

NEVADA STATE BOARD  
of  
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

5:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK**

**Public Comment:**

**Kevin Dick, Health Officer**  
***Washoe County Health District***

**WASHOE COUNTY  
HEALTH DISTRICT**  
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January 11, 2021

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners  
6010 S Rainbow Boulevard, #11  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

To the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners,

The Washoe County Health District strongly supports the Review of Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 631 related to the practice of dentistry and proposed emergency regulations pertaining to the administration of vaccinations by licensed dental professionals (NAC 631.2270-2285).

During this unprecedented time, it is imperative that the state of Nevada permit and support the efforts of this specialty healthcare workforce to aid in the inoculation efforts for the COVID-19 vaccine. Permitting licensed dental professionals to administer vaccines will support the emergency public health response throughout the state by increasing access and opportunity.

Nationwide, the American Dental Association supports dental professionals administering the vaccine. The majority of our neighboring states have passed this emergency measure, most recently licensed dentists in the state of California will begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine on January 11, 2021.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has also recommended that states consider expanding their list of vaccine providers to dentists and optometrists.

Everyone in healthcare is needed to play a part in this massive effort. The more opportunities Nevada residents have to receive the vaccine through safe healthcare channels the better. Together, we can get this life-saving vaccine out to our communities in a safe, efficient, and more expedient manner relieving our overburdened healthcare system and preventing unnecessary loss of life.

The Washoe County Health District appreciates the efforts put forth by the NSBDE. We are available for assistance and collaboration.

Thank you,



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Washoe County Health District

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***Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association; Legislative Committee Member***



January 10, 2021

To: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

From: The Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA)

RE: Public Comment for January 12, 2021

The NDHA continues to support emergency, temporary, and legislative proposals to allow all licensed dental professionals to administer vaccines. Dental professionals have the experience and expertise to play an important role on the frontlines of improving and protecting public health through the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. The proposed emergency regulation will relieve immediate capacity constraints that will allow the state of Nevada to meet vaccination goals in a timely manner, especially in rural portions of our state.

Thank you for your time,

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