

WASHOE COUNTY ROADMAP TO RECOVERY MITIGATION MEASURES

MAY 1, 2021, LOCAL AUTHORITY PLAN



ROADMAP TO RECOVERY GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are in effect May 1, 2021, replacing the State of Nevada directives until benchmark indicators are met.

Mask-wearing and 6-foot social distancing have the biggest impact on reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Reducing transmission and an increasing vaccination rate will allow us to open safely. The faster we get there, the faster we can return to normal business operations.

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

Masks keep everyone safe in public settings. In private settings, masks are required if 6-foot distancing is not achievable. Business owners are not required to provide masks.

Hygiene is still a must.

Wash your hands. Disinfect surfaces. You know what to do.

Keep outdoor private gatherings to under 25.

Private gatherings maintained at 25 people or fewer. Gatherings outside of designated event venues fall under this guideline.

Operate with 6-foot social distancing.

Capacity limits are lifted for all businesses replaced by 6-foot 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. If in doubt, 50% capacity is the limit.

A group is 8.

Groups of 8 are permitted, up from 6, for ticketed groups and tables at bars/restaurants.

Sports are a go. Buffets are not.

All sports are permitted. Follow [Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports](#) Self-service buffets will remain closed.

Events over 500 attendees are allowed with a plan.

All indoor/outdoor events and tournaments with more than 500 attendees require [a Large Gathering Covid-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form](#). See Large Events Guidelines for details.

Adult vaccination rate overrides vaccine verification.

Because there is no vaccine verification system, restrictions will be loosened after reaching 75% adult vaccination in Washoe County.

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WASHOE COUNTY GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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

- Reduce the spread of COVID-19.** Positivity rate **below 5%** per the World Health Organization goal. Fewer than **100 new cases** per day.
- Partner with the Business Community to create standards that balance safety and economics.** Maintain compliance with safety guidelines. Consult with industry leaders to understand their priorities, needs, and thoughts.
- 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 risks when shopping, recreating, and being entertained in the community.

Monitoring & Adjustments to the Guidelines

In addition to the Governor's three established criteria, the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) will monitor the COVID risk meter and other data to assess risk in our community to assist in our planning efforts. Based on consultation with the WCHD the Regional Incident Management Team* will tighten or loosen the *guidelines if there is a change in the indicators as noted below. Indicators were developed based on the information available as of April 2021.*

16 and Older Vaccination Rates		Increasing Transmissions	
60% Vaccination **	75% Vaccination **	Red Meter	New Case Counts
If the COVID meter remains in the yellow or green for 2 weeks straight and vaccination has reached 60% (for ages 16 and older) then social distance may shrink from 6 feet to 4 feet between parties indoors or enclosed spaces and 3 feet outdoors.	If the COVID meter remains in the yellow or green for 2 weeks straight and vaccination has reached 75% (for ages 16 and older) then all social distancing requirements can return to pre-COVID except for mask-wearing, which is still required.	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.	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.

*Tightening or loosening of Guidelines will be accomplished with the endorsement of the Washoe County Health District, Washoe County School District Superintendent, the City Managers of Reno and Sparks, and the Nevada Hospital Association.

** % of Washoe County residents vaccinated

LARGE EVENT GUIDELINES

General Guidelines:

Both indoor and outdoor fixed seating events will **not have a capacity limit as long as 6 feet of distancing is maintained** between ticketed groups. Capacity for fixed seating must be 6 feet of distancing between attendee groups.

Indoor events will maintain guidance of 6-foot social distance to be required and supported in the Event Plans. Event Plans need to address pinch points, restrooms, etc. Caps may be established based on the 6-foot social distancing requirement and the square footage in the Events Plan.

Outdoor events will maintain guidance of 6 feet of social distance to be required and supported in the Event Plans. Event Plans need to address pinch points, restrooms, etc.

Certification Process:

All indoor and outdoor events, tournaments, and sporting events with more than 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. The property owner or event organizer will be responsible for ensuring the checklist/guidance is followed.

Specific considerations:

- Facility certification is available for all facilities to “pre-certify” standard events. Please email HealthEHS@washoecounty.us for more information.
- Events approved by Business & Industry through June 30 fall under the State’s approval and authority.
- The Washoe Incident Management Team reserves the right to amend plans based COVID19 Health Indicators. Specifically, if the Health Meter reaches red or new case counts reach 625 per 100,000 large events, guidelines will revert to standards of a 250-person limit or 50% capacity, whichever is less.

Enforcement:

It is the responsibility of the event producer/promoter to ensure compliance with guidelines during the event. Regional Enforcement Teams will spot-check for compliance and pull future event approvals for non-compliance. Event producers are strongly encouraged to promote the COVID Trace App to limit potential mass transmission.

