



YOU'LL BE PLAYING AS:

**NEVADA
GOVERNOR**

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Read all about your character's background and goals for this scenario.

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CDC RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

Find out what the experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that states and employers do in the face of a pandemic.

ROLE REFLECTION EXERCISE

Use these prompts to help you get into character before you play *Lives in Balance*.

BASIC TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING SOFTWARE

Look here for help if you're playing *Lives in Balance* virtually and have some trouble with your video conferencing platform.

WELCOME TO LIVES IN BALANCE

The members of the **Southwest States Coalition** are meeting today. They want to work together on their responses to the pandemic. They will look over each state's plan to "re-open" its economy.

The Coalition includes the governors from **Arizona, New Mexico, California, and Nevada**. Also joining is the **U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce**, who will share financial information to help the states decide. The **Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** will be at the meeting, too. This federal official will share the latest pandemic health information.

The Nevada and Arizona governors will be presenting their "**Bubble Plans**." These plans explain how the states will "re-open" their economies through professional sports events. Today's goal: Each Coalition member will vote to approve or deny "the Bubble Plans."

In **Arizona**, Major League Baseball (MLB) will start its season under their proposed Bubble Plan:

- Players, teams, and personnel will stay in socially distanced hotel rooms.
- All team and stadium personnel will have temperature checks each day.
- All team and stadium personnel will have weekly virus testing.
- Food will come only from the restaurant(s) at the hotels, with rapid testing of workers.
- Teams will be allowed to be face-to-face only in the hotel restaurant and lobby.
- Private shuttles will transport teams to and from the hotel and stadium.
- Shuttles will be cleaned each day before taking the teams to the stadium.
- There will be **no fans**.

In **Nevada**, the National Football League (NFL) will start its season under their proposed Bubble Plan:

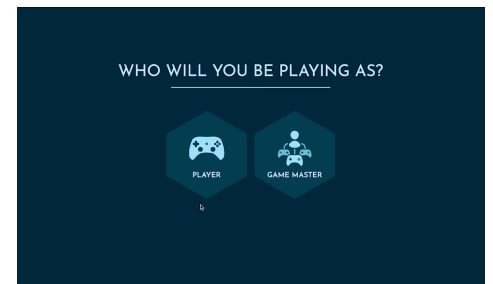
- Players, teams, and personnel will stay in socially distanced hotel rooms.
- There will be one team per hotel.
- All team and stadium personnel will have weekly virus testing.
- All team and stadium personnel will have temperature checks twice a day.
- Players and staff will be allowed to be face-to-face in private meeting rooms only.
- Private shuttles will be transport teams to and from the hotel and stadium.
- CDC-approved helmets will be provided. They feature an improved visor and a certified air filtration system.
- There will be **no fans**.

What is more important, putting people back to work or the health of the residents? Where does the federal government stand? Is it helping or hurting the states? You decide!

BEFORE PLAYING THE SIMULATION,
PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEOS
LINKED BELOW.



LIVES IN BALANCE TRAILER



ITHRIVE SIM WALKTHROUGH

ROLE DESCRIPTION

NEVADA







CAPITAL: CARSON CITY

POPULATION: 3.08 MILLION





You are the Governor of Nevada. You are the head of the executive department of Nevada's state government. You command the state's military forces. You enforce state laws. You approve or reject bills passed by the Nevada State Legislature. You call the legislature to session. You can grant pardons except when someone has been impeached.


ABOUT YOU

-  You are bold. You are not afraid to speak your mind. You fight for your point of view.
-  You have great pride in Nevada. You are especially proud of Las Vegas and its status as an entertainment capital of the world.
-  You promote tourism and do your best to maintain the large retirement community in Nevada. You have close relationships with the casino owners. You depend on them to use their connections in Washington, DC.
-  You often talk about the celebrities and wealthy people you know. You are not afraid to stretch the truth to get what you want.
-  You have a gambler's instincts. You take big risks. You are always looking for ways to expand business and revenue in the state. You are proud of bringing Tesla's battery factory to Nevada.
-  You are active in the community. You can be found chatting people up at all the big events.

WHAT YOU DO

-  You want to make Nevada an even bigger, better entertainment and business destination.
-  In these Coalition meetings, team up with Arizona. Help make the Bubble Plans happen for both states. Lean on Arizona's success. You can ride their coattails to firm up your National Football League (NFL) deal.

