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May 6, 2020

Honorable Governor Steve Sisolak
State Capitol Building
101 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Storey County Mitigation & Reopening Plan

Honorable Governor Sisolak:

We respectfully request your consideration of the following Storey County COVID-19 Mitigation and Reopening and Return to Work Plan in your final phased reopening plan for Nevada. This plan generally follows federal guidelines and those set forth by your office for individuals, employers, and "Specific Employers and Services". This plan describes and provides for protective measures for certain circumstances and industries unique to Storey County and rural Nevada.

Storey County is handling the COVID-19 emergency as a unified agency with the Quad-County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including Carson City, Lyon, Douglas, and Storey counties, and the Carson City Health District. Storey County and the EOC are monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 situation and are communicating with the public and your office daily. COVID-19 testing centers will be operational in the next week or two, and your office will be furnished results at that time.

We believe that the following Mitigation and Reopening and Return to Work Plan, in concert with our coordinated efforts with the Quad-County EOC, provides for a safe and responsible phased approach to reopening Storey County.

The Storey County plan is as follows:

PHASE I

- **Recommendations for Individuals**

- Shelter in place – Vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable persons are encouraged to provide reasonable accommodations such as telecommuting and other methods that protect these persons and their families at home. Storey County government offices will also follow these guidelines.
- Avoid large groups – Groups exceeding 10 are discouraged, and we will continue to educate and encourage our residents, businesses, and visitors to minimize congregations.
- Minimize non-essential travel – Virginia City's economy is based on tourism. However, we recognize that a return to economic "normalcy" is not our goal at Phase I. Instead, we plan for our essential businesses to remain open to serve our community. Non-essential businesses will remain closed or will be allowed to resume partial operation such as curbside and delivery services. Advertising techniques may only promote Virginia City as a reminder of what may one day return. Promotional efforts will not encourage visitations during Phase I.

- **Recommendations for Employers**

- Essential and non-essential business –
 - Storey County deems all businesses essential to the economic vitality of our communities and to the health and welfare of our citizens. We do not find a clear difference between certain essential and non-essential businesses, except for Specific Employers and Services described below. Closing some businesses while allowing others to remain open (e.g., different type of

retail establishments) also results in the concentration of persons into the limited remaining available spaces.

- All businesses allowed to open must first develop and implement a COVID-19 Mitigation and Reopening and Return to Work Plan that includes the promoting of telecommuting, returning to work in phases, restricting use and configuration of common areas, minimizing non-essential business travel, increased sanitation and hygiene, and implementing reasonable accommodations to protect vulnerable employees and their families at home. Storey County government services will continue to be provided in accordance with these measures.
- Businesses serving the public on-site, such as retail establishments, will have total persons limited to 25% of the building's fire capacity rating.
- Like many rural Nevada communities, Virginia City is remote and is composed exclusively of small family-owned businesses. As demonstrated in the enclosed survey of local businesses, SBA loans and grants, the Payroll Protection Program, unemployment insurance, and other federal and state safety-net programs are exhausted, overwhelmed, or are otherwise inaccessible. Essential and non-essential businesses should be permitted to open or partially open in Phase I unless stated otherwise for Specific Employers and Services below. Being able to operate, even partially (e.g., curbside and delivery), may help these businesses offset enough fixed costs to survive the pandemic.
- The Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center is composed almost entirely of essential businesses which will remain operational when in conformance with CDC and other protective protocols.

- **Recommendations for Specific Employers and Services**

- Social services – Senior centers, youth programs, and social services will continue to provide curbside, online, and remote services to vulnerable seniors and youths in the county. Entry into buildings is prohibited.
- Hotels and lodging may operate when they develop a COVID-19 plan indicating reduced occupancy, increased sanitation, modified occupancy scheduling (e.g., rooms remaining vacant between guest stays), and other CDC recommendations. Ancillary hotel uses including food and beverage, pools, and other uses will be treated as specified in this plan.
- Fitness gyms – Plans must be submitted to Storey County demonstrating strict conformance to social distancing, limited occupation (25 percent fire occupancy rating), and frequent sanitation. Only then will fitness gyms be allowed to open. Storey County's only fitness gym is in Virginia City, and it has roughly 150 members. Please see enclosed Divide Fitness Gym Reopening and Return to Work Plan which demonstrates measures that will be imposed for fitness gym reopening.
- Swimming pools will remain closed during Phase I.
- Large venues (sit-down dining, movie theatres, sporting venues, places of worship) will not be allowed to operate during Phase I.
- Storey County has no hospitals, but it recommends that hospitals and healthcare facilities in the Quad-County emergency response region (Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey) operate according CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- Bars will remain closed but will be allowed to provide off-site sales. Virginia City has limited grocery and alcoholic beverage options, and access to these goods requires lengthy travel to already crowded stores in Reno, Sparks, or Carson City. Off-site sales will prevent unnecessary travel and exposure to large population centers. This service will be allowed by curbside with no patrons entering buildings.
- Brothels – Adult activities will be prohibited during Phase I. The county's only brothel also serves daily lunches and other meals to construction and factory workers at the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. The brothel will be permitted to serve curbside take-out and delivery meals, and its bar(s) will provide off-site sales similarly to other like establishments.

PHASE II

- **Recommendations for Individuals**

- Shelter in place – Vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place as described in Phase I.
- Restricted large groups – Parks, outdoor recreation, and shopping areas should maximize physical distancing from others and be limited to 50 persons where appropriate distancing may not be practical. Storey County will educate its residents, businesses, and visitors of best practices.
- Non-essential travel – This practice may resume, but advertising techniques may only promote Virginia City as a reminder of what may one day return. Advertising will not encourage visitation during Phase II.

