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Las Vegas dealers may wear masks and gloves as part of new coronavirus safety measures being weighed by casino executives anxious to reopen Sin City.

Gamblers would be required to sit at least one chair apart, sources close to the talks told Bloomberg

Other potential new measures include fewer entrances to casinos, along with guests' temperatures being checked upon arrival using noninvasive methods, the outlet reported.

Executives, who did not offer a timeline for the reopening, are also debating the creation of facilities near the casinos where employees could be tested for COVID-19.

Those screenings are also being considered for guests as well, according to the report.

The potential new measures are akin to what casino operators in Macau implemented upon reopening after closing for 15 days in February, Bloomberg reports.

But Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, who shut down all casinos throughout the state for 30 days last month, has extended that order through April 30. Sisolak also poured cold water on any imminent developments, saying Tuesday that the state isn't close to reopening its doors to gamblers and tourists.

"This is not going to be a political decision for as to when to open," Sisolak told reporters. "We're going to take it slow and steady and listen to the doctors."

Factors to be considered for the reopening include rates of infection and deaths, the Democratic governor said, adding that he had no specific benchmarks in mind.

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