Nevada’s Emergency Response

Declaration of Emergency on March 12th. (There have been several extensions of this declaration).
- Schools shut down effective March 16th. Gaming shuts down.
- Non-essential businesses close, effective March 20th.
- Restaurants may offer food for drive-up or delivery only.
- DMV closed. Licensing requirements suspended (multiple extensions).

Directive 6/March 22nd - Suspended many requirements under Open Meeting Law, including no requirement for a physical location for the meeting (multiple extensions).

Directive 7/March 24th - The Nevada general public shall not gather in groups of ten or more in any indoor or outdoor area. Except for persons residing in the same household, the Nevada general public shall abide by social distancing practices.

Directive 8/March 29th - No evictions or foreclosures allowed.

Directive 13/April 8th
- Public sports venues close. Showrooms, churches, real estate showings, salons all close.
- Essential licensed businesses providing services or selling goods to the public shall ensure social distancing standards are maintained.

Directive 16/April 29th – Public can leave home for non-essential businesses. Golf and Tennis can resume. Only drive-up church allowed.

Directive 18/May 7th - Retail stores open at 50% capacity. Drive-in theaters open. Auto show rooms and restaurants open at 50% capacity. Nevada parks open for day use.

Declaration of Fiscal State of Emergency on May 11th - Projected $900 Million budget shortfall.

Directive 21/May 28th
- General public shall not gather in groups of more than fifty in any indoor or outdoor area.
- Churches and businesses can open at 50% capacity, including retail, restaurants, theme parks, nail and hair salons, bars, gyms, museums, galleries, trade and technical schools, massage parlors, dispensaries, gaming.
- Government agencies to adopt protective measures.

Directive 24/June 24th - Requires the public to wear face coverings at all times in public.

Legislative Special Session July 8th-19th wherein budget reductions and staff furloughs were approved.
VR required to cut state general funds by 19%. With the loss of the associated federal funds due to the loss of match, VR’s overall budget was cut by about 12%, or $2.8 million. 18 positions to be held vacant for 6-12 months as part of these budget reductions.

Staff required to furlough 48 hours between January-June 2021, which is equivalent to a 2.3% salary cut.

Directive 27/July 10th – Reopening authority delegated to county and local governments, which may impose additional COVID-19 related restrictions that may exceed the standards imposed by Declaration of Emergency. County and local governments authorized to investigate and enforce this Directive. The Nevada Gaming Control Board authorized to investigate and to enforce this Directive with casinos.

Directive 28/July 15th
- Secondary school staff and students must wear cloth face coverings while on school buses, in school buildings, or on school campuses unless approved for an exemption.
- Secondary schools may reopen school athletic fields and facilities.
- Authority delegated to secondary schools to implement hybrid learning models including in-person instruction and distance education to accommodate social distancing requirements, and in consideration of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans.