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### **Nevada Governor Sisolak signs Emergency Directive 44**

Solidifying changes related to social distancing announced last week CARSON CITY — Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak has signed and issued Emergency Directive 044, to help achieve the goal of reopening business capacity to 100 percent in all counties by June 1. COVID-19 mitigation measures will begin transferring to local authority starting May 1 and each Nevada county has been working with the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force (“Task Force”) to finalize plans for this transition.

### **The Clark County Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan**

Clark County Commission continues to highlight our regional approach of following our health and medical experts at the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD). The Clark County plan ensures that our region continues to stay vigilant in protecting the health of our residents and visitors to include following common-sense risk reduction measures and continuous comprehensive monitoring/analysis of disease burden factors such as hospital status, test positivity rate, community testing numbers, and COVID cases per week while prioritizing efforts for herd immunity by incentivizing vaccinations. While it is Governor Sisolak’s goal of having every county reopen to 100% on June 1, Clark County is cautiously optimistic we will meet this goal if Southern Nevadans continue with current robust vaccination efforts.

### **EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021**

**CAPACITY** restrictions in Clark County may increase to no more than **80% occupancy** based on applicable fire code; AND **SOCIAL DISTANCING** requirements in Clark County will be reduced to **3 feet**.

**CAPACITY** restrictions and **SOCIAL DISTANCING** requirements in Clark County will be **REMOVED** when:

- 60% of the eligible population in Clark County has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

## **Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) Executive summary**

For combat sports to safely continue competition in Nevada, it is crucial for the NSAC to implement a robust Covid-19 testing plan within the designated **“Operation Area (OA)”** of the Closed System event. Using a closed system for all personnel working within the OA will greatly mitigate any potential transmission to any personnel working within the OA. Importantly, all individuals involved in an event of unarmed combat, regardless of their function, will need to go through a testing and quarantine program that will be overseen by Executive Bennett. There is no 100% safe mechanism to ensure competition is free from Covid-19, however, the program designed below will significantly mitigate the chance of Covid-19 in combat sports. The Promoters who have worked with the NSAC, have successfully regulated 67 events from May 30, 2020 to April 17, 2021, with no known Covid-19 outbreaks.

### **Section I:**

The **OA** consists of the perimeter surrounding the ring or cage for all venues. Public seating must be a minimum distance of 10 feet from the furthest seat within the OA. A separate entrance/exit must be provided for personnel working within the OA and it must be separate and distinct from the public entrance. All personnel working within the OA of the event, to include, but not limited to, fighters, corners, managers, promoters, promoters’ staff, production staff, media, security, cleaning staff, Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) staff, officials, and guests (not spectators) will be mandated to take a lab-based PCR test or a Rapid Cue test upon entering the OA. Once tested, personnel who tested negative must enter and stay within the OA (may not have contact with the public) until the conclusion of their respective event. The Promoter and Promoter’s staff will be responsible for knowing the location of their personnel working the event.

### **Closed System**

In order to minimize the chance of transmission, a closed system and an OA is mandated to be designated by the promoter. Securing an area within the venue that is separate from the public for the entirety of the event, controlling who enters the OA, and who leaves the OA is critical to the safety of all. The closed system will need to have a dedicated testing area that is separate from the OA and all of other areas. The testing area must be cleaned thoroughly between uses and must not be used for any other purposes during competition.

Individuals and teams will need to be provided with secure quarantine areas.

### **Entering Closed System**

- Temperature monitoring
- Questionnaire
- Oral swab collection for PCR testing or Rapid Cue Test
- Quarantine the night before the event until testing results are confirmed

## **Cleaning of Closed System**

Assign dedicated cleaning staff to facilities used throughout the event. Any equipment or facilities that are used, for example, training facilities, weight rooms, media rooms, are to be thoroughly cleaned in between sessions. Specific details on cleaning procedures can be found on the CDC link: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fdisinfecting-building-facility.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fdisinfecting-building-facility.html)

## **Education**

- Prior to anyone entering closed system, provide information on the importance of safe measures to mitigate spread of virus infection. Utilize recommendations from the CDC found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- Information can be disseminated via electronic form including email and webinars. It is recommended that all participants are monitored to ensure they have received the educational information.

## **Communication Within Closed System**

- Ensure that there are clean lines to effectively and timely communicate any Covid-19 updates to everyone in the closed system. It is recommended to test the communication system with Covid-19 information to help prevent any potential spread of infection and contact tracing.

## **Section II COVID-19 Testing:**

All personnel working and guests (not spectators) attending the event within the OA, this means 100% will be tested. Personnel will receive a lab-based PCR test and/or a Rapid Cue test. It is imperative that any individual that enters the closed system is tested. Anyone who enters the closed system will need to be screened and quarantined until given approval to move into the OA by the onsite medical team working with the promotion.

## **Before Arriving**

All individual preparing to enter the closed system shall submit answers to the following questions below:

- Have you had a fever in the last 72 hours that was at or above 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit?
- Have you come into contact with someone with Covid-19? If so, when?
- In the past 2-weeks, have you travelled to or from an area that is considered high risk, or includes a government-mandated quarantine period?