Sports Tournaments:

Sporting events and tournaments shall continue to follow the [Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports](#), including leaving 30 minutes between games. Venue operators are required to post signage regarding facility capacity and limiting gathering outside of the events to 25 people or fewer.

DETAILED GUIDELINES

PUBLIC GATHERINGS & EVENTS

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	<p>Limited to no more than 250 individuals or 50 percent of fire code capacity, whichever is less, under strict social distancing requirements.</p> <p>---</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Both indoor and outdoor fixed seating events will not have a capacity limit as long as 6 feet of distancing is maintained between ticketed groups. Capacity for fixed seating must be 6 feet of distancing between attendee groups.</p> <p>Indoor events will maintain guidance of 6-foot social distance to be required and supported in the Event Plans. Event Plans need to address pinch points, restrooms, etc. Caps may be established based on the 6-foot social distancing requirement and the square footage.</p> <p>Outdoor events will maintain guidance of 6-foot social distance to be required and supported in the Event Plans. Event Plans need to address pinch points, restrooms, etc.</p>
LARGE GATHERING PLANS	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Those anticipating more than 500 attendees will be required to submit a Large Gathering Covid-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form as part of the event approval process to the Health District. Fewer than 500 will meet the requirements of the Large Gathering Covid-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Certification Form but do not need approval.</p> <p>Facility operators may submit for pre-approval of the event space for most events (pre-approval up to a certain size group), which will allow for significant improvement in efficiency, planning & management. (example like dinner events, trade show).</p> <p>WCHD will provide a checklist and guidance for all gatherings regardless of attendee size.</p> <p>The property owner will be responsible for ensuring the checklist/guidance is followed.</p>

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
PERFORMANCES	<p>Performers must have a dedicated space within a venue while performing. Gathering hosts and organizers MUST adopt seating and spacing modifications to allow for the minimum required distances between the audience and the performer(s), competitor(s) or entertainer(s) on the stage, field, etc. (updated March 5, 2021 in Directive 040)</p> <p>6 feet must be maintained between the artist(s) or performance area (e.g., stage, court, field), and the audience ONLY IF the performers wear a mask or face covering at all times throughout the performance; or</p> <p>12 feet must be maintained between the artist(s) or performance area (e.g., stage, court, field) and the audience when the performers are unmasked or when they temporarily or intermittently remove their masks or face coverings during performances.</p>	<p>Maintain State Standards for performers and performances.</p> <p>NV-COVID-19-Guidance-for-Safe-Gatherings-3.5.21-vF.pdf</p>
ADDITIONAL MEASURES		<p>Elevator – Hotels: SB4 regulations and Section 12 of NRS requires guests to stay “at least six feet apart from employees and other guests” so the elevators will not be allowed to have the 8 people in them even if they are guests.</p> <p>Elevators – Non-Hotels: Groups of 8 guests are permitted.</p> <p>Regional Enforcement will conduct spot-checks on compliance.</p>

PRIVATE GATHERINGS & EVENTS

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	Private social gatherings are restricted to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors .	<p>No changes from Nevada’s Roadmap to Recovery: 10 inside, 25 outside. Distancing will be removed once we hit 75% adult vaccination rate in Washoe County.</p> <p>All gatherings, including congregating outside of an event itself, are covered under this guideline.</p>

YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATIONAL SPORTS

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS as of March 15, 2021	Washoe County Recommendations
TOURNAMENTS	<p>Tournaments for permissible sports (pursuant to Directive 034) allowed to resume no earlier than March 15.</p> <p>Tournaments must be approved by applicable State authorities prior to competitions through submission of a Preparedness & Safety Plan.</p>	<p>Tournaments with more than 500 attendees to submit a Large Event Plan for self-certification of the field/facility.</p>
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>Number of spectators allowed at tournaments will be dictated by the applicable Directives on gathering sizes and must be outlined in the tournament's approved Preparedness & Safety Plan.</p>	<p>The number of spectators allowed based on complying with 6 feet of social distancing and compliance with approved Facility Plans.</p> <p>Continue to follow the "Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports" document.</p>
CONTACT LEVEL	<p>PROHIBITED (unless regulated by NIAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-Contact Sports including football, rugby, wrestling, ice hockey, basketball, etc. <p>---</p> <p>ALLOWED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal-Contact Sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, etc. • Non-Contact Sports including golf, tennis, running, track and field, skiing/snowboarding, gymnastics, etc. 	<p>ALLOWED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-Contact Sports including football, rugby, ice hockey, basketball, wrestling, etc. • Minimal-Contact Sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, etc. • Non-Contact Sports including golf, tennis, Cross Country, track and field, skiing/snowboarding, gymnastics, bowling, flag football, swimming & diving, etc.

