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## GOVERNOR INCREASES GATHERING LIMITS IN CONTINUED REOPENING OF NEVADA

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Tuesday, September 29, Governor Steve Sisolak increased limits on public gatherings, while continuing to urge caution in the wake of the state’s COVID-19 response.

[Emergency Directive 033](#) raises the limit on gatherings from 50 to 250 people, or 50 percent of fire code capacity, whichever number is less.

Humboldt County Manager Dave Mendiola explained that gathering capacity will be decided by participants’ ability to socially distance; face coverings also will continue to be mandatory.

“The precautionary measures we have in place are still a big part of the plan moving forward,” said Mendiola. “With the ability to gather in larger numbers comes even more responsibility to do what we can to mitigate the virus, especially as we move indoors for the colder months.”

Governor Sisolak said the new directive and [accompanying guidance](#) is an important step toward allowing more Nevadans to safely participate in social gatherings in both indoor and outdoor venues, including those hosted by faith-based communities.

The guidance provides specifics for gatherings at private residences: 10 people are permitted indoors and 25 outdoors as long as non-household members can maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance.

Directive 033 also eases restrictions on public access to playground equipment following consultation with local health authorities; the guidance also addresses other multi-person events, such as showings and open houses.

Large gatherings for more than 250 people, such as trade shows, conferences, conventions, professional seminars and more, must submit a Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan.

The updated guidance took effect at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 2020.

All businesses and venues that are subject to capacity limitations are required to post signs at public entrances identifying their COVID-19-adjusted capacity.

Examples of signage are available on the [Nevada Health Response](#) website.

Friday, October 2, Governor Sisolak provided an [update on adult and youth sports](#). In general, high risk level sports that require close physical contact between participants are prohibited, while minimal- and no-contact sports have been green-lighted for practices, games, competitions and tournaments as long as social distancing and other precautionary measures are met.

All leagues, associations, venues, facilities and/or organizations must adopt a Sports COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan prior to resuming play.

Mendiola encouraged local residents to read all [updated guidance](#) pertaining to their particular situation. Any questions may be directed to the Humboldt County Manager's Office at (775) 623-6300, or via email at [COVID19@humboldtcountynv.gov](mailto:COVID19@humboldtcountynv.gov).

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