In the past 72 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- Cough
- Fever
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Muscle Pain
- Nasal Congestion
- Runny Nose
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue

### Testing

There are 2 established methods the NSAC mandates to detect SARS-CoV-2. The FDA-authorized diagnostic PCR method, which measures the virus in the individual, and the Rapid Cue Test. As both methods have a different threshold testing measurement, it is necessary to administer a testing programs on all individuals entering the closed system as follows:

- A physician will oversee the collection process for both PCR and Cue tests.
- All individuals entering closed system will have their temperature checked.
- Oral swab samples shall be collected by a licensed medical practitioner. Only FDA-authorized oral fluid kits shall be used. If no oral fluid kits are available, it is acceptable to use FDA-authorized nasal swabs, however, the first choice should always be oral fluid for ease of collection and sensitivity of the assay. After collection, the sample shall be transported to a laboratory to run an FDA-authorized PCR assay for SARS-CoV-2.

### Fighter and Team Testing:

- The Promoter will determine whether to administer a Lab based PCR test or any other COVID-19 related test prior to the fighters and their camps departing to Nevada.
- Upon arriving to Nevada, it will be up to the Promoter to determine whether or not to administer a Lab based PCR test, Rapid Test and/or any COVID-19 related test.
- **The NSAC mandates Promoters to administer a Lab based PCR test the night before the event (and preferably after the fighters and their camps had dinner). All fighters and their camps will be quarantined in their rooms immediately after testing until receiving their results the following morning. Anyone who tests positive will be immediately removed from venue.**

### **Personnel working or Guests attending the event:**

- Medical personnel will administer a Rapid Cue test the afternoon of the event at a designated area at the venue. Upon receiving a negative test personnel must immediately enter into the OA. If anyone exits the OA after being tested, they will not be permitted to re-enter the venue.
- Anyone who test positive will be advised accordingly and escorted from the venue and contact tracing will be implemented.

### **Reporting**

All questionnaires will need to be reviewed by a professional medical consultant. All PCR and Rapid Cue test results will be reported directly to a designated medical representative(s) of the Promoter and the NSAC, compliant with HIPAA.

If an individual is suspected to have a current Covid-19 infection through the questionnaire, or revealed through the testing program, the individual will remain in quarantine and an infectious disease expert will be consulted.

### **Section III Nevada Social Distancing Guidelines:**

- All personnel will follow Clark County **Social Distancing** Guidelines, that being **3 feet**.
- All personnel except fighters when fighting, are mandated to **always wear masks**.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit [www.snhd.info/covid19](http://www.snhd.info/covid19)

[http://media.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/download/COVID-19/resources/snhd\\_covid19\\_socialdistance.pdf](http://media.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/download/COVID-19/resources/snhd_covid19_socialdistance.pdf)

### **Section IV Contact Tracing Covid-19:**

- Must be provided at the expense of the promoter and in conjunction with the Southern Nevada Health District for any personnel who is test results are positive.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

### **Section V Positive Test:**

All personnel that test positive will be required to seek immediate primary care, self-quarantine in the state of Nevada for 10 days and shall not be allowed to travel by air until cleared. Solo car travel may be permitted by the personnel testing positive if they do not live in the state of Nevada. Under no circumstance may the positive personnel be allowed to travel by air or public transportation. Should the person fail to comply with this directive, he or she shall not be permitted to enter a closed system or participate in any future events of unarmed combat in this state until such time as this policy is no longer in force.

### **Section VI Health & Safety:**

Under NO circumstance will any person be allowed in any unarmed combat OA without having complied with section 1 & 2.

### **Section VII:**

All promoters will submit their promoter/venue specific plans to the commission's Executive Director for approval and must be in accordance with sections 1-6. Plans will be submitted to the Commission as part of the event permit application. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 467.080; .105 and Nevada Administrative Code 467.167 and will therefore be deemed confidential pursuant to NRS 467.1005(1)(a).

### **Section VIII:**

If any personnel are found to be in violation of Section 1-6, they will be subject to any and all disciplinary actions that can be brought against them by the NSAC.

**\*\*\*Promoters Operational Plan submitted to Executive Director Bob Bennett should include but is not limited to the following:**

- Essential Plan and Summary
- **Visual method to identify personnel who have been tested and cleared to enter the closed event, such as colored wrist bands**
- Contact names and telephone numbers for key personnel
- Hotel Accommodations
- Health and Safety Procedures
- **Detailed plan for all personnel quarantined after COVID-19 Tests**
- Athlete/Participants Training/Transportation
- Event Operations Fight Week
- Level One Trauma Center Hospital
- Production Personnel
- Media rooms
- Plan for COVID-19 Testing Personnel After Event
- Floor Plans/Schematics identifying training areas; meals; COVID-19 Testing night before or day of weigh-in; quarantine areas for all personnel after testing until results are received; Boxing Ring / Octagon designating all personnel in the event no less than six feet; dressing rooms fighters/team and designated area for Inspectors, media rooms, Emergency Medical Services to include route from closed arena to vehicles, and designated area of security personnel for closed event to the public.

**\*\* The Clark County Commission may change their current requirements in the future. Should the requirements change, the NSAC will adjust our Operation Plan accordingly.**