

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – Public Health Update #5

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The initial laboratory results for Clark County's first suspect case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) came back negative for the coronavirus – the virus associated with the illness. Results of tests for other causes of illness have not been received and this will remain classified as a suspect case of SARS, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention case definition. This person was mildly ill and has completely recovered.

For the CDC updated interim surveillance case definition for SARS link to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/casedefinition.htm>

The Clark County Health District has received a report of a second suspect case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in a visitor. The visitor traveled to the area in a private vehicle, is mildly ill and remaining in voluntary isolation. Although this person is not a Nevada resident, CDC will be including this in case counts for Nevada.

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