

NEVADA's ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

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OVERVIEW

As Nevada navigates the COVID-19 global pandemic and continues vaccinating residents through an efficient and equitable approach, plans for a safe reopening must focus on how we can continue mitigating the spread while getting Nevadans back to work, protecting and recovering our economy, and getting our students back to in-person learning in the safest way possible.

According to state public health officials, a critical component of a successful reopening plan is that current restrictions must be eased incrementally and we continue to follow the mitigation measures that are proven to work. Commonly recommended or required mitigation measures are still the best way to protect people until wide-spread vaccination becomes available, including:

- ✓ limiting the number of people in enclosed spaces, ¹
- ✓ social distancing of at least 6 feet, ²
- \checkmark requiring the use of masks, ^{3, 4}
- ✓ increasing ventilation, ⁵ and
- ✓ using disinfectants on high-touch surfaces. ⁶

Each mitigation measure reduces overall risk and combining all of these measures has proven to be the most effective.

As leaders, businesses and members of the public continue to assess the risk associated with specific activities and work together to mitigate the spread and decrease community transmission, they must remember that the risk of infection from COVID-19 increases as:

- ✓ the size of groups increases, ^{7, 8, 9}
- \checkmark the length of exposure increases, ¹⁰
- \checkmark the amount of ventilation (indoors or outdoors) decreases, ^{11, 12} and
- \checkmark the amount of time unmasked increases. ¹³

It's for these reasons that the State is taking a responsible approach to reopening aimed at ensuring success for the long term and not just in the immediate future, while providing predictability through a clear timeline. On the following page is a summary timeline. Specific capacity limits and other changes are outlined by business or activity type in this guidance document.



	MARCH 15	MAY 1
CAPACITY	Almost all business-types and activities will be allowed to operate at 50% capacity.	Transition to Local Authority*
GATHERINGS	Limited to no more than 250 individuals or 50 percent of fire code capacity, whichever is less, under strict social distancing requirements.	*Statewide directives that will remain in place to mitigate the spread will include, but not be limited to: face covering mandate & social distancing safety protocols. See, Directive 041.

Providing an adequate amount of time between the first step of reopening and the transition to local authority at the county level will allow for the following:

- Local governments will have time to prepare plans for a transition to local authority.
- The State will be able to monitor impacts of continued vaccinations based on federal allocation of doses.
- Public health officials will be able to monitor any potential impacts of new COVID-19 variants.

Additionally, allowing for time between each step in the lifting of restrictions will let the State observe the full impacts of those actions on community transmission throughout Nevada --i.e. stabilization, increase or decrease in disease burden.

TRANSITION TO LOCAL AUTHORITY:

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Ultimately, the goal of this transition plan on our Roadmap to Recovery is to responsibly and safely reopen while continuing to experience downward trends and allow each county to demonstrate improvements before the transition to local authority on May 1, 2021.

The existing <u>county criteria metrics</u> will still be used as a guidepost to track progress in each county. From March 15 to the end of April, each county should aim to demonstrate a decrease in case rate and positivity rate, adequate hospital capacity within their region, and evidence that they can continue performing an adequate level of testing and other response efforts.

The Nevada COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force will be reaching out to each county to begin developing transition plans and to continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation in their local areas. The Task Force will continue to utilize the county criteria metrics to track progress by each county over time.



ROAD TO RECOVERY: MITIGATION TIMELINE

PUBLIC GATHERINGS & EVENTS

Large in-person gatherings can present risk for increasing the spread of COVID-19 if social distancing, face covering requirements, and other mitigation guidance is not followed. All organizations, individuals and families, and event planners are encouraged to provide remote events and gatherings as an alternative to hosting in-person gatherings.

