

## Media Advisory

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### **Health District and Community Partners to Offer Free Diabetes Screening**

Public encouraged to learn about personal risk, warning signs and resources for treatment

**WHAT** Community event to raise awareness about diabetes, provide screening and information on effective interventions that can prevent or delay the development of serious health complications. Health care and self-management referral information will be available onsite.

**Please note: for the most-accurate results, individuals that wish to be screened for diabetes should fast for 8 hours prior to taking the test.**

**WHEN** Saturday, March 19, 2005  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE** Vons Pharmacy  
1601 W. Craig Rd. (W. Craig Rd. at N. Martin Luther King Blvd./Camino Al Norte)  
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

**WHY** According to a 2002 Community Health Survey, roughly 8 percent of Clark County adults have been diagnosed with diabetes. Many more remain undiagnosed. On average, 29 percent of adults with diabetes do not know they have the disease. In addition, diabetes is a growing epidemic in people of Native American, African American and Hispanic descent.

Diabetes is a disease that impacts the body's ability to effectively utilize glucose (blood sugar). High levels of glucose can cause serious health conditions including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower-limb (primarily foot) amputations. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. However, with early detection and lifestyle interventions, the disease can be effectively managed.

**For more information on this event, contact Rayleen Earney at the Clark County Health District Office of Health Education and Promotion, (702) 759-1271.**