



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Health

Meeting Date: June 17, 2021

Staff Contact: Nicki Aaker, naaker@carson.org

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed acceptance of the report of the Carson City Health and Human Services Department ("CCHHS") Director, Nicki Aaker. (Nicki Aaker, naaker@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The CCHHS Director's report will provide: (1) an update on previously discussed 2021 legislation; (2) a legislative update on bills that passed which are affecting public health and CCHHS priorities; (3) youth vaping statistics, funding and a prevention video; (4) the 2020 Environmental Health Food Establishment report; (5) an update on re-accreditation efforts; (6) an update on COVID-19 matters; and (7) a calendar of events that may be of interest to the Board of Health and members of the public.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion

Time Requested: 20 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to accept the Director's report (with the feedback and direction given by the Board as stated on the record, if any).

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

Updates have been provided on an ongoing basis, as follows: to the Board of Health and the Board of Supervisors, updates regarding COVID-19 activities; to the Board of Health, updates regarding re-accreditation efforts, a calendar of events and, during the legislative session, ongoing public health legislative updates.

Background/Issues & Analysis

N/A

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Modify the report.

Attachments:

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

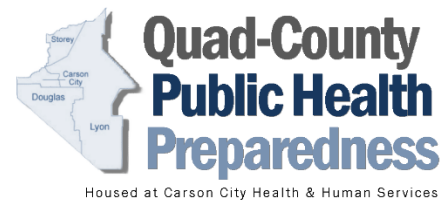
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Carson City Board of Health

Carson City Health and Human Services
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Public Health Legislative Update of Legislation Previously Discussed

- ▶ AB59 – Approved by the Governor
- ▶ SB44 – Passed
- ▶ SB56 – No Action
- ▶ SB69 – Passed
- ▶ SB70 – Passed
- ▶ SB97 – No Action
- ▶ SCR 5 – Delivered to Secretary of State
- ▶ SCR 6 – No Action

TOBACCO 21

WHAT IS TOBACCO 21

It is the raising of minimum age for sale of tobacco products to **21 years**. Making it illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco products such as cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, hookah tobacco, cigars, pipe tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems including e-cigarettes and e-liquids to anyone under 21.

THE LAW OF THE LAND

Federal Tobacco 21 legislation was enacted on **Dec. 20, 2019**. If states do not meet a specific retailer violation rate, they eventually **risk losing** a portion of their federal substance abuse block grant funding.

- As of **May 27, 2021**, Nevada is enforcing Tobacco 21 with associated penalties.
- 31 states have not yet enacted Tobacco 21 at the state level.

Key Benefits

- Prevent initiation of tobacco products among youth and young adults
- Prevent youth and young adults from access/purchasing
- Helps keep tobacco products outside schools
- Simplifies ID checks for retailers

Best Practice

- Licensing fees
- Retailer education
- **Mandatory compliance checks**
- **Penalties**, including suspension or revocation of license

Critical Policy Elements

- Evidence based
- Comprehensive definitions
- Understandable language
- **Compliance and Enforcement**
- Equitable

Sources



AB59

What is AB59 Changing?

Sections 1,2, and 8

Increasing the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products.
Prohibiting a person from selling, distributing or offering to sell cigarettes, cigarette paper or other forms of tobacco products to a person under 21 years of age.

Section 2 and 6

Distributing cigarettes, cigarette paper or other tobacco products to a person under 21 years of age through a telephonic, computer or electronic network punishable by certain administrative, civil or criminal penalties.

Requiring sellers to use an independent, third-party age verification system to establish the age of a customer for each sale. Existing law defines the term "delivery sale" for the purposes of regulating such sales. (NRS 202.24935, NRS 370.0285)

Section 3

Revises the provisions governing the random, unannounced inspection of locations that sell tobacco products because of the increase in the minimum legal sales age to 21. Requires an inspection of each location to be conducted at least once every 3 years. (NRS 202.2496, NRS 202.2493, and NRS 202.24.96)

Section 4

Revises the term to include the sale of cigarette paper and other tobacco products.

Section 10

All sections excluding section 4 are effective as of May 27, 2021.
Section 4 effective July 1, 2021.

