

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 11, 2022
To: All Nevada Dental Licensees
From: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
Re: **Use of masks in dental offices following Governor Sisolak's 2/10/22 Lifting of Mask Mandate**

On February 10, 2022, Governor Sisolak held a press conference removing mask mandates in Nevada. The press release information posted by the Nevada Governor's Office can be found here:

Emergency Directive 052

https://dental.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dentalnv.gov/content/Home/2-10-2022_Directive-052_Release-1.pdf

Mask Mandate Rescinded

<https://dental.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dentalnv.gov/content/Home/2-10-22-Removal-of-Masks.pdf>

At its October 19, 2021 board meeting, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners adopted the CDC's "Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic," (hereinafter "Interim Infection Control Recommendations") which can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

The Interim Infection Control Recommendations state that healthcare personnel "should wear source control (e.g. masks) when they are in areas of the healthcare facility where they could encounter patients (e.g., hospital cafeteria, common halls/corridors.)" The Board reminds its licensees to continue to abide by the adopted CDC recommendations and to ensure that dental staff wear source control when in areas of the dental office where they may encounter patients.