

News Release

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Clark County Health District Advisory

(Las Vegas, Nev. – January 4, 2000) – The Clark County Health District is issuing an advisory regarding a recent hoax involving letters being sent to various communities with the claim that they contain anthrax.

None of these letters have been reported in Clark County. To date all the letters have been sent to Planned Parenthood facilities, independent clinics and one police department. None of the letters contained any powder or other suspicious materials, and all letters are postmarked from Cincinnati, Ohio.

If a letter is received containing an anthrax threat the following actions should be taken:

- Double bag the letter in zipper-type plastic bags using latex gloves and a particulate mask
- Ensure that each person who has touched the letter wash their hands with soap and water
- Notify both the local police department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who will arrange to collect the letter
- Notify the Clark County Health District
- Provide a list of all persons who have touched the letter to the Clark County Health District

For more information regarding anthrax contact the Clark County Health District's Office of Epidemiology at 383-1378

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