- **Recommendations for Employers**

- Essential and non-essential businesses will be permitted to operate, except for certain Specific Employers and Services described below. Businesses allowed to open must first develop and implement a COVID-19 Mitigation and Reopening and Return to Work Plan that includes the promoting of telecommuting, returning to work in phases, restricting use and configuration of common areas, minimizing non-essential business travel, increased sanitation and hygiene, and implementing reasonable accommodations to protect vulnerable employees and their families at home.

- **Recommendations for Specific Employers and Services**

- Social services.
 - Schools, daycares, and other youth programs may reopen and operate.
 - Senior centers will continue to provide curbside, online, and remote services to vulnerable seniors and youths in the county. On-site visitations are prohibited.
 - Hospitals and healthcare facilities in the Quad-County emergency response region (Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey) will operate according CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- Hotels and lodging may operate when they develop a COVID-19 plan indicating reduced occupancy, increased sanitation, modified occupancy scheduling (e.g., rooms remaining vacant between guest stays), and other CDC recommendations. Ancillary hotel uses including food and beverage, pools, and other uses will be treated as specified in this plan.
- Large venues – Sit-down dining, movie theatres, sporting venues, and places of worship may operate under moderate physical distancing protocols and when a COVID-19 protective plan conforming to CDC guidelines.
- Fitness gyms – Plans must be submitted to Storey County demonstrating strict conformance to social distancing, limited occupation (25 percent fire occupancy rating), and frequent sanitation.
- Swimming pool plans must be submitted to Storey County demonstrating strict conformance with social distancing, limited occupation, and frequent sanitation. The Storey County pool facility may operate at 25 percent or less of normal capacity, and the pool may be “roped” into sections to cause social distancing. Storey County may contract with a cleaning service to frequently sanitize restrooms, locker rooms, and other common area of the pool.
- Hospitals and healthcare facilities in the Quad-County emergency response region (Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey) will operate according CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- Bars may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy, where applicable and appropriate.
- Brothels may be considered for partial reopening at Phase II. A comprehensive plan must be developed in conformance with Nevada State health requirements for brothels and for COVID-19. The plan will then be submitted to the county. The plan at this phase likely would feature non-contact adult activity only, and frequent sanitation of the brothel facilities. Being that Storey County’s only brothel also serves food and beverage, these components of the facility would be treated similarly to other like establishments. The Mustang Ranch brothel submitted a draft plan for reopening, and that plan is enclosed herewith. This plan may be reviewed by county, state, and qualified health officials for consideration in an approved reopening plan.

PHASE III

- **Recommendations for Individuals**
 - Vulnerable populations may resume public interactions, but they should practice physical distancing and minimize exposure to social settings where distancing cannot not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.
 - Low-risk populations should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.
- **Recommendations for Employers**
 - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites.
- **Recommendations for Specific Employers and Services**
 - Social services.
 - Schools, daycares, and other youth programs may reopen and operate.
 - Senior centers may resume normal on-site operations with substantially enhanced diligence regarding hygiene and sanitation.
 - Hospitals and healthcare facilities in the Quad-County emergency response region (Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey) will operate according CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
 - Hotels and lodging may operate if they adhere to standard sanitation protocols.
 - Large venues. Sit-down dining, movie theatres, sporting venues, and places of worship can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.
 - Fitness gyms may operate if they adhere to standard sanitation protocols.
 - Swimming pool plans must be submitted to Storey County demonstrating strict conformance with social distancing, limited occupation, and frequent sanitation. The Storey County pool facility may operate at reduced capacity. Storey County may contract with a cleaning service to frequently sanitize restrooms, locker rooms, and other common area of the pool.
 - Bars may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy, where applicable and appropriate.
 - Brothels may be permitted for full or partial reopening when a brothel reopening plan is reviewed and consistent with Nevada State health requirements for brothels and COVID-19. Like in Phase II, adult elements may be treated separately from regular food and beverage services.

Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime with questions or suggestions. We appreciate your time and consideration in this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall McBride, Chairman

Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman

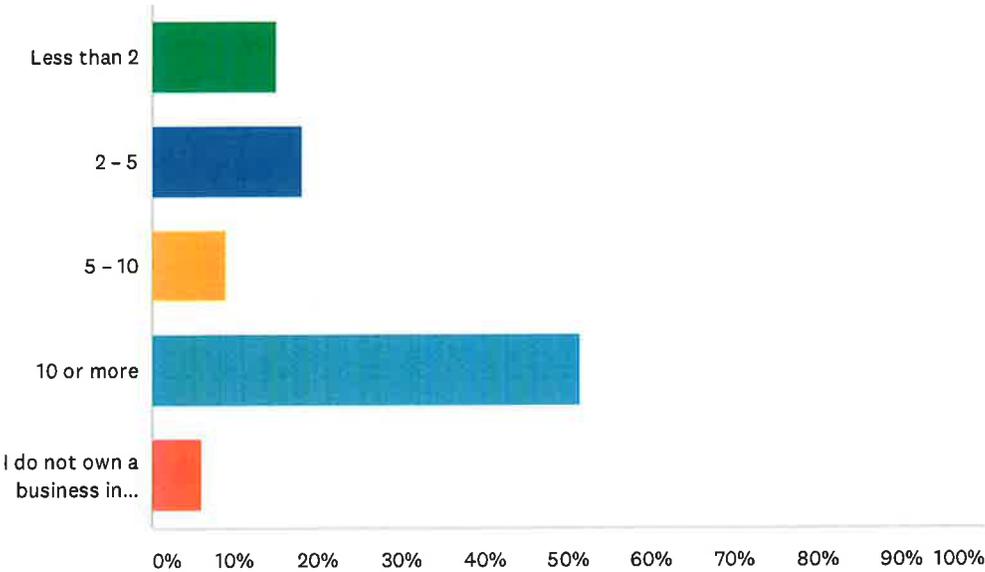
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Enc: Virginia City COVID-19 Business Community Survey
Divide Fitness Reopening and Return to Work Plan
Mustang Ranch Brothel Reopening and Return to Work Plan
Storey County letter to Governor Sisolak, April 27, 2020

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Q1 How long have you owned your business in Virginia City?

