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HUMBOLDT COUNTY MOVES INTO PHASE 2 OF BUSINESS REOPENING

WINNEMUCCA, Nev—A second wave of Humboldt County businesses have reopened, per Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak's "[Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada](#)"—a phased approach to re-opening the state's economy.

Friday, May 29, Phase 2 of the Governor's plan took effect after he said Nevadans did their part to flatten the curve statewide.

In Humboldt County, bars, aesthetic services, spas and massage therapy services, body art and piercing services, gyms and fitness facilities, recreational areas and pools, movie theaters, bowling centers and arcades have been given the green light to reopen with additional safety measures; gaming establishments are slated to reopen June 4.

Additionally, the plan now permits gatherings of up to 50 people, although Nevadans are still cautioned to socially distance, to wear masks and to limit trips outside their homes.

Churches are permitted to convene under the updated gathering rules, although Governor Sisolak strongly encouraged the use of online telecommunication tools and drive-up options as opposed to in-person services.

Nevada's state parks will open with restrictions, and government services may begin to serve customers as needed. Youth sports also will be allowed to resume during Phase 2, once additional guidance is provided in the near future.

Since Nevada entered Phase 1 of recovery on May 9, Humboldt County's new confirmed COVID-19 cases have steadily declined; the state as a whole has seen a 35-day downward trend.

Now, as Humboldt County enters Phase 2, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the same protective protocols will continue to keep numbers low and residents safe.

"These things have happened because people have been doing the right things," he told members of the Humboldt County Health Board Thursday, May 28. "As we enter Phase 2, social distancing, wearing masks and washing our hands frequently will become even more important."

The Governor's plan still calls for employees to socially distance and to wear face coverings where possible to minimize the health impacts of COVID-19.

Humboldt County Manager Dave Mendiola said the phased approach to re-opening the economy has worked well locally. "It has allowed us to move forward with a careful and balanced approach to our county's health and economic needs," he said

Mendiola said that if infection rates related to COVID-19 go up, local business may have to scale back to protect public health and save lives.

The Governor provided [industry- and activity-specific guidance](#) for the Phase 2 reopenings.

Business owners also may direct any questions regarding their business reopening or operation with relation to COVID-19 to the Humboldt County Manager's Office at (775) 623-6300, or via email at COVID19@humboldtcountynv.gov.

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