

REPORTING

WHY IS REPORTING NECESSARY?

The Southern Nevada District Board of Health finds that the reporting of diseases, exposures, and sentinel health events, in addition to the reporting of communicable diseases already required by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), is necessary to prevent their spread and protect public health, and therefore it is necessary to supplement the reporting requirements for communicable diseases specified in NAC Chapter 441A by adopting Regulations Governing the Reporting of Diseases, Exposures, and Sentinel Health Events governing reporting in order to prevent and control diseases, exposures, and sentinel health events dangerous to the health of the public.

The purpose of these Regulations is to protect the public health, safety, and environment through the reporting and investigation of diseases, exposures, and sentinel health events of public health importance in Clark County. These Regulations establish definitions; set requirements and procedures for the reporting of diseases, exposures, and sentinel health events; and provide for enforcement.

In brief, reporting is necessary because:

- It is STATE LAW.
- It monitors trends in HIV and STD related diseases.
- It allows for the modeling of trends in HIV and STD infection.
- It is vital to project the future number of specific communicable disease cases.
- It allows for the planning of future health care needs and services.
- It provides information on the natural history of HIV and other infections.
- Programs can plan and evaluate prevention activities.
- It identifies persons in need of a specific service from State and local health departments, such as voluntary partner notification, counseling and treatment services.

For more information, go to
http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/epidemiology/epidemiology_regs.htm