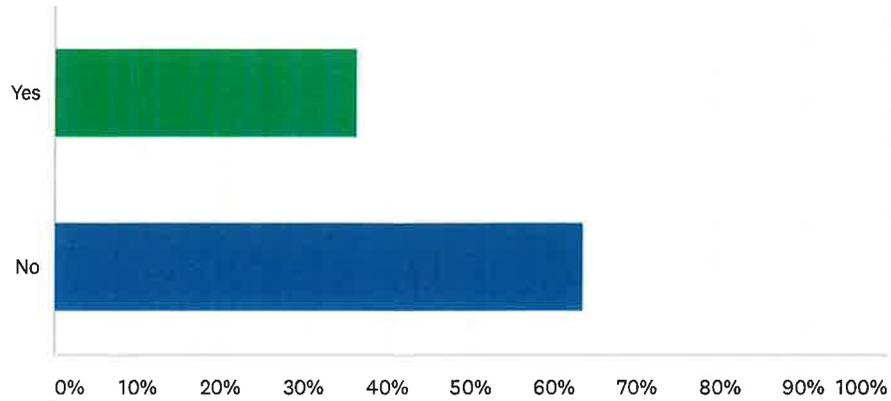
Answered: 66 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2	15.15%	10
2 - 5	18.18%	12
5 - 10	9.09%	6
10 or more	51.52%	34
I do not own a business in Virginia City or Storey County	6.06%	4
TOTAL		66

Q2 Are you still operating or offering services to customers following COVID-19 guidelines?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.36%	16
No	63.64%	28
TOTAL		44

Q3 If yes, what day did you make the switch to reduced COVID-19 operations?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 47

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Date / Time		100.00%
#	DATE / TIME	DATE
1	03/18/2020	4/26/2020 11:56 AM
2	03/14/2020	4/25/2020 6:52 PM
3	03/16/2020	4/23/2020 10:35 PM
4	03/14/2020	4/23/2020 2:02 PM
5	03/18/2020	4/23/2020 10:59 AM
6	03/13/2020	4/23/2020 1:47 AM
7	04/23/2020	4/22/2020 6:35 PM
8	03/22/2020	4/22/2020 6:19 PM
9	03/14/2020	4/22/2020 6:14 PM
10	03/27/2020	4/22/2020 2:00 PM
11	03/18/2020	4/22/2020 11:24 AM
12	03/17/2020	4/22/2020 11:14 AM
13	03/22/2020	4/22/2020 10:38 AM
14	03/18/2020	4/22/2020 10:18 AM
15	03/14/2020	4/22/2020 10:14 AM
16	03/18/2020	4/22/2020 10:13 AM
17	03/08/2020	4/22/2020 10:05 AM
18	02/27/2020	4/22/2020 9:41 AM
19	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 9:32 AM

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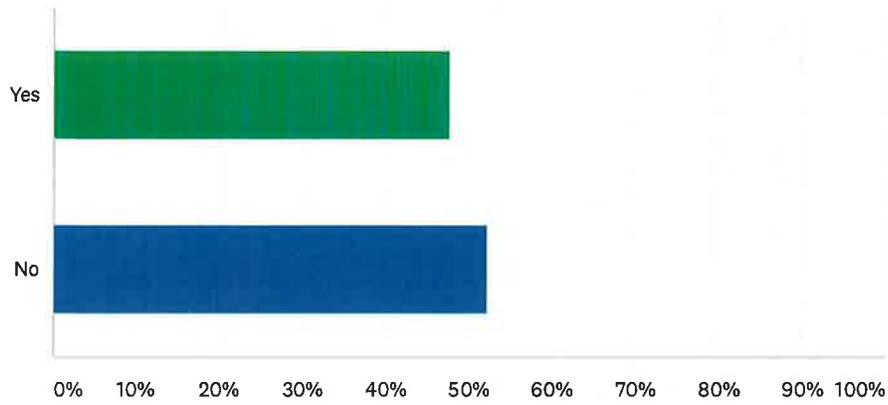
Q4 If no, what day did you close to the public?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Date / Time		100.00%
#	DATE / TIME	DATE
1	04/16/2020	4/26/2020 9:09 AM
2	03/18/2020	4/26/2020 8:29 AM
3	03/18/2020	4/24/2020 8:19 AM
4	03/19/2020	4/23/2020 6:17 PM
5	03/21/2020	4/23/2020 4:13 PM
6	03/16/2020	4/23/2020 1:17 PM
7	03/16/2020	4/23/2020 7:19 AM
8	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 11:38 PM
9	03/13/2020	4/22/2020 7:14 PM
10	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 5:00 PM
11	03/17/2020	4/22/2020 4:58 PM
12	03/15/2020	4/22/2020 3:11 PM
13	03/15/2020	4/22/2020 2:17 PM
14	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 1:05 PM
15	03/18/2020	4/22/2020 12:26 PM
16	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 11:59 AM
17	03/19/2020	4/22/2020 11:38 AM
18	03/18/2020	4/22/2020 10:40 AM
19	03/17/2020	4/22/2020 10:31 AM
20	04/10/2020	4/22/2020 10:16 AM
21	03/19/2020	4/22/2020 10:07 AM
22	03/15/2020	4/22/2020 9:56 AM
23	03/20/2020	4/22/2020 9:44 AM
24	03/16/2020	4/22/2020 9:32 AM
25	03/17/2020	4/22/2020 9:05 AM

Q5 Have you applied for any Federal emergency funds?

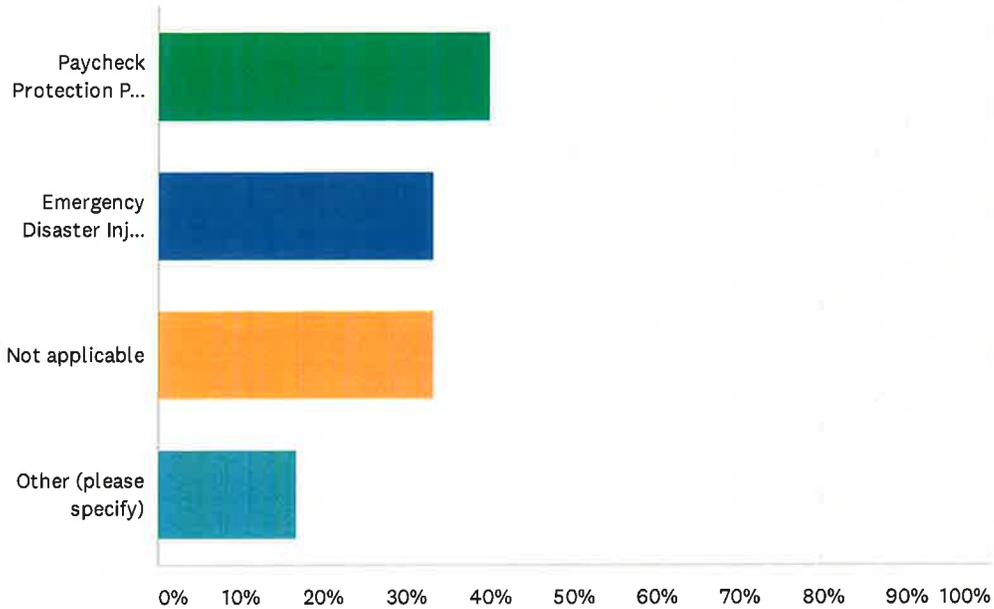
Answered: 44 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.73%	21
No	52.27%	23
TOTAL		44

Q6 If so, which programs did you apply for? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 36

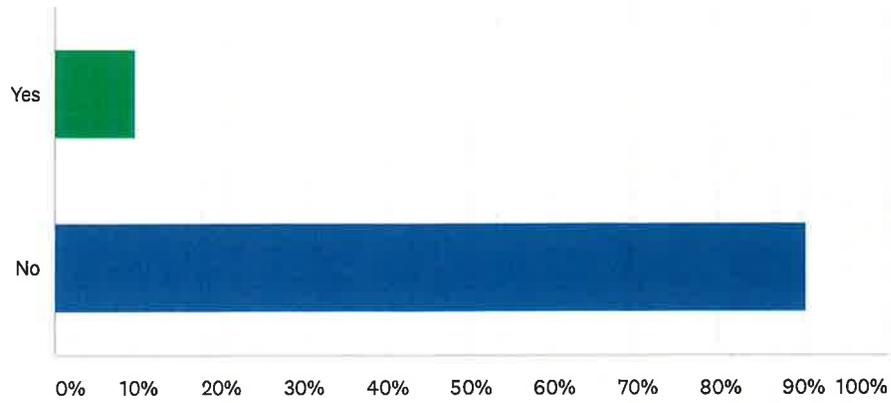


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP)	40.00%	12
Emergency Disaster Injury Loan (EIDL)	33.33%	10
Not applicable	33.33%	10
Other (please specify)	16.67%	5
Total Respondents: 30		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unemployment	4/22/2020 11:38 PM
2	Sba loan = no payment received. Unemployment filed for self employed = no payment/ can't file	4/22/2020 7:14 PM
3	CDA	4/22/2020 4:14 PM
4	sha disaster loan	4/22/2020 1:05 PM
5	SBA disaster loan	4/22/2020 10:40 AM

Q7 Were you successful in securing funding?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	9.68%	3
No	90.32%	28
TOTAL		31

Q8 If you were successful, why do you think you were successful? For instance, were there some key steps you took that you believed helped with securing the funding.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Quick application	4/26/2020 11:56 AM
2	N A	4/26/2020 8:29 AM
3	We filed our application by the March 21. Early.	4/22/2020 10:40 AM
4	I think my bank was very on top of things	4/22/2020 10:18 AM

**Q9 If you didn't secure funding, what made your experience a challenge?
List any difficulties you encountered.**

Answered: 19 Skipped: 47

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We tried links- they wouldn't load or were missing.	4/26/2020 9:09 AM
2	N A	4/26/2020 8:29 AM
3	I have a disaster loan application pending, not sure if I'll be approved but did get an application in with a confirmation number, every application was a struggle try try again is all you can do	4/24/2020 8:19 AM
4	I applied thru SBA.gov on 4/3 - still no reponse AT ALL	4/23/2020 6:17 PM
5	Money was taken by the big box companies while they are still open. Plus they ran out of money. Banks so far behind by time they called us money was gone	4/23/2020 1:17 PM
6	Figureing out how to reopen and still follow guidelines	4/23/2020 7:19 AM
7	Self employment restrictions	4/22/2020 11:38 PM
8	Web site not set up for self employed. System overload	4/22/2020 7:14 PM
9	I have no idea and the money dried up because Hugh corporations sucked up all the money	4/22/2020 5:00 PM
10	the government keeps running out of money. Also it was hard to find a bank in the beginning.	4/22/2020 4:58 PM
11	Never herd from them nothing	4/22/2020 4:14 PM
12	Government ran out of money, and banks are not helping	4/22/2020 1:05 PM
13	I was approved but then the funds were no longer available	4/22/2020 12:26 PM
14	The feds gave all the money to large corporations. The application systems were not equipped to handle the volume. The states did not allocate the money accordingly.	4/22/2020 11:24 AM
15	The application is still in progress. Funds have run out, so it is now a waiting list.	4/22/2020 10:16 AM
16	I did not apply, I a owner/operator of a photography business with no employees.	4/22/2020 10:14 AM
17	Skeptical of how this would affect my credit in the future	4/22/2020 10:13 AM
18	Systems were overwhelmed	4/22/2020 10:05 AM
19	We are just waiting.	4/22/2020 9:56 AM

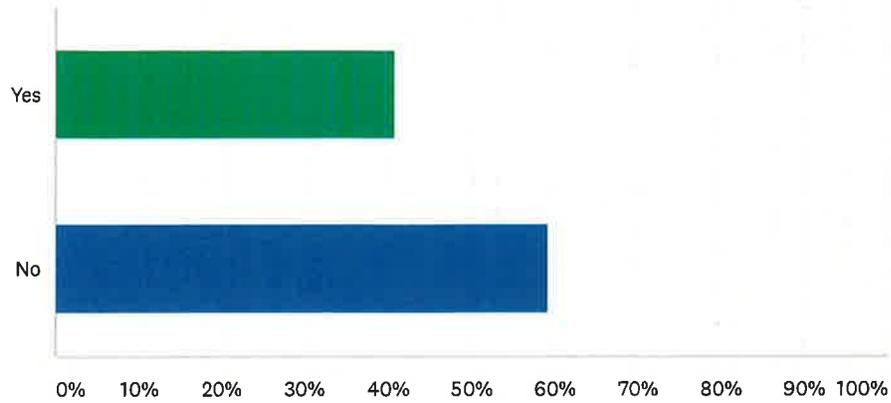
Q10 If you were to go through the process again, either in successfully securing funding or not, what kind of assistance would be helpful or not?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 47

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Having links work and getting a conformation.	4/26/2020 9:09 AM
2	Nothing about this process has helped me in anyway.	4/26/2020 8:29 AM
3	I think the county tourism maybe could have sent out info to all the small businesses in VC re where to apply for help	4/24/2020 8:19 AM
4	Having it the funds broken up by regions not allowing open business to apply until closed ones had a chance to apply.	4/23/2020 1:17 PM
5	Reimbursement for loss of supplies in order to purchase the product needed to reopens after vivid-19 mandates lift.	4/22/2020 11:38 PM
6	Having the website set up properly. And people who actually answer the phone	4/22/2020 7:14 PM
7	Internet	4/22/2020 6:35 PM
8	Just knowing which funding to apply for.	4/22/2020 6:14 PM
9	Covering overhead expenses	4/22/2020 5:00 PM
10	it was very hard to find a bank that would accept me although I bank with several of the banks that were doing the loans	4/22/2020 4:58 PM
11	Getting the money promised	4/22/2020 4:14 PM
12	If we could get a response	4/22/2020 1:05 PM
13	A list of every offer available	4/22/2020 12:26 PM
14	Assistance with utilities and rent/mortgage payments would be the most helpful so we do not slip deeper into debt with no knowledge of when it if we will be able to repay the debt.	4/22/2020 11:24 AM
15	I pay a good accountant, who helped me submit the application with in a day of the loan coming out but the funds had already gone.	4/22/2020 11:14 AM
16	None	4/22/2020 10:40 AM
17	Succinct instructions and document requirements applicable to nonprofits	4/22/2020 10:16 AM
18	Funds to cover lost wedding and event photography	4/22/2020 10:14 AM
19	Savings	4/22/2020 9:56 AM

Q11 Would you be willing to share your experiences/lessons with others?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.74%	11
No	59.26%	16
TOTAL		27

Q12 Any additional comments you'd like to add on how COVID-19 has impacted your business?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 42

