

Proposed Washoe County COVID-19 Local Authority Mitigation and Enforcement Plan



Guiding Principles

- The health of Washoe County citizens and visitors is as important as the health of the local economy.
- The business community will make the best business decisions with appropriate high impact guidelines.
- Citizens and visitors can make their own personal decisions related to health risks within allowable guidelines.
- Oversight is necessary to ensure compliance with guidelines.
- Simplify where possible.

Objectives

- 1. Reduce the spread of COVID-19.** Positivity rate *below 5%* per the World Health Organization goal. Less than *100 new cases* per day.
- 2. Partner with the Business Community create standards that balance safety and economics.**
Maintain compliance with safety guidelines. Consult with industry leaders to understand their priorities, needs, and thoughts.
- 3. Deliver clear and consistent information to empower citizens and visitors to make informed decisions.**
Provide accurate, consistent information to the citizens and visitors across all regional entities. Provide a clear understanding of risk while shopping, recreating, and being entertained in the community.

Mitigation Measures: Proposed

What Stays the Same:

**Masks are required in a public setting –
indoors and out.**

We all know by now that this plan has no authority to remove any mask mandates. Business owners are not required to provide masks.

Hygiene is still a must.

Wash your hands. Disinfect surfaces. We all know the basics.

Keep outdoor private gatherings safe.

Recommend following CDC guidance for private gatherings.

Mitigation Measures: Proposed

What is Changing:

Operate with CDC defined social distancing.

Capacity limits are lifted for all businesses replaced by CDC defined social distancing between attendee groups. “All” means indoor and outdoor events, restaurants, bars, locker rooms, gyms, hot tubs, places of worship, retail, sporting events, tournaments etc.

A group is ten.

Groups of ten are permitted, up from 6, for ticketed groups and tables at bars/restaurants.

Sports are a go. Self-serve buffets are not.

*All sports are permitted. Follow [Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports](#)
Buffets will remain closed.*

Events over 500 are allowed with a plan.

All indoor/outdoor events and tournaments, over 500 attendees require Large Gathering Covid-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form. See Large Events Guidelines for details.

Event Specific Guidelines:

- Both indoor and outdoor fixed seating events will **not have a capacity limit as long as social distancing is maintained** between ticketed groups.
- All indoor and outdoor events, tournaments, and sporting events over 500 attendees require a **Large Gathering Covid-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form**. The Approval Form is to be submitted as part of the existing Events Permitting Processes for those events within City of Reno, City of Sparks or Washoe County.
- Facility certification is available for all facilities to **“pre-certify” standard events**.
- Events approved by Business & Industry can continue to use the approved plan or can apply for a local plan. If they do not apply for a local plan the state plan will be enforced.

Additional Business Specifics:

Bar Service:

Patrons maybe **served via bar or table service** while in compliance with social distancing. Bars may provide a **dedicated spot for ordering at the bar**.

Body Art & Piercing:

Services to be expanded to permit around the mouth and nose if the same rules for dental procedures are followed (mouth rinse, wash hands, employee wearing mask and face shield).

Adult Entertainment Establishments – Remain closed until June 1, 2021

Monitoring and the Future

What's Next:

Plan allows for 100% capacity on June 1, 2021 without social distancing.

We do have a mechanism to continue monitoring the hospital capacity, metrics for spread, sewer data, and vaccination efforts just in case we need to change direction.

June 1, 2021	Increasing Transmissions	
	Red Meter	New Case Counts
<p>Social Distancing requirements will no longer be in effect on June 1, 2021 per the desire of the Governor of the State of Nevada.</p> <p>In addition, enforcement of this plan will no longer occur unless increases in transmission require future implementation of restrictions.</p>	<p>If the COVID meter reaches orange, then the public and business community will be warned that if the COVID meter reaches red, on the Thursday night at 11:59 pm of the week the meter reaches red, the community will be required to revert to tighter restrictions.</p>	<p>If new case counts reach 625 per 100,000 over a 30-day period threshold level, then additional restrictions on businesses resume with initial focus on restaurants, bars, casinos, gyms, and large gatherings/events.</p>

- Hospital capacity and health
- COVID risk meter
- Wastewater model to predict waste stream concentrations
- Vaccination effort in Washoe County

COVID19washoe.com will have the current data.

Overall Guidelines Summary

- **Masks are required in a public setting – indoors and out.**
- **Hygiene is still a must.**
- **Operate with social distancing.**
- **A group is ten. In restaurants and at events**
- **Sports are a go. Self-serve Buffets are not.**
- **Events over 500 are allowed with a plan.**
- **Except for masks all other restrictions end June 1, 2021.**
- **Consistent with surrounding counties, exceptions:**
 - **Public gatherings over 250 need a plan**
 - **6 persons at tables**

Questions?