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Bills Effecting Public Health – Passed

Access to Care

- AB35 – Revises provisions governing certain programs to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care.
- AB191 – Requires the State Plan for Medicaid to include coverage for the services of a community health worker under certain circumstances.
- SB146 – Revises provisions relating to mental health services for children.
- SB233 – Makes an appropriation relating to health services in underserved areas.
- SB318 – Makes various changes relating to improving access to governmental services for persons with limited English proficiency.
- SB341 – Revises provisions relating to health care. (Bill requires DPBH and DHHS to apply for grants to reduce disparities in health care and behavioral health.
- SB420 – Revises provisions relating to health insurance. (public option)

Affordable Housing

- SB12 – Requires certain notices before the termination, expiration or ending of a restriction relating to the affordability of certain housing.
- SB284 – Revises provisions relating to transferable tax credits for affordable housing.
- SB311 – Revises provisions relating to rural housing.

Behavioral Health

- AB181 – Revises provisions relating to mental health.
- SB156 – Revises provisions relating to crisis stabilization centers.
- SB390 – Provides for the establishment of a statewide suicide prevention and mental health crisis.

Bills Effecting Public Health – Passed

Data Collection

- ▶ SB40 – Provides for the collection of certain data relating to health care.

Health Department Services

- ▶ AB192 – Revises provisions governing the testing of pregnant women for certain sexually transmitted infections.
- ▶ SB114 – Authorizes food that contains certain components of hemp to be produced or sold at a certain food establishment under certain circumstances.
- ▶ SB190 – Provides for the dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.
- ▶ SB211 – Establishes requirements relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases.
- ▶ SB275 – Revises provisions relating to communicable diseases.
- ▶ SB325 – Establishes provisions relating to preventing the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus.

Homelessness

- ▶ AB197 – Revises provisions relating to persons experiencing homelessness.

Public Health (General)

- ▶ AB118 – Revises provisions relating to the transportation of children in motor vehicles.
- ▶ AB119 – Revises provisions relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.
- ▶ SB424 – Creates the Public Health Resource Office.

Youth Vaping Statistics

- ▶ Youth Vaping is a problem.
- ▶ Funding (SB263) has been reinstated.
- ▶ Current statistics were presented to Governor's Office in effort to reinstate the funding.

Youth Vaping Statistics Cont.

YOUTH VAPING EPIDEMIC FUNDING PROPOSAL



One in every five (22.5%) Nevada teens currently use electronic vapor products.

43.5% of Nevada high school students having tried electronic vapor products.



50%
increase

In just two years, Nevada saw a **50% increase** in teens reporting they had used electronic vapor products within the last 30 days.

In addition, **7.5% of our high school students** have reported trying electronic vapor products **before the age of 13**.



Use of e-cigarettes by youth **damages their lungs**, leads to addiction, can slow brain development, and has been shown to make them more likely to use combustible cigarettes.

Research has found that teens and young adults who use e-cigarettes were **five to seven times more likely to be infected with COVID-19** than those who did not use e-cigarettes.



The tobacco industry spends an estimated **\$70 million dollars marketing in Nevada** each year. Historically, Nevada has spent less than \$1 million in tobacco prevention efforts each year, and more recently just close to \$3.5 million (with SB263).

Youth Vaping Statistics Cont.

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS YOUTH VAPING

Statewide partners (Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership, and Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition) propose the following strategies for the 2022-2023 biennium:



Partnerships with tobacco retailers to provide training, support, and signage to educate retailers and staff on compliance with minimum age of tobacco sales; 300+ visits, 1,000+ point of sale signs provided.



Statewide campaign developed to decrease youth initiation and use of vapor products reaching more than 1 million engagements with teens on social media.



Engage and train 500+ teens statewide to become youth advocates amongst their peers.



Distribute educational materials to middle and high schools across Nevada.

Conduct 50+ counter marketing and outreach teen focused events at venues like schools and community events.



Promote the Nevada Tobacco Quitline teen specific cessation program called My Life, My Quit.



Youth Vaping Prevention Video

<https://gethealthycarsoncity.org/vapefree/>

Re-accreditation Efforts Update

- ❖ Measures Finalized
- ❖ Measures in Progress
- ❖ Measures with No Progress



Disease Control and Prevention Environmental Health Program Food Establishments–Carson City–2020

Inspections

In December 2020 Carson City had 435 permitted food establishments.

During the calendar year of 2020 the Environmental Health program conducted 579 routine inspections of permitted food establishments for compliance of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 446 and Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) Chapter 9. Staff also conducted 29 scored follow-up inspections. These types of inspections would be done when a critical violation was not corrected during the routine inspection.