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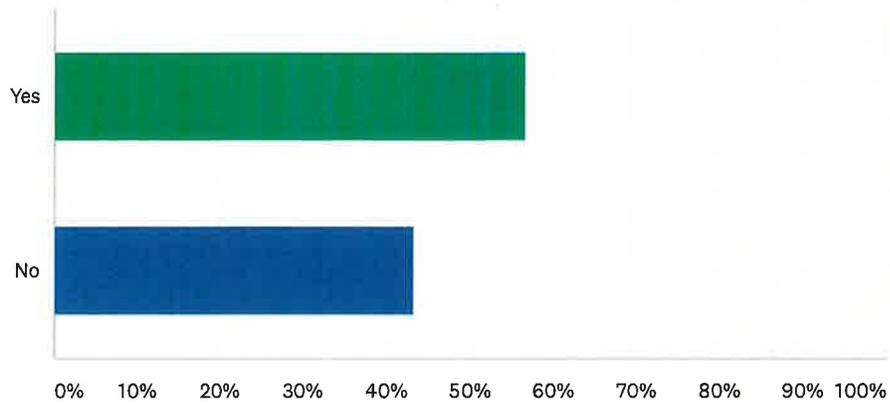
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Well our savings is being drained and were not sure how long we can or should last like this. While big box stores are able to sell non essential goods because they also carry groceries makes me feel some type of way. Starting to wonder if I should carry some groceries so we can open back up?	4/26/2020 9:09 AM
2	My bussiness is closed right now. So that means no money coming in, and I put everything I have in to it. So there is not much else to say, I am appalled by our Governer and this county for going against the constitution!	4/26/2020 8:29 AM
3	Might not he able to reopen if closed.much longer	4/23/2020 1:17 PM
4	Our market is doing good which we are thankful for. The reservations are non existent. Daily we receive cancellations. If we didn't have the market to fall back on then we would be struggling and would most likely have had to apply for some kind of financial assistance.	4/23/2020 1:47 AM
5	Small business owners have received no to very little help. Our lively hoods are comprised. And still, after approximately one month since the president signed into law for unemployment benefits for the self employed, our governor still has nothing in place	4/22/2020 7:14 PM
6	No. Stay closed	4/22/2020 6:35 PM
7	After coming off the usual slow season, it has been devastating	4/22/2020 5:00 PM
8	I have kept 2 employees on and let one go that could easily collect unemployment. I have no business.	4/22/2020 4:58 PM
9	Enjoying being in vc. It's hard not making the extra money. Hopefully we will stay in business	4/22/2020 4:14 PM
10	Chances of reopening in the next two years are slim if even	4/22/2020 3:11 PM
11	My business didn't have employees at the time so I don't qualify for assistance. I had just started my employees working again for the seson on 3/14/20, now none of us are working. As this was my first year in business I saved as much money as possible to get through the winter so I had some savings. I have now paid my rent through May 31st. If I don't open soon I will not have money to pay anymore rent but I do want to keep people safe if we are able to open again soon.	4/22/2020 2:17 PM
12	We might have to shut it down	4/22/2020 1:05 PM
13	Obviously we are down in numbers there is a huge concern about being able to put enough away for next winter. Just because businesses open back up doesn't guarantee business due to the fact of people not having spendable funds	4/22/2020 12:26 PM
14	SUCKS	4/22/2020 11:59 AM
15	I think its all bull shit	4/22/2020 11:38 AM
16	It has devastated the entire economy in Virginia city. While we can "remain open" we feel that there is not enough business to sustain even purchasing the products to do so. We do not have the luxury of closing completely because the lack of cash flow will cause more harm. Our employees cant get unemployment because the system is lagging...	4/22/2020 11:24 AM
17	Even though part of my business has remained open, the market . It has been very challenging to be able to keep product on the shelves . The market is just a very small portion of income to my business. I have lost thousand of dollars that I have had to refund for all the reservations that have cancelled. People who live here and work in town that are no longer working unable to pay their rent. Still you have to let them live here and pay all the utility bills. The list goes on.	4/22/2020 11:14 AM
18	Not happy to get a 30 loan for an issue that we have no control over.	4/22/2020 10:40 AM
19	Our business is supported by the Nevada tourism industry which is mostly closed at present and not spending except for bare survival.	4/22/2020 10:38 AM
20	We have been in business for over 30 years and have seen many ups and downs. But this tops them all. I was told by my bank that I did not qualify for any funding because my employees were collecting unemployment and I receive Social Security. But that only covers so much.	4/22/2020 10:31 AM
21	I'm a life event photographer which has come to a complete stop with the virus. I plan to continue working once the stop order is removed.	4/22/2020 10:14 AM

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22	I own a gym and have lost members who can no longer afford this expense due to losing their jobs	4/22/2020 10:13 AM
23	Co.plete devastation	4/22/2020 9:56 AM
24	No income, but feel safety is the first priority, then business.	4/22/2020 9:05 AM

Q13 Would you be interested in attending at weekly virtual Zoom call with county officials to discuss your concerns?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.76%	21
No	43.24%	16
TOTAL		37

Enclosure: Divide Fitness Reopening and Return to Work Plan (Storey County)



800 South C Street
Virginia City, NV 89440

Reopening and Return to Work Plan

Honorable Governor Sisolak and Board of Storey County Commissioners,

Divide Fitness is a small private 24-hour club for the residents of Virginia City. The facility can only be accessed by members via key fob (current membership = 158). Before we had to close down for the virus, our average visits per day was 18.

Please take in to consideration the following procedures and spacing we can easily accommodate to allow our members to use the facility beginning May 4th.

As part of our normal rules, members have always been required to wipe off the equipment they use with sanitizer. There are over 20 bottles placed conveniently around the facility. The towels that are used are professionally laundered by ALSCO. Members have 5 sinks available to wash their hands with supplied soap and water. Two showers are also available if anyone prefers to shower before returning home to their family.

Below is a specific layout that could be followed to ensure more than enough "social distance":

- 600 sq ft Classroom (spin bikes, steps, free weights, jump rope, bands, weighted balls, Bosu balls, weighted bars)
- 300 sq ft Cardio area (Ellipticals, row machine and recumbent bikes)
- 300 sq ft Cardio area (Treadmills and standard bicycle)
- 400 sq ft Selectorized machines (8 different strength training machines for leg, arm and abdominal training)
- 700 sq ft Free Weight area (free weights, squat racks, benches and functional training unit)
- 500 sq ft Hammer Strength area (9 plate loaded strength training machines and a tread climber)

We respectfully ask for permission to allow 6 members in at a time, one in each area. If necessary, we are preparing a schedule in which members will have to specify the time and area they wish to use.

Divide Fitness does not have any employees, just the 2 owners who will be cleaning the facility throughout the day and monitoring the members.

