops back to baseline or under 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group OR at least (3) cases within a specified core group. Once the baseline of COVID-19 has been achieved for 2 incubation periods (28 days) the outbreak will be declared closed by SNHD.

Notification of Outbreak Closure

SLAM Nevada administration will inform families and staff via school website and/or email when the outbreak has been contained and normal school activities may resume.