

Summary of Governor's Press Conference - 2/11/2021

Governor Sisolak started his press conference tonight with an update on the vaccines and disease statistics within the state. The state has provided over 307,000 first doses, and over 82,000 second doses to date – over 390,000 vaccine doses to date. Vaccines will soon be available at Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies to eligible recipients as well. And he and his staff are in communication constantly with the Biden Administration, CDC and FEMA to get NV more vaccines. We have moved near the top of the list in terms of administration of doses per capita, but we need more vaccine doses.

Our positivity rates are declining, from a high of 21.7% in January to 14.3% today. Daily case counts are down from 2700+ in December to 684 averaged today. And down from over 2100 hospitalized to 879. But he noted we are still double what were at in mid-September.

He is putting out another plan called the Roadmap to Safe Recovery.

Starting Monday, Feb 15th:

- 35% Capacity or 100 persons allowed in certain facilities, whichever is less.
- Includes places of worship, gyms, casinos, arcades, racetracks, bowling alleys, pool halls.
- Indoor dining and bars capped at 35% but outdoor dining is not capped but subject to social distancing requirements. Patrons per table goes up from 4 to 6.
- Libraries, museums, art galleries, and zoos can go up to 50%.
- Large gathering plans can be submitted to local health authorities, but can't take place until March 1st. This includes certain sporting events and youth sports. Large gatherings limited to 20% of fixed seating capacity if at large venues.

Starting March 15th:

- 50% Capacity or 250 persons allowed in all facilities, whichever is less
- Adult entertainment to remain closed until May 1st.

Starting May 1st:

- Transition to local control as long as local counties continue to show a decrease in COVID trends, improving hospital capacity and evidence they can continue to perform at these levels.
- NV COVID Mitigation Task Force will work with locals to develop and finalize plans going forward for after May 1st.
- Will still be required to follow statewide mask mandates and social distancing.
- Issues such as County or City jurisdictional control need to be ironed out over the next 75 days. He encouraged Counties and Cities to work collaboratively on one plan for their region.

After May 1st, the State will monitor all trends and remain a resource for local leaders needing assistance, but he is hopeful not to have to put another statewide pause in effect. But it is up to all Nevadans to work together to keep us open, and he encourages local leaders to speak directly to their constituents.

The Governor reiterated he's doing everything he can to get schools back open, including in Clark County, and noted that the CDC says it can be safe if mitigation efforts are maintained. But in Q&A, he reiterated it is his priority to get kids in schools, and then they would worry about school sports.

In Q & A, he reiterated that it is up to local health departments to make sure that local front-line workers get vaccinated and that people don't jump the line. He also said individuals need to take personal responsibility. But he's not standing in the place of SNHD or others.

As soon as we can, staff will pass along guidance that is published by the state.

Best Regards,

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