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Governor Sisolak announces additional restrictions to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada

CARSON CITY, NV — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced increased restrictions to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the State. The measures – informed by public health experts, business and economic leaders – go into effect on Tuesday.

The mitigation measures will last for the next three weeks, and the Governor and his administration will continue to monitor the COVID-19 trends in the State during that time frame. The emergency directive formalizing these changes will be issued Monday.

“As your Governor, I am confident that I did all I could to avoid further restrictions and keep us on the path forward, but now I must act,” **Governor Sisolak said.** “In this defining moment, I implore Nevadans to tap into their independent spirit and consider their own personal responsibility.”

“We decide our distance from others. We decide how long we spend in a high-risk setting. We decide whether to take the simple step of putting on a mask,” he continued. “Nevadans

know that if it doesn't feel safe, then it isn't safe. And, if it isn't safe, we shouldn't be doing it right now. Ultimately, our individual actions decide whether we are going to prioritize getting our children into the classroom, allowing our businesses to operate under safe measures, and protecting our hospital system and healthcare workers."

Under the new measures, restaurants, bars, gaming operations, gyms, fitness facilities and other businesses and activities will be limited to 25 percent of applicable fire code capacity, down from 50 percent. Retail stores – including grocery stores – will remain at 50 percent of capacity, with strict social distancing and additional monitoring requirements.

Additionally, public gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 people or 25 percent capacity, whichever is less. No large events will be approved during this time frame.

Private gatherings will be limited to no more than 10 people from no more than two separate households, and the State's face covering requirement will be extended to private gatherings.

Nevadans must wear face coverings at all times, whether indoors or outdoors, when around individuals from outside their households.

The new measures take effect on Tuesday, November 24th, and will last for the next three weeks. During that time frame, the Governor will continue to meet with advisors to evaluate the situation and look for signs of concerns or improvement.

A copy of Governor's prepared remarks, as well as guidance, is attached to this email.

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