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15 (UPDATED per DIRECTIVE 041)	MAY 1
CAPACITY	Limited to no more than 250 individuals or 50 percent of fire code capacity, whichever is less, under strict social distancing requirements. UPDATE PER DIRECTIVE 041 effective March 15, 2021: If a gathering space or venue wants to host more than 250 individuals for an event, (live entertainment show, convention, trade show, etc) it may have up to 50 percent of fire code capacity, so long as a Large Gathering Plan Certification Form is submitted and approved.	Transition to Local Authority*
LARGE GATHERING PLANS	 Large Gathering Plans Submitted PRIOR to May 1 for: Events taking place prior to May 1: Large Gathering Plan Certification Forms may be submitted to the Nevada Department of Business & Industry (B&I) who will work in consultation with state public health officials and other applicable state agencies to review and potentially approve gatherings above 250 individuals, up to 50 percent. Events taking place May 1 – June 30 (after potential transition to Local Authority): Large Gathering Plan Certification Forms may be submitted through April 30 (or through whenever authority transitions to a county) to the Nevada Department of Business & Industry (B&I) who will work in consultation with state public health officials and other applicable state agencies to review and potentially approve gatherings above 250 individuals, up to 50 percent capacity. 	Transition to Local Authority* Applications Submitted after Transition to Local Authority: Large Gathering approval process will be determined by county authorities in accordance with its Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan.
FACE COVERINGS	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN	N IN EFFECT



LARGE GATHERING PLAN CERTIFICATION PROCESS: Those who plan to host a gathering, event, performance, convention, conference, trade show, or other congregation of people for more than 250 individuals before June 30, 2021 must submit a Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form ("Large Gathering Plan Certification") to the Nevada Department of Business & Industry (B&I). Large Gatherings (more than 250 people, up to 50 percent capacity) can only take place upon receiving approval by B&I. These venues will be capped at 50 percent of the total fire code capacity and must follow social distancing requirements and be able to adhere to all mitigation protocols.

APPROVAL PROCESS: Large gatherings will not be allowed without approval of a Large Gathering Plan Certification Form. Every Large Gathering Plan Certification Form must be submitted to the Nevada Department of Business & Industry (B&I) for review and potential approval. B&I may work in consultation with state public health officials and other applicable state agencies to review submitted certification forms.

- County, city and municipality local government authorities may not approve a Large Gathering Plan taking place prior to May 1, 2021.
- The State may review and approve large gatherings plans up until April 30, 2021 (or through whenever authority transitions to a county) for events and gatherings that are planned to take place between May 1 and June 30.
- In order to provide consistency and certainty for those currently planning large events and gatherings between May 1 and June 30, organizers will be able to operate under either the state or county mitigation measures and capacity limits, whichever is *less* restrictive. For example, if a county decides to increase capacity for gatherings and events after the transition to local authority, the organizer may work with the county after the transition occurs to hold the event at the higher capacity limit. Similarly, if the county decides to decrease capacity for gatherings and events, the organizer will be allowed to host their event at the state-approved capacity level.

Click here for Nevada Guidance for Safe Gatherings (updated March 12, 2021)



PRIVATE GATHERINGS & EVENTS

In-person gatherings can present risk for increasing the spread of COVID-19 if social distancing, face covering requirements, and other mitigation guidance are not followed. All organizations, individuals and families, and event planners are encouraged to provide remote events and gatherings as an alternative to hosting in-person gatherings. Public health officials continue to strongly recommend avoiding gatherings with individuals outside of your household.

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	May 1
CAPACITY	Private social gatherings are restricted to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	NO CHANGE	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT



FOOD & BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS:

Restaurants & Bars, Pubs, Wineries, Distilleries, and Breweries (those that serve food and those that do not). This includes all restaurants and bars within gaming properties.

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15	MAY 1
CAPACITY	 May allow indoor dining at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements. No occupancy limits for outdoor dining**, as long as all social distancing requirements are followed. 	
RESERVATIONS	Reservations NOT REQUIRED	Transition to Local Authority*
SEATING	No more than 6 patrons per table with social distancing requirements	
BAR SEATING	Patrons sitting at a table or booth must only be served via table service . Patrons may be served at bar tops if spaced 6ft apart and bar top parties should be limited to no more than 2 persons.	
FACE COVERINGS	Face coverings MUST be worn at all times, except when actively eating or drinking, regardless of social distancing.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to continue curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations. Restaurants and bars are encouraged to try to expand outdoor seating options, and local governments are encouraged to work with these businesses to meet this goal. Restaurants and bars should continue to have hand sanitizer available and should be conducting health screenings and/or temperature checks.	Transition to Local Authority*

*Statewide directives that will remain in place to mitigate the spread will include, but not be limited to: face covering mandate and social distancing safety protocols.

**Outdoor dining means dining in an area that is not enclosed or surrounded by a roof and rigid wall structures or non-rigid materials, such as fabric or vinyl. For example, a tent with walls is considered "indoors" because it restricts natural air flow and ventilation. Areas covered by a structure without walls, such as an overhead canopy, sun shade, or awning, are considered "outdoors."



