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Nevada Health Response Guidance Document for Phase Re-Opening

The following is intended to provide guidance as to the metrics and criteria Nevada will monitor as it heads into a phase re-opening. This was developed by the Governor’s Office and the Nevada Medical Advisory Team – referencing the “Opening Up America Again” plan issued by the White House, in addition to state-specific considerations.

Nevada Criteria for Phased Re-Opening

There is a consistent and sustainable downward trajectory of cases and hospitalizations for a minimum of 14 days

Consistent and sustainable decrease in the trend of confirmed COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Consistent and sustainable decline in the percentage of people being tested for COVID-19 who are confirmed positive

Healthcare and Public Health Systems are able to adequately respond

Number of cases should be declined such that hospitals can treat patients without having to implement Crisis Standards of Care.

There is enough laboratory testing capacity statewide to test symptomatic individuals.

There is the public health workforce capacity in local and state health departments to conduct widespread case and contact tracing.

There is a sustained ability to protect vulnerable populations

Existing outbreaks are successfully contained and closed in special settings like health facilities and nursing homes.

Protective measures are in place to accommodate a phased approach

Social distancing practices are followed, including a strong recommendation that members of the public, employees, and healthcare providers wear masks for the purpose of source control.

Re-opening will be incremental and occur through a series of steps.

GOAL: *Once the outbreak has sufficiently declined, the goal is to progressively open different types of facilities and industries in a way that allows people to gradually return to their normal lives while continuing to prevent the spread of disease.*

High-risk Nevadans must continue to be protected even with a rollback of restrictions.

Once Nevada has met the criteria above, it will head into Phase 1 of the Reopen Nevada Framework. Social distancing protocols will still apply, such as:

- *Vulnerable populations should remain home until the outbreak has subsided*
- *Restrictions on in-person gatherings of 10 or more people*
- *Travel Advisory*
- *In-person visitors to senior living facilities and hospitals should be prohibited with strong encouragement of video conferencing capabilities, wherever possible*

Guidance on Phase I of the Reopen Nevada plan continues to be reviewed and developed.