

# Washoe County COVID-19 community update

August 17, 2021



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# What we will cover today:

- **Our current objectives**
- **Update on current surge numbers**
- **Update on our vaccination status**
- **Understanding the current State of Nevada Directives**
- **Input from our business community**
- **Tips for our community**

# Objectives

- 1. Reduce the spread of COVID-19.** Positivity rate *below 5%* per the World Health Organization goal. Less than *100 new cases* per day.
- 2. Deliver clear and consistent information to empower citizens and visitors to make informed decisions.**  
Provide accurate, consistent information to the citizens and visitors across all regional entities. Provide a clear understanding of risk while shopping, recreating, and being entertained in the community.
- 3. Understand what the Business Community needs to balance safety and economics.**  
Maintain compliance with safety guidelines. Consult with industry leaders to understand their priorities, needs, and thoughts.



# Current COVID by the numbers

Active Cases  
**3,136**

Deaths  
**701**

Criteria we are watching as outlined in the Local Authority Plan

## .Governor's County Tracker metrics (August 16, 2021)

- Average number of tests per day per 100K (14-day average) **185**
- Case rate per 100K (last 30 days) **758**
- Test positivity (14-day with a 7-day lag) **18.4%**
- **COVID Risk Meter.**
  - Currently **Very High**
- **Vaccination Rate. (8-16-21)**
  - 12+ population **58.64% fully**
- **Sewer study data**
  - **Increasing concentrations**



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Information from:

<https://covid19washoe.com/> and University of Nevada – Dr. Lin Li

Criteria we are watching as outlined in the Local Authority Plan

• **Hospital Association metrics (August 11, 2021).**

- PPE No Concern
- Supplies No Concern
- Vents No Concern
- Staffing No Concern

**No Concern**, hospitals are functioning in a conventional manner. **Watch**, we are studying the various metrics and mitigation controls to manage hospital operations. **Warning**, hospitals are employing mitigation methods and using various contingencies to manage upward trends. **Alert**, immediate additional mitigation methods are required to keep the hospital system operational. **Crisis**, hospitals are experiencing conditions that limit the ability to provide adequate patient care.

- % of patients in the hospital with COVID No Concern
- % of patients in the ICU with COVID No Concern
- Hospital occupancy rates (all-hazards) No Concern
- ICU occupancy rates (all-hazards) Watch

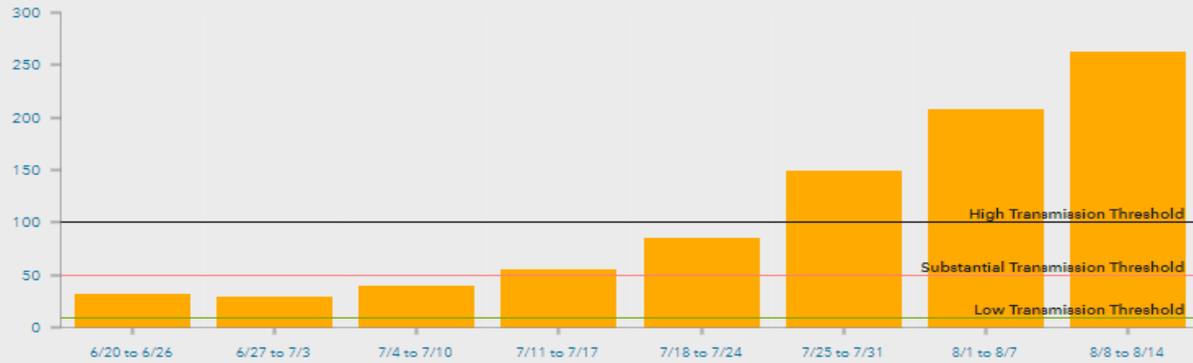
Nevada Hospital Association		Week 33							
		PPE	Supplies	Vents	Staffing	% of Patients in the hospital with COVID	% of Patients in the ICUs with COVID	Hosp. Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)	ICU Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)
<b>NORTH</b>		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

Information from: <https://nvha.net/news-and-updates-on-the-covid-19/>

# Current COVID by the numbers

# Criteria we are watching as outlined in the Local Authority Plan

New Cases per week, per 100,000 population, 2021



Substantial transmission threshold 50-99 new cases per week, per 100,000  
Low transmission threshold 0-9 new cases per week, per 100,000

## Current COVID by the numbers

### KEY METRICS

**133**  
CONFIRMED & SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS  
For the most recent day

**35** Total ICU  
For the most recent day

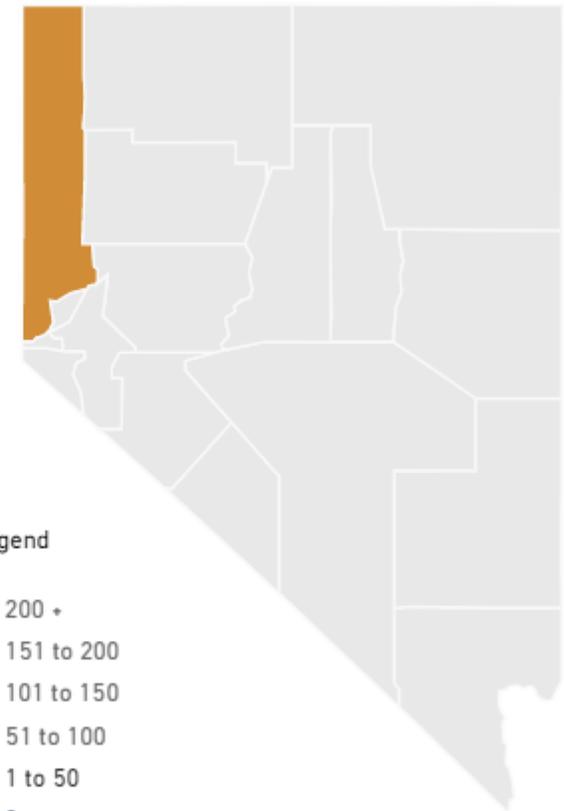
**17** Total Ventilators  
For the most recent day

