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TO: Clark County Businesses, Healthcare Personnel, School Administrators, Law Enforcement, EMS Providers, Community Stakeholders, Resort Properties, and Election Personnel

RE: Southern Nevada Health District Weekly COVID-19 response Update

The following is a summary of recent developments in response to COVID-19:

- Vaccine updates are frequently posted to the Health District's website. Current information is highly accurate, and it is recommended to be reviewed for all questions.
- The Health District's phone line for COVID-19 vaccinations is expected to be implemented within the coming week. This will assist customer service as a dedicated line for COVID inquiries about the vaccine. Staff can assist clients with no computer access or who are having difficulty navigating the appointment system (e.g., senior citizens).
- Planning for vaccine clinics (Points of Distribution [PODs]) continues as the process opens up to expanded eligibility groups. Be aware that all POD sites are affected by the weekly allotment sent to the state by the Federal Government. Current weekly amounts continue to be limited, which slows the current capacity to vaccinate.
- Appointments are required for all vaccination sites; walk-ups are not permitted. Appointment availability opens up to seven days in advance. Eligibility is posted to the website: <http://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/distribution/>
- NSHE will continue to focus efforts to provide vaccination for educators at UNLV and CSN PODS and will continue vaccinations of remaining tier 1 individuals and CCSD medical support staff (e.g., nurses, first aid assistants) per distribution guidelines. Moving forward, they will work with the public, private, and charter school authorities to develop a scheduling system based on capacity and vaccine availability.
- The current operating POD sites for the COVID-19 vaccine are at the Health District, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Cashman Center, Roseman University, Touro University, UNLV, and Western High School (WHS). The WHS clinic will continue into the next week. A clinic at the Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC) is being planned but is pending. Additional PODs and distribution through community partners (pharmacies) are being planned.
- Hospitals are now providing the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to their staff members. When the second dose becomes available for community vaccinations, a separate appointment can be scheduled. Appointments will be required for the second dose (no walk-ins). The scheduling process is projected to become available during the first weeks of February. The second dose needs to be the same type as the first. The minimum time between the first and second doses depends on the vaccine, and it cannot be shortened. Currently, there is no amount of time past the minimum that would prevent a second dose. If any delay occurs, individuals do not need to be concerned about a long wait for the second dose. It does not need to be administered on the exact day.
- Current organizations that administer the vaccine are often faced with a few to several remaining doses. So that these remaining doses are used and not wasted, the organization will vaccinate any available individual. It is better to use all available doses than lose one that may make a difference in our community.



- For up to date COVID-19 testing sites, information, data, documents, and guidance, please visit www.snhd.info/covid19
 - Free collection/testing continues at the 280 S. Decatur Blvd
 - The Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance will provide strike teams to test sites/outbreaks when needed.
 - The Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory's capacity is 1,200-1,500 tests per day with a turnaround time of three days.
 - Results for COVID-19 might take longer. If a person has difficulty accessing their test results, please do not call for help until (5) days after the test date. This call line is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please note there can be a high call volume, and delays may occur.
- The "Pause 4 Nevada" program is currently in effect until Friday, February 12, 2021. At this time, public gatherings are limited to 50 people, or 25 percent capacity (whichever is less), and private gatherings are limited to 10 people or fewer and from no more than two households.
- The State of Nevada COVID-19 information line is dialed at 2-1-1. When called, select "9" after the introductory message plays on the call. Information about testing and vaccination is available. People can also get COVID-19 information by texting their zip code to 898211 or live chat at <https://www.nevada211.org/>
- The Nevada Resiliency Project offers behavioral health guidance and assistance for our community. See attached flyer and <https://www.nevada211.org/nevada-resilience-project/>
- The 29-bed *SNHD COVID-19 Isolation and Recovery Site* at 280 S. Decatur is open and accepting clients. The facility provides shelter to those with a COVID-19 diagnosis who need a safe place to isolate but don't require hospitalization. Clients may include those experiencing homelessness, those who live in crowded households, those who live or stay in a congregate setting such as a group home, those who live in households with a high-risk individual, and visitors. For further information or to refer a client, please call (702) 759-1840.
- The **SNHD COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for Schools** has been updated. The guidance document and an executive summary may be downloaded under the resources for Schools tab at <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/resources/>
 - A phone line and email are available for schools to report positive COVID cases and receive guidance (702) 759-0925 schoolcovid@snhd.org

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