

Washoe County COVID-19 community update

September 14, 2021



What we will cover today:

- **Overview of our objectives**
- **Update on current surge numbers**
- **Update on our vaccination status**
- **Understanding the current State of Nevada Directives**
- **Presidential action and impacts**
- **Tips for the community to lessen the risk of COVID**

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

8-16-2021

Active Cases

3,136

Deaths
701

9-13-2021

Active Cases

8,978

Deaths
782

Criteria we are watching as outlined in the Local Authority Plan

- **Governor's County Tracker metrics** **8-16-21** **9-12-21**
 - Average number of tests per day per 100K (14-day average) **185** **354**
 - Case rate per 100K (last 30 days) **758** **1581**
 - Test positivity (14-day with a 7-day lag) **18.4%** **20.1%**
- **COVID Risk Meter.**
 - Currently **Very High**
- **Vaccination Rate. (8-16-21)**
 - 12+ population **58.64% fully** **62.31% fully**
- **Sewer study data**
 - **Increasing concentrations**



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Information from:

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

Current COVID by the numbers

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**



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- **% 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)
NORTH		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

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

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- **Hospital Association metrics (September 8, 2021).**

- PPE No Concern

- Supplies No Concern

- Vents No Concern

- Staffing **Alert**

- % of patients in the hospital with COVID **Warning**

- % of patients in the ICU with COVID **Watch**

- Hospital occupancy rates (all-hazards) **Watch**

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8-16-2021

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

9-12-2021

KEY METRICS

203

CONFIRMED & SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS

For the most recent day

51

 Total ICU

For the most recent day

27

 Total Ventilators

For the most recent day

249

NEW DAILY CASES

14-day moving average

354

NEW DAILY TESTS PER 100K

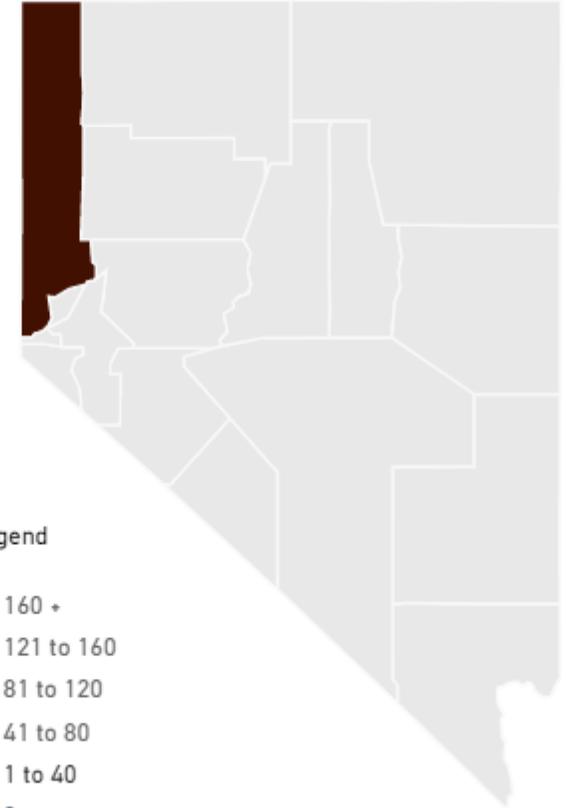
14-day moving average with 7-day lag

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NEW DAILY DEATHS

14-day moving average

CONFIRMED HOSPITALIZATIONS (most recent day)



Current COVID by the numbers

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

8-16-2021

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

9-12-2021

KEY METRICS

516,216 Total Doses Reported as Administered

107,694 Doses Reported as Administered per 100K

281,127 Total Vaccinations Reported as Initiated* (includes completed vaccinations)

58,649 Vaccinations Reported as Initiated per 100K

58.65 % % of Population that Initiated Vaccination

68.80 % % of Population 12 Years and Older that Initiated Vaccination

254,603 Total Vaccinations Reported as Completed

53,116 Vaccinations Reported as Completed per 100K

53.12 % % of Population Vaccinated

62.31 % % of Population 12 Years and Older Vaccinated

Masking rules in Washoe County

- 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 is 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 does Presidential action from September 9th mean to our community?

- **Federal workers will be required to be vaccinated**
 - Federal employees, contractors and health care workers who are employed at institutions that receive Medicaid or Medicare will need to be vaccinated and cannot opt out through testing
 - Non-compliance will result in unspecified punitive action
- **Private employers with over 100 employees will be required to mandate vaccinations or weekly tests on employees**
 - This rule will be promulgated by OSHA
 - Employers found out of compliance could face penalties of up to 14,000 per incident depending on the outcome of the OSHA rule
- **Employers will be required to give paid leave for employees to get the vaccine**
- **Double the fine for violators of the mask mandate on federally regulated travel vehicles re: airplanes and interstate transit**
- **Roll out of booster shots starting the week of September 20th**
- **FDA evaluation of vaccines for individuals under 12 and additional review of school mandates including masks**

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 / Direction?