PLACES OF WORSHIP:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	All staff, volunteers, and visitors including faith leaders, MUST wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	CLICK HERE FOR NEVADA COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP	



GYMS, FITNESS/DANCE/YOGA STUDIOS, MARTIAL ARTS STUDIOS & SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS:

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	
GYM/STUDIO	Locker rooms may be open but MUST be limited to 50 percent capacity . Single stall showers may be utilized.	Transition to Local Authority*
LOCKER ROOMS**	Community showers, saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, hot tubs, spas and other communal areas remain prohibited	
FACE COVERINGS	Face coverings MUST be worn at all times, regardless of physical activity or social distancing.	
	There are no exceptions to the mask requirement for indoor exercise. Masks MUST be worn over the nose and mouth at all times, unless you're actively drinking. If the activity is too strenuous to be done while wearing a mask properly, you must seek an alternative.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Equipment MUST be moved or designated inoperable to ensure a minimum of six feet of social distancing between users.	Transition to Local Authority*

*Statewide directives that will remain in place to mitigate the spread will include, but not be limited to: face covering mandate and social distancing safety protocols.

**Enclosed locker rooms that allow multiple individuals at one time increase risk of infection due to a lack of ventilation and limited ability to socially distance. Locker rooms must be limited to 50 percent capacity for this reason.



GAMING FLOORS:

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code and must operate pursuant to requirements issued by the Nevada Gaming Control Board, including health and safety policies.	Capacity and mitigation measures for gaming areas will NOT transition to local control after May 1 and will remain under the authority of the Nevada Gaming Control Board . Uniform, statewide mitigation measures will continue to apply to gaming areas. After May 1, other businesses located within a gaming property will be subject to the applicable county's capacity and other mitigation measures applicable to that type of business , per the approved Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan. For example, a retail clothing store located within a gaming property shall follow the mitigation measures for retail stores that are set forth in the county's plan.
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Refer to guidance issued by the Nevada Gaming Control Board	



ARCADES, RACETRACKS, BOWLING ALLEYS, MINI GOLF, POOL HALLS, AMUSEMENT & THEME PARKS, and SIMILAR ACTIVITIES:

These venues have many high-touch surfaces and are common venues for group gatherings, or gatherings that would promote food/drink consumption or other activities that would require mask removal. A responsible and staggered approach is strongly recommended by public health officials.

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	High-touch surfaces should be avoided (remain closed if applicable/possible) and cleaned frequently. Food and drink should be contained to areas designated as restaurants/food courts and should adhere to requirements in place for those types of establishments.	Transition to Local Authority*



LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES, AQUARIUMS & ZOOS:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
	All interactive and/or hands-on exhibits must be closed. High-touch surfaces should be avoided and cleaned frequently.	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Food and drink should be contained to areas designated as restaurants/food courts and should adhere to requirements in place for those types of establishments.	Transition to Local Authority*



BODY ART & PIERCING ESTABLISHMENTS:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing Directives.	Transition to Local Authority*
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	No body art or piercing may be done around the nose or mouth.	
	Establishments with walls/partitions between stations or chairs may utilize all stations, but no more than 1 customer can be at a station at any given time .	Transition to Local Authority*
	Establishments without walls/partitions between stations/chairs may only seat clients every other station or chair, or arrange stations or chairs to a min of 6ft apart.	



SPAS, MASSAGE THERAPY & MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS:

Industries regulated by professional licensing boards covered in Title 54 of the Nevada Revised Statutes will continue to follow the statewide baseline standards for COVID-19 mitigation measures and any mitigation measures promulgated by their respective regulatory bodies, in addition to local measures.

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing Directives and protocols established by the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology and Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy.	Transition to Local Authority*
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Out-call and/or in-home service may be provided with observation of same protocols as in the establishments. Establishments, including day and overnight spas, that may operate for aesthetic and massage services must prohibit the use of steam rooms, saunas, portable saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, hot tubs, and any other communal facilities.	Transition to Local Authority*



HAIR SALONS, BARBERSHOPS, NAIL SALONS & BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE AESTHETIC SKIN SERVICES:

Industries regulated by professional licensing boards covered in Title 54 of the Nevada Revised Statutes will continue to follow the statewide baseline standards for COVID-19 mitigation measures and any mitigation measures promulgated by their respective regulatory bodies, in addition to local measures.