Classroom of 600 Square Feet



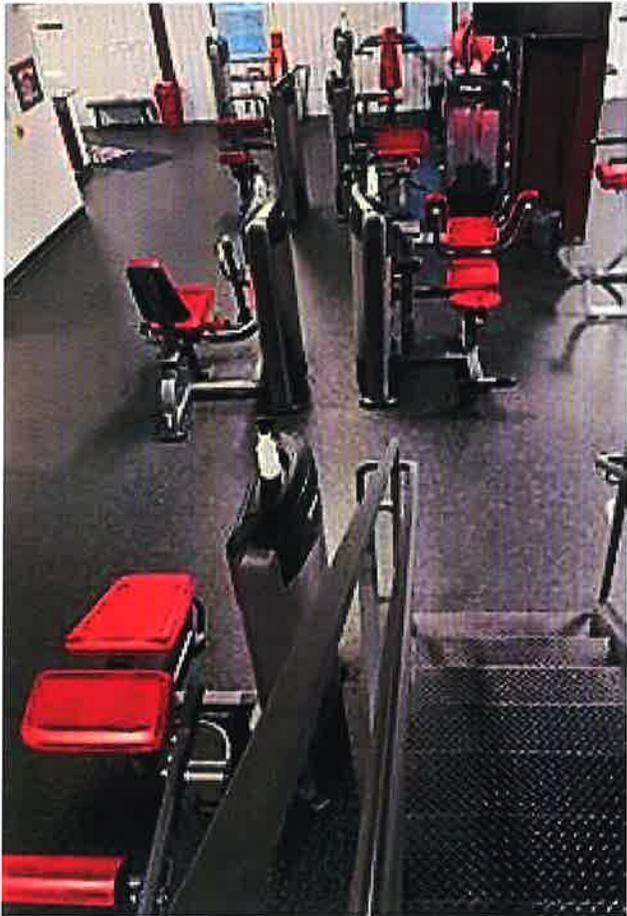
Cardio Area #1 of 300 Square Feet



Cardio Area #2 of 300 Square Feet



Selectorized Machine Area of 400 Square Feet



Free Weight Area of 700 Square Feet



Hammer Strength Machine Area of 500 Square Feet





Thank you for your consideration,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Austin Osborne, County Manager
FROM: Donny Gilman
DATE: May 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Request for a Phase I or Phase II Reopening of the Mustang

Austin,

The purpose of this memo is to provide our recommended protocols for a limited reopening of the Mustang Ranch during Phase I or II of the COVID 19 conditions.

Please take special note that these procedures have been approved by a Nurse Practitioner as Clinical Site Coordinator. And the temperature screening protocol we propose was specifically reviewed and approved by Nevada OSHA just prior to the shut-down.

BOTTOM LINE

We request approval on reopening the Mustang Ranch on a limited basis during Phase I or II which would allow the Mustang to operate as a “no physical contact” lineup house. In this industry, much, if not the majority, of the courtesan – customer interaction does not involve physical contact even during normal business operations.

IMPORTANCE

As you know, over 200 employees and independent contractors rely on the Mustang for their paycheck. While this initial opening would not get the Mustang back to full operations, we believe we could get at least paychecks going to 125-150 of our workers. This would mean everything in their lives and that of their family.

PROPOSED PROTOCOLS

What follows is a basic summary and list of highlights of our plan. If you would like more details on any item, please feel free to let me know.

1. **Screening.** All people entering the property would be screened daily using the following procedures:
 - a. Security guards are already trained to use a Braun Forehead Thermometer. The operating instructions for this device require the device to be used by touching the forehead.
 - b. The security guards wear medical gloves at all times. These gloves were from A-1 Chemical and were powder free examination nitrile gloves.

- c. After each use of the device, the security guards diligently wipe down the device using Members Mark Sterile Alcohol Wipes, which are then discarded.
- d. The security guards would do a visual check on each person and then inquire whether that person or any member of their immediate family has experienced any of the common symptoms of COVID-19, and whether they have travelled outside of Nevada in the last two weeks.
- e. Logs would be maintained documenting the screening.
- f. Employees. Employees would be screened at the guard gate each and every time they enter the property.
- g. Independent Contractors. IC's would be screened once per day before they start work.
- h. Customers. Customers would be screened at the guard gate each and every time they enter the property.

2. **Conducting business operations on a very limited basis.**

- a. After passing the screening tests at the guard gate, customers would be directed to the parking lot at the brothel door, where they would stage in the cars.
- b. The customers would be directed into the parlor, one at a time.
- c. A lineup would take place and the customer and IC would go to a negotiation room. Only one customer at a time would be allowed to do a lineup and a negotiation at a time.
- d. Upon agreement to terms, the customer would go to the side, secluded window to process their payment.
- e. The customer and IC would then proceed directly to the IC's rented room.
- f. There would be no physical contact between customer and IC.
- g. The IC and/or customer would be allowed to do a take out order from the kitchen or the bar and take that to the rented room. All items would be packaged with disposable flatware, silverware, and containers.
- h. All employees and ICs would wear masks and gloves at all times, changed at regular intervals. Customers would be provided with masks after passing the screening tests and they would be required to maintain their mask in proper position at all times.
- i. The bar area would remain closed to all customers.

3. **Sanitizing.**

- a. The Mustang uses disinfectant approved by the EPA for COVID-19 purposes.
- b. All surfaces the customer comes in contact with in the parlor and the cashier window would be wiped down after each use.
- c. All surfaces in the IC's room would be wiped down after each customer leaves.
- d. All linens and towels would be removed and new, clean linens and towels would be installed.

- e. Carpets and flooring would be sanitized daily.
 - f. We already have a practice of using bio-hazard waste containers by special arrangement with Rynocare Medical Waste Disposal.
4. **Containment.** In the event anyone already on property starts exhibiting symptoms, or fails a temperature check, the following procedures would be employed:
- a. The person would be immediately segregated from others and restricted to a specific area pre-approved by our medical consultant while they gather their personal items.
 - b. The person would be removed from the premises as fast as possible.
 - c. All the areas where that person travelled would be heavily sanitized.
 - d. The person would not be clear to return until they are symptom free for the 3 full days.

