

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 052

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, then-President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, and spreads through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in late December 2020, Nevada began distributing COVID-19 vaccines, and there is now an abundant supply of vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is receiving regular supplies of monoclonal antibodies and other therapeutics to treat those who contract COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the "Omicron" variant of COVID-19 and has deemed it a "variant of concern" due to its higher transmissibility; and

WHEREAS, beginning in November 2021, Nevada experienced a surge of COVID-19 cases, and nearly all of those cases are suspected to be the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen dramatically in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, based on the trajectory of case trends and lower COVID-19 detection in wastewater monitoring, the state expects the number of COVID-19 cases to continue to rapidly decline; and

WHEREAS, the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 is decreasing; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Governor issued Emergency Directive 045, which provides, among other things, that the State of Nevada requires the wearing of masks in a manner consistent with current guidance from the CDC, including any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a statewide public health crisis and requires that certain mitigation measures and emergency management functions will continue to be managed at the state level to protect the overall health and safety of all Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada;"

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The provisions of previous Directives are superseded only by the explicit provisions of this Directive. Any provisions not addressed by this Directive shall remain in force as provided by previous Directives or regulations promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION 2: Directives 24, 45, 47, 50, and 51 are hereby terminated.

SECTION 3: Sections 2 through 5, inclusive, of Directive 048 are hereby terminated. Section 4 of Directive 028 is hereby terminated.

SECTION 4: Each county school district, charter school, and private school shall adopt a COVID-19 mitigation plan. The plan must include:

1. A policy on whether or under what circumstances face coverings will be required for students and staff while in school buildings or on school campuses;
2. A regular COVID-19 testing program for students and staff or volunteers, including but not limited to coaches, leaders, and advisors. If a student, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19, current CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine must be followed;
3. A method for detecting school-wide outbreaks of COVID-19 and a plan for responding to and mitigating the outbreak.

The plan must not conflict with any face covering requirements or other COVID-19 mitigation measures imposed by county governments or local health authorities.

The plan must be submitted to the local health authority. The plan does not become effective unless it is approved, in writing, by the local health authority.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on February 27, 2022, if the plan is approved in writing by the local health authority, the provisions of Section 6 of Directive 048 no longer apply to the entity that submitted the approved plan.

Irrespective of any plan adopted by a county school district, charter school, or private school pursuant to this Section, if a local health authority determines that a school-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring and is not being adequately mitigated by the school district, charter school, or private school, the applicable local health authority may require the mandatory and immediate use of face coverings for all students and staff in the affected school building(s) and any additional mitigation measures deemed necessary by the local health authority for that school or school building(s). In such an event, the face covering requirement and any other mitigation measures remain in effect until the local health authority determines that the outbreak is closed.

SECTION 5: Section 7 of Directive 048 expires at 12:01 a.m. on February 27, 2022.


SECTION 6: Nothing in this Directive shall be interpreted to prohibit any local health authority, local government entity, school district, charter or private school, private business or employer, or other person or entity from enacting a policy that requires the use of face coverings.

SECTION 7: The provisions of this Directive are effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended or terminated by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or upon dissolution or termination of the Declaration of Emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed this 10th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-two.




Governor of the State of Nevada


Secretary of State


Deputy Secretary of State