

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Southern Nevada Health District closes main facility**

**LAS VEGAS** -The Southern Nevada Health District is suspending operations at its main facility, located at 625 Shadow Lane, as a result of an engineering report that found the main building lacks an internal support system and may be unsafe to occupy. This closure only impacts services located in the main building. Services provided in the outlying buildings on the campus are not impacted at this time and services will continue to be available at public health centers located in East Las Vegas, Henderson, the Cambridge Community Outreach Center and at service sites throughout the valley. Updated information on service availability is also available on the health district website at [www.SNHD.info](http://www.SNHD.info) or by calling the health district's information line (702) 759-INFO(4636). The information line is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"Our staff and our clients' safety is our primary concern," said Dr. Lawrence Sands, chief health officer of the Southern Nevada Health District.

"In order to fully ensure the safety of staff and the public we felt the best, and most appropriate, course of action was to redirect services away from the main building. Our goal now is to ensure our community continues to receive a high level of public health services and we are working diligently to come up with both short- and long-term solutions to this issue," said Dr. Sands.

Client services that are available at other locations include:

- Birth and death records - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Henderson Public Health Center
- Health cards - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Cambridge Community Outreach Center
- HIV/AIDS testing - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Henderson Public Health Center
- Immunization clinic - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Henderson Public Health Center
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic - East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Henderson Public Health Center

Services that have been temporarily suspended include:

- Food and pool plan review
- Individual sewage disposal system plan review
- Loan certifications for private water supplies and sewage disposal systems plan review
- Parcel maps plan review

The health district is anticipating these suspended services will be operational within a few days and environmental health staff does not foresee an adverse impact on any local businesses.

Public health center locations include:

East Las Vegas Public Health Center  
560 Nellis Blvd. Suites D-1 & E-12  
Las Vegas, Nev. 89110

Henderson Public Health Center  
520 E. Lake Mead Pkwy.  
Henderson, Nev. 89015

Cambridge Community Outreach Center  
3900 Cambridge St. #101  
Las Vegas, Nev. 89117

This is a dynamic situation and the health district will be providing updates on a regular basis. Updated information about the Southern Nevada Health District can be found on Facebook [www.facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict), on YouTube [www.youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict](http://www.youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict) or Twitter: [www.twitter.com/SNHDinfo](http://www.twitter.com/SNHDinfo). The health district is now available in Spanish on Twitter [www.twitter.com/TuSNHD](http://www.twitter.com/TuSNHD). Don't have a Twitter account? Follow the health district on your phone by texting "follow SNHDinfo" to 40404.