Violations

Of the 608 scored compliance inspections, there were 634 violations noted. Of those, 195 were critical and 439 were non-critical. Critical violations are ones that would more likely lead to foodborne illness.

Below is a breakdown of the types and frequency of critical violations:

Violation	Number
Hands Clean and Properly Washed	5
Avoidance of Bare Hand Contact With Ready-To-Eat Foods	13
Adequate Handwash Facilities Supplied and Accessible	8
Approved Source	1
Food in Good Condition, Safe, and Unadulterated	20
Proper Storage of Raw Animal Foods (Meats/Eggs)	16
Food Protection From Environmental Contamination	2
Food Contact Surfaces Cleaned and Sanitized	46
Proper Cooking Times And Temperatures	1
Proper Cold Holding Temperatures (PHF)	45
Proper Hot Holding Temperatures (PHF)	10
Proper Cooling Times And Temperatures	13
Proper Use of Time As A Public Health Control	5
Specialized Processes. Compliance with HACCP / Variance	1
Vermin and Animals	7
Food Additives; Approved, Declared, and Properly Used	1
Toxic Substances Properly Identified, Stored, and Used	1
Total	195



Disease Control and Prevention Environmental Health Program

Complaints

In 2020 the Environmental Health program received 15 complaints against food establishments. Of those 15 complaints, 5 (33%) were confirmed, 10 (66%) were unconfirmed and one (1) an official notice was issued.

Here are the top four types of complaints received about food establishments:

Description	Number	Confirmed	Not Confirmed	Notice Issued
IMPROPER FOOD HANDLING	1	0	1	0
RE-SERVICE OF FOOD	1	0	1	0
FOOD BORNE ILLNESS	1	0	1	0
DIRTY DINING ROOM	1	0	1	0
PERMIT - NONE / EXPIRED	1	1	0	1
Staff not wearing mask	8	4	4	0
Establishment not maintaining Social Distancing	2	0	2	0

Summary

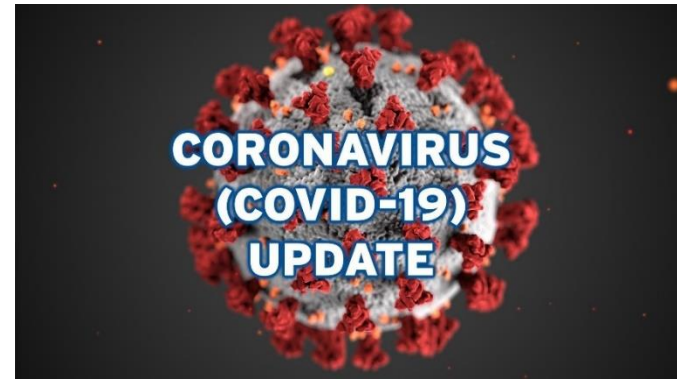
In 2020 Environmental Health staff devoted 40% of their time in the food program conducting compliance and enforcement activities related to NAC 446 and CCMC 9.

Trends

In 2020 we saw a 9% decrease in the number of overall routine compliance inspections compared to 2019. Also, we saw a decrease from 2019 (65% vs. 40%) in the amount of time staff allocated to the food program, due to the COVID response.

COVID-19 Update

- ▶ Avg. Number of Tests /Day per 100,000
(14 avg. with 7-day lag)
- ▶ Case Rate per 100,000
(last 30 days)
- ▶ Positivity Rate
(14-day with 7-day lag)
- ▶ CTRMC Hospitalizations
- ▶ Vaccination Efforts



Calendar of Events

- ▶ **Affordable Housing/Transitional Housing – 1st Wednesday of each month (if interested, contact Mary Jane Ostrander – 887-2110)**
- ▶ **Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm (if interested, contact Mary Jane Ostrander – 887-2110)**
- ▶ **Carson City Board of Health Resource Stewardship Advisory Group: TBD**
- ▶ **State of Nevada Board of Health – 9/3/21, and 12/3/21**
- ▶ **Northern Nevada Behavioral Health Policy Board (if interested, please contact Nicki Aaker)**
- ▶ **National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Conference – Virtual; August 2-3, 2021; Early Bird discount ends 6/30/21 (if interested, contact Nicki Aaker – 887-2190)**
- ▶ **NALBOH Annual Conference Webinar Series Available**

Questions

