

Storey County May 1 Reopening Plan

Part 1 of 2

RESTORE STOREY COUNTY

Transition Plan Overview for Storey County, May 1, 2021

MONITORING

Storey County's test positivity rate is currently at least 2% below the State's recommended rate of 8%. Storey County current population is approximately 4,425. As of this writing, Storey County has logged a total of 88 positive cases and 3 deaths. Currently we have 9 active cases in the County. Over the next several months and following the transition to local government on May 1, 2021, Storey County will continue to closely monitor the State's county tracker to ensure the County stays within acceptable ranges. CCHHS has served as our County health oversight agency throughout the pandemic from beginning to this point. Plans are in place to retain CCHHS as our health oversight into the future after the May 1st transition to local authority. Testing and contact tracing efforts will continue through the assistance and oversight of (CCHHS) in coordination with the Quad County Health Coalition. Storey County utilizes the regional hospitals in Carson City and Reno. Hospital capacity statistics are provided to Storey County by CCHHS. Storey County does not have any long-term care facilities or group homes. The Storey County Sheriff's Department Jail has a plan and appropriate protocols for dealing with the pandemic and they will be monitored by the County as well as by CCHHS. Storey County maintains close contact with our School District regarding any positive cases and the School District also maintains weekly contact with CCHHS. The County will assistance to the School District as needed.

Storey County has procured a cache of PPE and sanitation supplies for County Departments and makes these materials available to local businesses. Storey County and our Emergency Management Department maintains close contact with Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) to obtain additional supplies from the State PPE cache as necessary. The County will continue to purchase necessary supplies of PPE and sanitation materials as the need arises.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Subsequent to the May 1st transition, Storey County plans to progress to 100 percent occupancy provided our county test positivity rate stays well below the state mandated rate of 8% and the masking and social distancing requirements can be met. Storey County has prepared an occupancy and requirements matrix for business and industry and activities both indoor and outdoor. All businesses and events will be required to follow the Governor's directives which remain in place regarding wearing face masks, social distancing and hygiene consideration until such time as the Governor rescinds them. Storey County will limit the size of gatherings and events, as well as youth and adult recreational sports, to 250 maximum

people through June 30, 2021 and will continue to follow the State's guidance and planning process for both. Storey County has begun to utilize the checklists for large events and submit to the appropriate County departments and State level agencies for review and provide any appropriate recommendations. Additionally, those industries governed by State Boards and Agencies must operate in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate Board. Vaccination efforts will continue to be a County priority as we work with and in coordination with Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS). As vaccine allocations increase, the County is working closely with the Quad Counties, CCHHS and various partners to administer it to the public as quickly as possible.

In June of 2020 Storey County had steel hand sanitizer stations custom fabricated that were placed on both sides of C street in the main business district of Virginia City. These devices are kept filled by the business where the sanitizer is located. Since placement of the stations the County has dispersed over 25 gallons of hand sanitizer to the businesses that maintain the sanitizer stations on the boardwalk. The County also provides masks and other PPE to any of our local businesses at no cost just for the asking.

Storey County has, and will, continue to observe the directives within County operations to ensure the well-being of our employees and the public that they serve. Critical/essential employees may continue to work in the office. However, employees that remain at work in County offices will be masked up at all times unless they are in their private office alone or have an exemption pursuant to the Governor's Directives. County business meetings will continue to be held virtually, if feasible, and will only occur in person if social distancing requirements can be met.

ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Storey County has maintained contact with our business and industry community in terms of education and awareness of safety and protective matters relating to the Covid emergency. The business and industry community has been very receptive of the directives and requirements regarding occupancy and PPE and sanitation compliance factors. Storey County Emergency Management has maintained communication with the larger industrial companies located in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Complex to review their plans for masking, distancing and tracking of their employees while in the working environment. As we move forward into the transition and beyond, the County will play a large part in working with business and industry to ensure that they are working to comply with the Governor's Directives. County government has worked closely with our business and industry partners to educate and counsel businesses and owners regarding compliance matters. The County will work with appropriate State regulatory agencies as needed to assist with disseminating a consistent messaging through visits and the use of social media accounts. Storey County retains a private marketing company that produces our marketing messages and social media information platforms to keep our public well informed of compliance factors, testing and vaccination

opportunities. Storey County also provides fliers and posters as well as sanitizer solution to our businesses and industry partners to promote use of masks, social distancing and testing of employees throughout our businesses in Virginia City and the Tahoe Reno Industrial Complex. The County has developed a check list to assist in planning for large events in the county, whether private or public, indoor or outdoor in the interest of keeping our community safe. Plans submitted in this regard will then be forwarded to the Department of Business and Industry for final review.

RESOURCE NEEDS

Storey County relies heavily on our involvement within the Quad County (*Carson, Douglas, Lyon and Storey*) to provide all resource needs relative to conducting testing, tracing positive cases and administering vaccinations within Storey County. Storey County collaborates with Carson City Health and Human Services to conduct all testing in the County, provide and administer all vaccinations in the County and conduct all positive case contact tracing. CCHHS also maintains all statistical information for the Quad County as well as Storey County. Vaccinations are scheduled by CCHHS and beginning on April 5th, 2021, will have a vaccination site in Storey County once each week until all population groups within the County (*that so desire*) are vaccinated as required by the Governor. Storey County has provided a part-time employee to assist CCHHS with the tracking and tracing needs as well as data entry relating to tracking. PPE resource needs have involved providing for our own cache of necessary resources such as masks, gowns, face shields, gloves, touchless thermometers, surface cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers and etc. Some early supplies were provided by the State supply sources but as of this time we are able to provide for our own resources to support our County resource requests as well as supply some PPE to our local businesses.

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