

**HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES**  
**FOR CONTINUED MITIGATION OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**NONRESTRICTED LICENSEES**

**INTRODUCTION**

Effective May 1, 2021, pursuant to section 18 of Emergency Directive 044, the Nevada Gaming Control Board (Board) is implementing the following health and safety policy (Policy) to ensure the continued mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 as the authority to enact mitigation measures is transferred to county control.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES**

Licensees should utilize the [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19](#), published by the CDC. The Board expects licensees to implement the following procedures and protocols:

*Employee and Patron Health Concerns:*

Signage must be posted throughout the property reminding employees and patrons of proper hygiene, including, without limitation, proper handwashing, how to cover coughs and sneezes, and to avoid touching their faces.

Employees must be instructed to stay home if they do not feel well, and to contact a supervisor or manager if they notice a co-worker or patron experiencing [symptoms associated with COVID-19](#), such as coughing, shortness of breath, or other flu-like symptoms.

If a licensee is informed or is alerted to a case of COVID-19 at its property, it must communicate the case to and cooperate with its local health authorities. All employees should receive clear instructions on how to properly and efficiently respond to all presumed cases of COVID-19. Licensees must follow the appropriate steps to conduct additional cleaning and disinfecting protocols of all areas that patrons visited during their stay in accordance with guidelines issued by the licensee's local health authority.

Each licensee must identify personnel or a department on property to serve as a liaison to assist local health authorities with aggregate data sharing and contact tracing.

*Employee Training and Responsibilities:*

Proper and frequent handwashing with soap is vital to help combat the spread of COVID-19. All employees must be required and consistently reminded to wash their hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, before the start of a shift, at least once during every break period,

and several times during their shifts, including, without limitation, when they change gloves or otherwise contaminate their hands.

Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) may be required or recommended by federal, state, or local authorities. When required or recommended, licensees must ensure that PPE is utilized and properly worn by employees, and provide training on how to properly use, wear, and dispose of all PPE.

Licensees must provide training on COVID-19 safety and disinfection protocols for all employees. Additional comprehensive training must be provided for employees who work in areas with frequent patron contact, including, without limitation, housekeeping, food and beverage, internal maintenance, hotel operations, casino operations, and security. Training, whether conducted in person, online, by video, or in writing, should be available in English and Spanish.

#### *Use of Face Coverings by Patrons and Guests:*

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's [Emergency Directive 045](#), licensees shall ensure that all patrons and guests properly utilize face coverings, subject to the conditions in the Directive. This Policy fully incorporates Emergency Directive 045, including, without limitation, all of its requirements, conditions, limitations, and exceptions. Licensees should have dedicated signage throughout the establishment notifying patrons where face coverings are required.

#### *Gaming Machines:*

If previously approved by the Board, solid partitions between gaming machines may continue to be used as an alternative to social distancing requirements.

Licensees must ensure that gaming machines, devices, chairs, and other ancillary equipment are cleaned and disinfected on an ongoing basis. Licensees must also ensure the availability of hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes for patron use on the gaming floor. Any cleaning and disinfection schedule must comply with the CDC's recommendations in its [Science Brief: SARS-CoV-2 and Surface Transmission for Indoor Community Environments](#).

#### *Table Games and Card Games:*

If previously approved by the Board, solid partitions between patrons and between patrons and dealers may continue to be used as an alternative to social distancing requirements.

Licensees must ensure cleaning and disinfection of, without limitation, table games, rails, dice, cards, card shoes, shufflers, roulette wheels, Pai Gow tiles, chips, pit podiums, blackjack discard holders, and token boxes on a regular basis. Any cleaning and disinfection schedule must comply with the CDC's recommendations in its [Science Brief: SARS-CoV-2 and Surface Transmission for Indoor Community Environments](#).

*Club Venues:*

Subject to a county's Local Plan, licensees that operate club venues may not operate as defined in NRS 463.0144 until June 1, 2021.

*Responsible Gaming:*

Licensees must ensure implementation of responsible gaming measures. Licensees are encouraged to enhance their responsible gaming measures, including, without limitation, providing enhanced training to employees and creating specialized messaging for patrons.

*Cleaning & Disinfection for Hotel Rooms and Operations:*

Licensees must also comply with regulations adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services and local health authorities pursuant to NRS 447.300 to 447.355, inclusive, which establish detailed requirements for cleaning and disinfection of hotel rooms.

**CONCLUSION**

This Policy is subject to revision by the Board based on recommendations from federal, state, and local health authorities related to the spread of COVID-19. The Board will keep nonrestricted licensees apprised of any changes.