FOOD & BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	<p>May allow indoor dining at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code, under strict social distancing requirements.</p> <p>No occupancy limits for outdoor dining**, as long as all social distancing requirements are followed.</p>	<p>May allow indoor and outdoor dining maintaining 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.</p>
RESERVATIONS	Reservations NOT REQUIRED	Reservations NOT REQUIRED
SEATING	No more than 6 patrons per table with social distancing requirements	<p>No more than 8 patrons per table with social distancing requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs/stools at tables must be 6 feet apart from next chair/stool cluster Outdoor seating must be 6 feet between customer group – Would like to highly encourage outdoor seating and encourage jurisdictions to permit expansion of outdoor dining areas into traditional public spaces (parking areas, etc.)
BAR SEATING	<p>Patrons sitting at a table or booth must only be served via table service.</p> <p>Patrons may be served at bar tops if spaced 6ft apart and bar top parties should be limited to no more than 2 persons.</p>	<p>Patrons maybe served via bar or table service while in compliance with 6 feet of social distancing. Bars will provide a dedicated spot for ordering at the bar.</p> <p>Patrons may be served at bar tops if spaced 6 feet apart and bar-top parties should be limited to no more than 4 persons.</p>
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>Strongly encouraged to continue curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Restaurants and bars should continue to have hand sanitizer available and should be conducting health screenings and/or temperature checks. Buffets will remain prohibited.</p>	<p>Businesses will not be required to provide masks. Masks are the goal; businesses can provide them as a courtesy.</p> <p>Condiments - Customer can ask for bottles, must be cleaned between customers.</p> <p>No self-service buffets except for minor self-service such as beverages and convenience-store hot dogs, which would be allowed with regular cleaning. Once 75% adult vaccine rate is achieved, buffets can return.</p>

PLACES OF WORSHIP

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	Maintain 6 feet of distancing between parishioners. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	CLICK HERE FOR NEVADA COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP	

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

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
LOCKER ROOMS	Locker rooms may be open but MUST be limited to 50 percent capacity . Single stall showers may be utilized. Community showers, saunas, vapor baths, salt therapy rooms, hot tubs, spas and other communal areas remain prohibited.	Locker rooms, hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms and spas may be open but must adhere to 6 feet of social distancing and mask-wearing.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES		

GAMING FLOORS

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**.

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

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>High-touch surfaces should be avoided (remain closed if applicable/possible) and cleaned frequently.</p> <p>Food and drink should be contained to areas designated as restaurants/food courts and should adhere to requirements</p>	Arcades/Pool Halls/Game rooms should open with the recommended cleaning guidelines

LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES, AQUARIUMS & ZOOS

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>All interactive and/or hands-on exhibits must be closed. High-touch surfaces should be avoided and cleaned frequently.</p> <p>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.</p>	

BODY ART & PIERCING ESTABLISHMENTS

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing Directives.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>No body art or piercing may be done around the nose or mouth.</p> <p>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. 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.</p>	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).

SPAS, MASSAGE THERAPY & MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
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 .	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 .
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>Out-call and/or in-home service may be provided with observation of same protocols as in the establishments.</p> <p>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.</p>	Locker rooms, hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms and spas may be open but must adhere to 6 feet of social distancing and mask-wearing.

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

	CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS	Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing Directives and protocols established by the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology and Nevada Barber's Health and Sanitation Board , as applicable.	May operate under strict social distancing requirements per existing directives and protocols established by the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology and Nevada Barber's Health and Sanitation Board , as applicable.
APPOINTMENTS	Services shall be provided by appointment only , and customers waiting for an appointment must wait outside and practice social distancing.	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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 minimum of 6 feet apart .

RETAIL STORES

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% 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.	
SELF-SERVE FOOD/BEVERAGE OPTIONS	Retail stores, including grocery stores, may offer limited self-service food and drinks with mitigation measures in place.**	
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.	

**These locations can allow for social distancing by strictly limiting the number of customers at one time. 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

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 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. Since this is our county's plan, this example sounds misplaced.

INDOOR MALLS

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
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.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES	Strongly encouraged to promote and continue online or call-in ordering, curbside, delivery, and/or carry out operations.	

COMMUNITY & RECREATIONAL CENTERS

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
CAPACITY	May operate under strict social distancing requirements at no more than 50% occupancy based on applicable fire code.	If possible, maintain 6 feet of distancing between customers. If not possible or causes a hardship to monitor, limit to 50% capacity.

ESTABLISHMENTS CURRENTLY CLOSED THAT MAY TRANSITION TO LOCAL AUTHORITY

CURRENT STATEWIDE STANDARDS		Washoe County Recommendations
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS	CLOSED	CLOSED
NIGHTCLUBS & DAYCLUBS	CLOSED	
BROTHELS	CLOSED	
KARAOKE	CLOSED	