

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

County Board of Health and County Health Officer

NRS 439.280 County board of health: Composition; officers; service without additional compensation.

1. Each county shall establish a county board of health to consist of the board of county commissioners, the sheriff and the county health officer.

2. The county health officer shall act as chair of the county board of health, and the county clerk shall be the clerk of the board.

3. All of the officers shall serve without additional compensation.

[27:199:1911; added [1919, 221](#); A [1947, 471](#); 1943 NCL § 5261]

NRS 439.290 County health officer: Appointment; qualifications; term.

1. On or before January 1 next following each general election, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a county health officer for the county.

2. The county health officer must be appointed on the basis of his or her graduate education in public health, training, experience and interest in public health and related programs.

3. The term of office of the county health officer is 2 years or until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

[Part 6:199:1911; A [1913, 126](#); [1919, 221](#); 1919 RL § 2957; NCL § 5240]—(NRS A [1981, 603](#))

NRS 439.300 County health officer: Compensation. For performing the duties prescribed by law, the county health officer shall receive such compensation as is fixed by the board of county commissioners, which compensation shall not be less than \$25 per month. The board of county commissioners is directed to allow a claim for \$25 per month or for such greater sum as the board may deem proper for the work performed.

[Part 6:199:1911; A [1913, 126](#); [1919, 221](#); 1919 RL § 2957; NCL § 5240]

NRS 439.310 County health officer: Vacancy; appointment by Chief Medical Officer. In the case of refusal or neglect of any board of county commissioners to appoint a county health officer for 30 days after January 1 next following any general election, or if a vacancy shall exist in the office of county health officer for a period exceeding 30 days, the Chief Medical Officer may make such appointment for the county for that term and fix the compensation; and a county health officer so appointed shall have the same duties, power and authority as though appointed by the board of county commissioners.

[Part 6:199:1911; A [1913, 126](#); [1919, 221](#); 1919 RL § 2957; NCL § 5240]—(NRS A [1963, 941](#))

NRS 439.320 County health officer: Executive officer of county board of health; may be county physician. The county health officer is the executive officer of the county board of health and, if licensed to practice medicine in this State, may be county physician.

[Part 6:199:1911; A [1913, 126](#); [1919, 221](#); 1919 RL § 2957; NCL § 5240]—(NRS A [1981, 603](#))

NRS 439.330 Deputy county health officer: Appointment; compensation; duties.

1. With the approval of the board of county commissioners, the county health officer is empowered to appoint such deputies as may be necessary.

2. Deputies shall receive such compensation as is fixed by the board of county commissioners.

3. Not later than the 5th day of each month, deputy health officers shall file monthly reports with the county health officer. The reports shall be compiled by the county health officer and forwarded to the Division not later than the 10th day of each month.

[Part 6:199:1911; A [1913.126](#); [1919.221](#); 1919 RL § 2957; NCL § 5240]—(NRS A [1963.941](#))

NRS 439.340 County board of health: Supervision by Division; reports. The county board of health shall be subject to the supervision of the Division, and shall make such reports to the Division as the State Board of Health may require.

[Part 28:199:1911; added [1919.221](#); 1919 RL p. 2891; NCL § 5262]—(NRS A [1963.941](#); [2013.3039](#))

NRS 439.350 County board of health: Duties. The county board of health shall:

1. Oversee all sanitary conditions of the county in which the board is created.
2. Adopt such regulations as may be necessary for the prevention, suppression and control of any contagious or infectious disease dangerous to the public health, which regulations take effect immediately upon approval by the State Board of Health.
3. File a copy of all of its adopted regulations with the county clerk.

[Part 28:199:1911; added [1919.221](#); 1919 RL p. 2891; NCL § 5262]—(NRS A [1983.1130](#))

NRS 439.360 County board of health: Powers; requirements for order for isolation, quarantine or treatment.

1. The county board of health may:
 - (a) Abate nuisances in accordance with law.
 - (b) Establish and maintain an isolation hospital or quarantine station when necessary for the isolation or quarantine of a person or a group of persons.
 - (c) Isolate any person or group of persons with a communicable disease that is in an infectious state and poses a risk to the public health.
 - (d) Quarantine any person or group of persons who has been exposed to any communicable disease that is in an infectious state and poses a risk to the public health.
 - (e) Treat any person or group of persons with a communicable disease that is in an infectious state and poses a risk to the public health or who has been exposed to such a communicable disease.
 - (f) Monitor and treat any person or group of persons with a communicable disease that poses a risk to the public health if there is a risk that the communicable disease will develop into:
 - (1) A progressed state that endangers the health of the person or persons; or
 - (2) An infectious state.
 - (g) Appoint quarantine officers when necessary to enforce a quarantine.
 - (h) Subject to the prior review and approval of the board of county commissioners and except as otherwise provided in [NRS 576.128](#), adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to be collected for issuing or renewing any health permit or license required to be obtained from the board pursuant to a law of this state or an ordinance adopted by any political subdivision of this state. Such fees must be for the sole purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of the procedures for issuing licenses and permits, and investigations related thereto, and not for the purposes of general revenue.

2. Any order to isolate, quarantine or treat a person or group of persons issued pursuant to subsection 1 must state the reasons that each of the actions prescribed by the order are the least restrictive means available to prevent, suppress or control the communicable disease. If a county board of health

issues an order to isolate, quarantine or treat a person pursuant to subsection 1, the county board of health must:

(a) Isolate, quarantine or treat the person in the manner set forth in [NRS 441A.505](#) to [441A.720](#), inclusive.

(b) Provide whatever medicines, disinfectants and provisions may be required and arrange for the payment of all debts or charges so incurred from any funds available, but each patient shall, if the patient is able, pay for his or her food, medicine, clothes and medical attendance.

3. As used in this section, “communicable disease” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 441A.040](#).

[Part 28:199:1911; added [1919, 221](#); 1919 RL p. 2891; NCL § 5262]—(NRS A [1973, 1137; 1997, 1616, 3173; 1999, 649; 2003, 2195; 2021, 3181](#))