

SNHD Evaluation of Large Gathering Plans

The Governor's Directive #33 on large gatherings requires plans be developed for any gathering of more than 250 people. Those plans are to be reviewed by the appropriate state agency for compliance with the restrictions listed in the directive. Additionally, the local health authority will review the plans to ensure that local public health standards are met, and the event will not pose a burden to the local health infrastructure. As of October 26, 2020, the plans are submitted to Clark County who will distribute them to the state agency responsible for review, the municipal authority responsible for licensing the event, and SNHD.

When plans arrive at SNHD, they will be reviewed to ensure that local public health standards are being met. This includes the use and enforcement of face coverings, social distance, and appropriate disinfectant are in place to mitigate the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 and, if appropriate, food service permitting is addressed.

SNHD will also analyze the current local health infrastructure to assess how the event may impact its ability to respond to a resulting outbreak.

At this time, the burden of illness cannot be directly related to event size and type. Instead, infrastructure capacity will be determined using the following parameters: 7-day running average of cases, case investigation and contact tracing capacity, 7-day positivity rate (reported weekly from Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance (OEDS) and hospital capacity as reported daily by the Nevada Hospital Association.

The parameters will be analyzed to determine if the local health infrastructure is Not Trending Toward Surveillance Capacity, is Trending Toward Surveillance Capacity or is Approaching or Exceeding Surveillance Capacity.

OEDS will determine the status on a daily basis using the most recent data available. The data used and the determination will be published on the SNHD COVID-19 dashboard.

If one parameter is Trending Toward Surveillance Capacity (yellow column), then the state jurisdictions will be informed that any event scheduled more than 7 days from review could be cancelled if the public health infrastructure approaches or exceeds capacity (red column). If that parameter returns to Not Trending Toward Capacity (green column) for at least three consecutive days, then SNHD will inform the pertinent jurisdictions that the infrastructure is Not Trending Toward Surveillance Capacity.

If any two indicators are found to be Approaching or Exceeding Surveillance Capacity (red column), SNHD will not recommend approval of the application. If either the 7-day running average of new cases or the case investigation and contact capacity are found to be Approaching or Exceeding Surveillance Capacity (red column), SNHD will not recommend approval of the application. SNHD will recommend that all scheduled large gatherings be canceled or postponed until all parameters are in the green or yellow columns for at least three consecutive days.

SNHD will notify state authorities of any surveillance capacity trends that could impact previously approved plans via a weekly email indicating status of the public health infrastructure.

Although gatherings of 250 or less will not be submitted for review, SNHD may recommend limiting gatherings to 50 or less if any two parameters are observed to be Approaching or Exceeding Surveillance Capacity, or if either the 7-day running average of new cases or the case investigation and contact capacity are in the red column.

Parameter	Not trending toward surveillance capacity	Trending toward surveillance capacity	Approaching or exceeding surveillance capacity
7 day running average of new cases	<400 cases per day	400-750 cases per day	>750 cases per day
Daily case investigation capacity	>90% of cases contacted within 24 hours	80-89% of cases contacted within 24 hours	<79% of cases contacted within 24 hours
7-day COVID-19 positivity rate	<5%	5% - 8%	>8%
Hospital capacity (staffed beds)	<85%	86% - 95%	>96%
Recommended Decision for Large Gatherings			
Up to 250 attendees	No review required	No review required	SNHD may recommend limiting gatherings to 50 or less
251 – 999 attendees	Recommend approval	Recommend approval with warning of possible cancellation	Do not recommend approval
1,000 or more attendees	Recommend approval	Do not recommend approval	Do not recommend approval

Notice to jurisdictions will be provided weekly, at minimum, and public health infrastructure status will eventually be available on the SNHD website.