GOALS



Get the Coalition to support you in moving to Phase Two of re-opening. Also get their support for your Bubble Plan. Convince them that your plans will benefit your state and the nation as a whole.

OTHER CHARACTERS

ARIZONA GOVERNOR

You like the **Arizona Governor**. You work well with them and often have the same goals.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

You do not dislike the **California Governor**. But you feel they have too much power. You think they stand in your way of getting Nevada's economy going again.

NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR

You do not really feel strongly either way about the **New Mexico Governor**. You think their needs and goals are completely different from your own. But you know they are smart. You will continue to work with them as long as they do not get in your way.

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

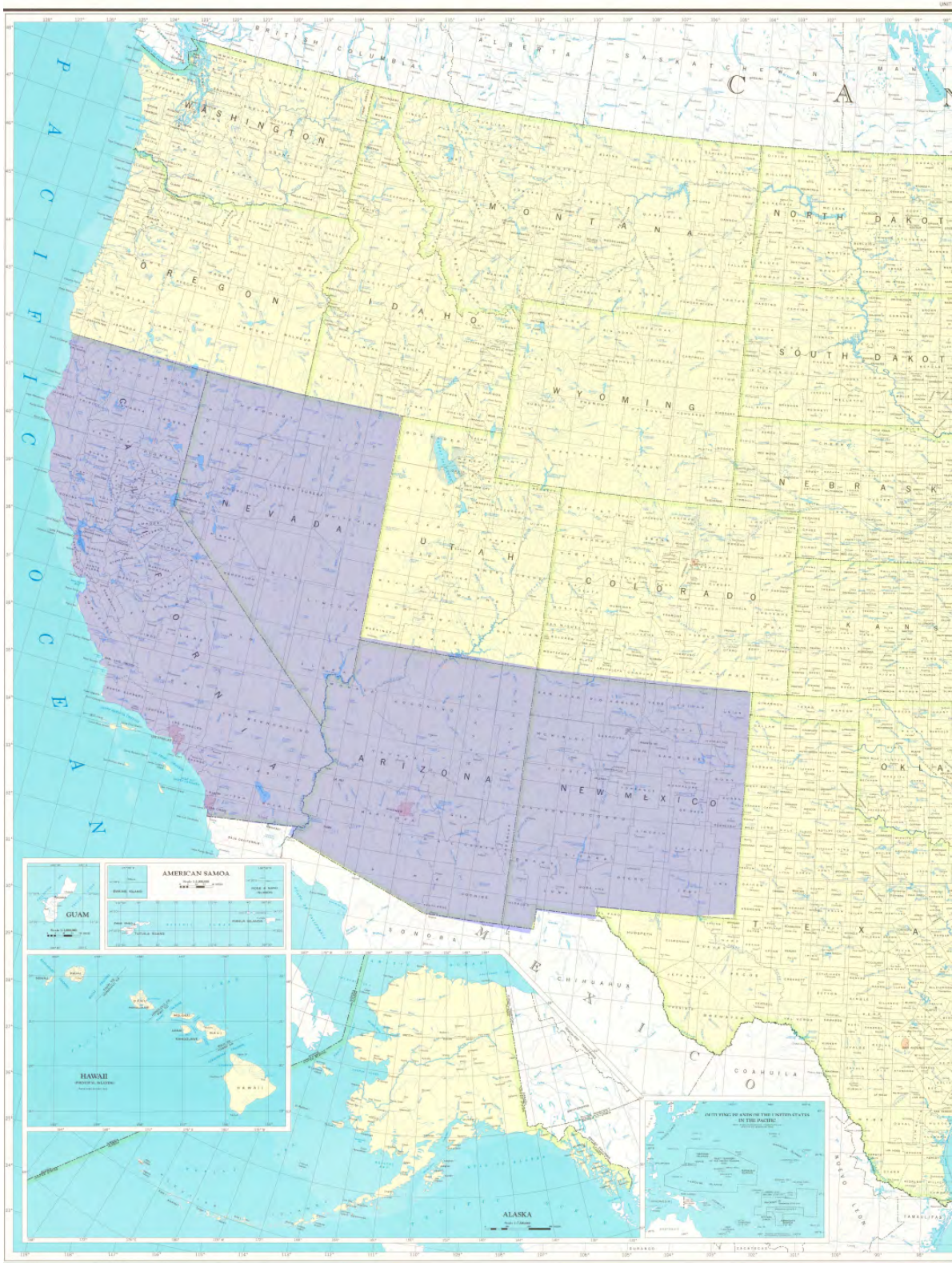
You speak the same language as the **Deputy Secretary of Commerce**. You use their data to make your case for re-opening. You do not see yourself as friends, though. You are not about to invite them to a show at one of the casinos.