**157**  
NEW DAILY CASES  
14-day moving average

**185**  
NEW DAILY TESTS PER 100K  
14-day moving average with 7-day lag

**1**  
NEW DAILY DEATHS  
14-day moving average

### CONFIRMED HOSPITALIZATIONS (most recent day)



Information from:  
<https://covid19washoe.com/>

# Current Vaccination status in our community.

- **Get vaccinated** - <https://www.immunizenevada.org/nv-covid-fighter>

## Available options in our area for a COVID-19 vaccine

- Washoe County Health District
- Community Health Alliance
- City of Sparks
- City of Reno
- VA Hospital
- Reno-Sparks Tribal Health
- **CVS Pharmacy**
- **Smith's**
- **Walgreens**
- Safeway
- Walmart
- Sam's Club

### KEY METRICS

**490,106** Total Doses Reported as Administered

**102,247** Doses Reported as Administered per 100K

**269,113** Total Vaccinations Reported as Initiated\* (includes completed vaccinations)

**56,143** Vaccinations Reported as Initiated per 100K

**56.14 %** % of Population that Initiated Vaccination

**65.86 %** % of Population 12 Years and Older that Initiated Vaccination

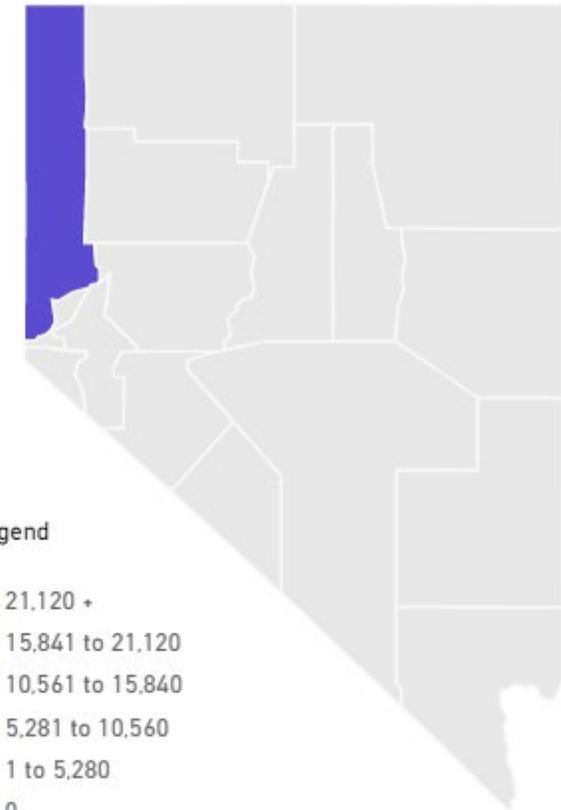
**239,613** Total Vaccinations Reported as Completed

**49,989** Vaccinations Reported as Completed per 100K

**49.99 %** % of Population Vaccinated

**58.64 %** % of Population 12 Years and Older Vaccinated

### VACCINATION DOSES ADMINISTERED PER 100K



# What does Directive 047 mean to us?

- To reduce their risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant and potentially spreading it to others, CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people:
  - Wear a mask in public indoor settings and in crowded outdoor settings if they are in an area of [substantial or high transmission](#).
- **Dir. 045/047 Wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.**
  - There is some benefit from the mask for self-protection, but it is most effective at reducing transmission to others.

## How often will county status be reviewed and updated?

County transmission data will be reviewed weekly every Tuesday, by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) based on the data available on CDC county tracker.

DHHS will provide updates weekly every Tuesday to counties and the public informing them of their status.

- For a county to change masking requirement status, it must remain in a transmission classification **for two consecutive weeks** before the mask requirement will be either increased or relaxed. If a county's status changes, it will have until that Friday of the same week to implement that change.

# What are our businesses saying?

- **Get vaccinated.**
  - We all waited for the vaccine, it is here, why is there now reluctance?
- **Wear masks.**
  - The person serving you is not interested in your political views; they just want to do their job and go home safely to their families.
- **We are struggling keeping people healthy.**
  - Do not come to our business while you are sick, it is hard enough to find employees to provide you services. Do not make the employees we have sick.
- **Please be patient.**
  - It is still difficult to hire help and many of us are understaffed.
- **We have clawed our way back to operating.**
  - Please cooperate, you want our services, but we cannot provide them if we do not have a workforce.

# Tips for our community that wants to do their part



- **Get vaccinated.**
  - Inform yourself.
- **Wear masks indoors and where required.**
  - Do not harass employees at businesses, they are just doing their job.
- **Use the Covid Risk Meter**
  - Like you use the Air Quality Index to determine outdoor activity.
- **Stay home when ill.**
  - Do not send sick children to daycare or school.
  - While awaiting test results do not go out.
- **Hygiene is still important.**
  - Wash hands frequently.
- **Keep a safe distance from others in crowded areas.**
  - Distance is still a good idea.

# How to use the COVID Risk Meter

<https://covidriskmeter.org>



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## VERY HIGH

### What The Weekly Rating Means

#### Risk is High and Approaching Critical

- Case numbers are high and hospital beds are filling up.
- Only leave your home for essential functions: to work at your job, see a doctor, to obtain medicine from the pharmacy or food from the grocery store.
- Consistently wear masks anywhere that is not your home.
- Stay away from at risk people and don't invite anyone to your home who doesn't live with you.
- Socially isolate as much as possible.

<https://covidriskmeter.org>

# Questions?