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing Directives and protocols established by the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology and Nevada Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board, as applicable.	Transition to Local Authority*
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Out-call and/or in-home service may be provided with observation of same protocols as in the establishments. Salons & barber shops with walls/partitions between stations or chairs may utilize all stations, but no more than 1 customer can be at a station at any given time . Salons and barber shops without walls/partitions between stations/chairs may only seat clients every other station or chair, or arrange stations or chairs to a min of 6ft apart .	Transition to Local Authority*

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RETAIL STORES:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1	
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.		
RETAIL & GROCERY STORES W/OVER 50,000 sq. ft. capacity	 MUST have "counters" at all public entrances to manage capacity. MUST have health screening signage at public entrances. Encouraged to conduct temperature screenings before entry. 	Transition to Local Authority*	
SELF-SERVE FOOD/BEVERAGE OPTIONS	Retail stores, including grocery stores, may offer limited self- service food and drinks with mitigation measures in place.**		
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call- in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.	Transition to Local Authority*	

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** These locations can allow for social distancing by strictly limiting the number of customers at one time. ^{14, 15} Recommended mitigation practices include, but are not limited to: limiting number of individuals using food and drink stations at one time; using individual or disposable utensils and serving ware wherever possible; and providing hand sanitizer and recommending usage before touching any communal surfaces.



CANNABIS - Medicinal & Recreational Establishments:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code. Must follow expanded health and safety guidelines enforced by the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board.	MUST OPERATE ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEVADA CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD After May 1, Medicinal and Recreational
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.	Marijuana Establishments will remain under the authority and regulatory control of the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB). However, capacity and mitigation measures for Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana retail establishments will fall under the category of "Retail Stores" within each county.
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT

*Statewide directives that will remain in place to mitigate the spread will include, but not be limited to: face covering mandate and social distancing safety protocols.

CANNABIS – Transition to Local Authority

After May 1, Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana Establishments will remain under the authority and regulatory control of the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB). However, capacity and mitigation measures for Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana retail establishments will fall under the category of "Retail Stores" within each county.

• For example, if a county decides to set a capacity limit of 50 percent for retail stores in its Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan, marijuana establishments will also be at 50 percent capacity.



INDOOR MALLS:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code including no more than 50% capacity within each individual retail store , which must comply with all retail business restrictions.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.	Transition to Local Authority*

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COMMUNITY & RECREATIONAL CENTERS:

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	MAY 1
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Employees, visitors and customers MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT



YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATIONAL SPORTS:

	STATEWIDE STANDARDS AS OF MARCH 15	MAY 1
TOURNAMENTS	Tournaments for permissible sports (pursuant to Directive 034) allowed to resume no earlier than March 15. Tournaments must be approved by applicable State authorities prior to competitions through submission of a Preparedness & Safety Plan.	Transition to Local Authority*
FACE COVERINGS	Athletes, coaches, organizers and spectators MUST always wear face coverings as required by Directive 024 and the approved Preparedness & Safety Plan that governs the tournament.	STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	 PROHIBITED (unless regulated by NIAA): Full-Contact Sports including football, rugby, wrestling, ice hockey, basketball, etc. ALLOWED: Minimal-Contact Sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, etc. Non-Contact Sports including golf, tennis, running, track and field, skiing/snowboarding, gymnastics, etc. 	Transition to Local Authority**

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**This guidance does NOT govern professional sports leagues or college division level sports. The NIAA retains authority over when high school sports will resume and the guidelines under which competition will resume, consistent with Section 7 of Directive 028 and Sections 5 and 7 of Directive 034. Previous State Directives related to youth and adult recreational sports did not apply to sporting events regulated by professional sports leagues, the Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC), or the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). With respect to high school sports, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) always retained authority over schedules and the guidelines under which competition could take place. State Emergency Directives classify which sports are full-, minimal-, and noncontact with corresponding restrictions applied to those classifications. The transition to local authority will allow each county to revisit the classifications and rules for the different types of sports.

***SEE: "Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports" for all current mitigation measures



ESTABLISHMENTS CURRENTLY CLOSED THAT MAY TRANSITION TO LOCAL AUTHORITY:

	MAY 1
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT	
ESTABLISHMENTS	
NIGHTCLUBS & DAYCLUBS	Transition to Local Authority*
BROTHELS	
KARAOKE	



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