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CDC

You want to make sure the CDC stays in their own lane. You will push back if they interfere with your goals. You are not shy about jumping in if the **Principal Deputy Director** says things that throw a wrench in your plans.

SOUTHWEST STATES COALITION

This map is intended for educational purposes only.



CDC RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

ITHRIVE SIM: LIVES IN BALANCE



IF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOLLOW STRICT PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND SANITATION RULES, THEY MAY OPEN.

1 Phase One SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS



SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (e.g., daycare, camp): **NO**



BARS: NO



ELECTIVE SURGERIES: YES as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient basis at facilities that adhere to medical guidelines



LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship): **YES** under strict physical distancing protocols



GYMS: YES



VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS: NO

2 Phase Two SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (e.g., daycare, camp): **YES**

BARS YES with reduced capacity

ELECTIVE SURGERIES: YES on an outpatient and in-patient basis at facilities that adhere to medical guidelines

LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship): **YES** under moderate physical distancing protocols

GYMS YES

VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS: NO

EACH PHASE OF THIS GUIDANCE ADDRESSES THOSE ASPECTS OF DAILY LIFE FOR WHICH RESTRICTIONS REMAIN APPROPRIATE DUE TO THE VIRUS.

PART ONE: Read about your character, then answer the following questions:

- (1) What role will you be playing?

- (2) Based on what you know about the scenario and the role, what are you most curious about?

- (3) What is one main goal your character is trying to achieve?

- (4) Based on the description, what's one thing about your character you relate to? Explain.

- (5) Based on the description, what's one thing about your character you DON'T relate to? Explain.

PART TWO: Discuss your responses with one or more members of your role-play team. Your role-play team also may choose to warm up for the simulation by introducing yourselves in character.

Complete this exercise using the Google Docs document [here](#).

iThrive Sim: Lives in Balance is designed to be accessible to participants in any location. All you need is WiFi access and a device, such as a laptop or Chromebook.

For students learning virtually, the social interactions in ***iThrive Sim*** will require using an additional video conferencing software tool, such as Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, etc.

ACROSS VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORMS, HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU ARE USING A BROWSER FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING:

- You will need two (2) browsers open; one for the *iThrive Sim* website and one for the video conferencing site.
- Arrange the browsers side-by-side so that they are both visible. To do this, you may need to minimize both windows so that you are able to adjust the size and arrangement of both to be visible (for example, neither browser should be in full-screen mode).

NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU:

- Call into the meeting using the phone number listed on the video conferencing invitation you received.
- Mute your computer mic and use your phone to communicate.

YOU CAN'T SEE THE VIDEOS IN THE ITHRIVE SIM PLATFORM:

- Post a note in the chatbox to let the facilitator know. The facilitator can play the videos over the video conferencing software instead.

YOUR CAMERA FEATURE ISN'T WORKING:

- As long as you can hear and be heard by the other participants, you will be able to play ***iThrive Sim***.

MORE RESOURCES

Below, you'll find links to help guides for relevant questions on commonly used video conferencing platforms. If there are other platforms you need information about, search for help guides online or feel free to reach out to us at least one week prior to running your simulation at support@ithrivesim.org.

FOR ZOOM:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Managing Breakout Rooms](#)
- [Pre-assigning Participants to Breakout Rooms](#)

FOR GOOGLE MEET:

- [Troubleshooting Network, Audio, and Video](#)
- [Start a new Google Meet Video](#)
- [Use breakout rooms in Google Meet](#)

FOR MICROSOFT TEAMS:

- [Get Started with a Live Event](#)
- [Using Video in Teams](#)
- [Join a Teams Meeting](#)
- [Use breakout rooms in Teams meetings](#)