

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Dental and Dental Hygienist Licensees
From: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
Re: Updates regarding (1) Recent CDC mask guidance and impact upon Nevada dental settings; (2) CDC interim dental settings; and (3) Renewal Reminder
Date: June 1, 2021

Dear NSBDE Licensees:

The following is an update regarding (1) the CDC's most recent guidelines re: masks and how that guidance affects Nevada dental settings; (2) the Board's ongoing adoption of the CDC "interim dental settings" guidance; and (3) dental license renewal reminder.

(1) New mask guidance from CDC and Governor Sisolak is for non-healthcare settings ONLY

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html) to advise that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and any regulatory requirements of local business and workplace guidance. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

On May 3, 2021, Governor Sisolak issued Emergency Directive 045, which updated Nevada's masking requirements to automatically align with the CDC's recommendations. <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/5.13.21-CDC-Mask-Update.pdf>

Please note that while Governor Sisolak has allowed for the reopening of many offices and buildings, the Governor has not declared an end to the emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the Board's provisions regarding temporary unrestricted and restricted licenses, as posted on its website, remain in effect as of the date of this Memorandum.

The Board wants to emphasize that the [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) do not apply to healthcare settings. This means that staff, patients, residents and visitors should continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing in a dental office, as the CDC has recommended in all healthcare facilities. Healthcare facilities should continue to refer to the [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) for recommendations regarding source control and physical distancing in healthcare settings, including dental settings.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>


(2) Board’s Ongoing Adoption of the CDC’s “Interim Dental Settings”

The Board has adopted the CDC’s December 4, 2020 Interim Dental Settings Guidelines, which are the most recent guidance from the CDC, and which remain in effect until further notice. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html>

(3) Reminder: Dental License Renewals

This is a reminder that all dental license renewals must be completed on or before Wednesday, June 30, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. Don’t delay. Visit the Board’s website dental.nv.gov and click on either “2021 Dental License Renewal” or “2021 Limited License Renewal” as appropriate.

If licensees have any questions regarding the above, they are encouraged to contact the Board office at (702) 486-7044, or by email at nsbde@nsbde.nv.gov for clarification.



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