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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. Appointments are required; walk-ups are not permitted. Appointment availability opens up to seven days in advance. <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/>
- Second doses: The Southern Nevada Health District has begun contacting people eligible to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and were vaccinated at a Health District clinic to begin scheduling appointments. Contact information was provided by the person when they received their first dose. Second dose allocations are received based on the number of first doses administered, and appointments will only be available for residents who received their vaccinations from a Health District clinic. Anyone who received their first dose from a non-Health District clinic should contact their original provider to receive their second dose. It is recommended that the second dose of vaccine be administered as close to the 21- and 28-day intervals as possible. However, based on current guidance, second doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can be administered up to six weeks after the first dose. The vaccines are not interchangeable.
- Senior Citizens (70+): Please encourage community members to reach out to the local seniors they know (relatives, neighbors, parents of your friends who live out of town) and ask if they have a plan to get vaccinated and to help the senior navigate the system and secure their vaccine.
- 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.
- 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). A POD at the Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC) is being planned. Additional community partners (pharmacies) are providing vaccinations to assisted and long-term care facilities.
- Schools: The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), through UNLV/CSN, coordinates the COVID vaccine for K-12 Education/Colleges/Universities. Registration and scheduling are through UNLV's website, and the registration link is provided by each school. All K-12 public, private, and charter schools will need their school email address to register along with supporting documents; school ID will be required at the appointment. Current plans include future vaccine availability for pre-schools, contracted support staff, and any educational outliers.



- Schools (Cont.): Before UNLV's rollout, some educators or school staff were vaccinated at a site that was not NSHE (UNLV). These persons will receive their second dose from the same provider. Only persons who received their first dose at UNLV will receive their second dose from UNLV.
- For up to date COVID-19 testing sites, information, data, documents, and guidance, please visit [www.snhd.info/covid19](http://www.snhd.info/covid19)
  - Free collection/testing continues at 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](mailto:schoolcovid@snhd.org)

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