ADDITIONAL FACTOR

Please bear in mind that Mustang is a business that already operates at the highest standards for hygiene and safety. Basically, everything this business does even in normal times are approved and monitored by the Nevada Health regulators. All those normal protocols, and weekly testing, and standard hygiene protocols will be observed closely. Preventing transmission of infectious diseases is already a very high priority and we have the highest standards in this regard. In that sense, this is nothing new for us and I believe our track record gives us 100% credibility on this topic.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT PHASE

Obviously, this limited reopening is only a stopgap measure to at least get some income going into the pockets of our ICs and employees. This is not sustainable for an extended period of time for either the ICs or the business itself. Therefore, we ask you to please keep us in your thoughts for a broad reopening in the not-to-distant future during Phase I or Phase II, and as soon as possible.

Thanks for all your consideration, and thanks for your great leadership of our County.

Donny Gilman



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April 27, 2020

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Re: Plan for Limited and Restricted Reopening of Virginia City Commercial Business

Governor Sisolak:

I appreciate your leadership and prompt response to the COVID-19 emergency. Your directives to protect our health and safety are highly appreciated. This letter, with respect, outlines a developing plan by Storey County to reopen business in Virginia City in a safe, phased, and restrictive manner that conforms to COVID-19 guidelines of the CDC and your office. I request you to consider the merits of the draft plan in your decisions about reopening the business community across rural areas of the state. Please note that this draft plan has not yet been approved by the Storey County Commissioners.

This letter is not intended to argue for a return to normalcy or for full economic recovery anytime soon. Rather, I request you to consider expediting partial reopening – even under stringent conditions – of non-essential businesses so that they may safely generate enough revenue to survive this emergency.

Storey County and its agency partners are developing a phased reopening plan for Virginia City business under a highly restrictive framework. The plan will include the following.

- **Phased Opening** – There should be similar treatment between grocery and hardware stores, and all other retail establishments. The plan will consider how “non-essential” retail establishments like giftshops in Virginia City may open under similar restrictions already in place for essential retail establishments.
- **Restaurants** – Food and beverage establishments will continue to provide take-out and curbside service. On-site consumption may be considered in outdoor areas or indoors at half or less capacity with distancing.
- **High-Risk Businesses** – Reopening certain businesses identified in Directive 003 as especially high-risk for COVID-19 may be considered in the latter stages of recovery, and under protective measures exceeding those of other businesses.
- **Hygiene** – Prior to Directive 003, Storey County installed handwashing and hand sanitizing stations throughout Virginia City’s commercial district and in all government facilities. These stations remain in-place today and will continue to be maintained for use by the public throughout the COVID-19 season. The county also maintains public restrooms in the commercial district which are sanitized twice per day. Adding portable restrooms in the commercial core in order to reduce loads on existing facilities is being considered.
- **Education** – Public outreach regarding COVID-19 cases and Quad-County EOC efforts will continue through social media, web services, virtual town halls, and other methods.
- **Compliance** – Enforcement of occupancy restrictions, social distancing, enhanced hygiene, use of face masks and PPE, and other best practices will persist ranging from friendly visits to license suspensions and other penalties per local code.
- **Essential Businesses** – Essential businesses will continue to operate under existing COVID-19 protective guidelines. These businesses will be monitored to ensure that they are operating safely.

A comprehensive plan will be completed shortly, and a copy will be immediately furnished to your office for consideration or for follow-up discussion. The draft plan is in response to the business community affected by ongoing economic constraints that were set to expire mid-April and for which there is currently no known end.

Virginia City, like many rural Nevada communities, is remote and is composed exclusively of small businesses. As demonstrated in the enclosed survey of local businesses, SBA loans and grants, the Payroll Protection Program, unemployment insurance, and other federal and state safety-net programs are exhausted, overwhelmed, or are otherwise inaccessible.

Several businesses in Virginia City (roughly five) have been able to partially operate within Directive 003 guidelines. Those business are reportedly turning little to no profit; however, the limited income they generate may offset enough fixed costs – mortgages, utilities, insurance, etc. – to endure the emergency. Many of these businesses double as the sole residences of their proprietors and families, as they did a century ago. Loss of business for these families also means the loss of their home.

Storey County is unified with the Quad-County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including Carson City, Lyon, Douglas, and Storey counties, and the Carson City Health District. Storey County and the EOC are monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 situation and are communicating with the public daily. COVID-19 testing centers will be operational next week, and your office will be furnished results quickly.

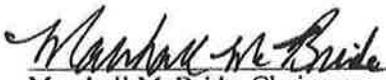
Storey County and Virginia City, like many rural communities in Nevada, are grateful to have zero cases of COVID-19. Sparse population, conformance with preventative measures, and effective regional emergency management efforts are likely contributing factors.

Prior to Directive 003, Storey County had already canceled special events, installed outdoor hand-washing stations in commercial areas, encouraged social distancing, imposed occupancy limitations, initiated protective measures and acquisition of PPE, and launched a countywide education and outreach campaign about COVID-19. The draft plan outline above, subject to board approval, illustrates the county's draft plan to help business recover while protecting the health and safety of our community.

Thank you for taking your time to review this letter and for considering expedited reopening of certain businesses when proper protective plans and restrictions are implemented and effectively managed.

I appreciate your time reviewing this letter and welcome an opportunity to address any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,


Marshall McBride, Chairman
Storey County Commission

Enc: Virginia City COVID-19 Business Community Survey

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