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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members
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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

As COVID-19 cases and the positivity rate in the community continues to increase, the Southern Nevada Health District is stressing the importance of getting fully vaccinated and testing. People who have not been fully vaccinated should continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and wear face masks and practice social distancing.

As of July 9, more than 63 percent of people 18 years of age and older in Clark County have initiated vaccination and more than 57 percent of those eligible (people 12 and older) have initiated vaccination. There have been 1,172,806 total vaccinations initiated in Clark County, and a total of 2,039,486 COVID-19 doses administered.

The Health District and community partners offer clinics throughout the community to make it convenient for people to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Upcoming clinic locations include:

- Clark County School District sites
For a complete list of clinics, go to www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-release/school-based-covid-19-vaccine-clinics-continue/
- Galleria Mall at Sunset (lower level)
11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesdays – Saturdays (through Saturday, August 14)
1300 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson, NV 89014
- College of Southern Nevada
North Las Vegas Campus, 3200 N. Cheyenne Ave, North Las Vegas, NV 90030
West Charleston Campus, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday – Friday
- Southern Nevada Health District
6:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m., Monday – Friday
280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas

All Health District and community partner clinic locations are available at www.snhd.info/covid-vaccine.

Information about additional COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout Clark County can be found online at www.NVCOVIDFighter.org. The site also features live chat support to make scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine appointment and getting information about the vaccine more

accessible. COVID-19 testing information is also available on the Health District website at www.snhd.info/covid-testing.

The Health District continues to sequence samples of positive COVID-19 test results to identify variants of concern. To date, the Alpha B.1.1.7 (UK) variant is the dominant variant with 805 cases; the Delta B.1.617 variant has been identified in 761 cases and there are six Delta-Plus variant cases. The total number of COVID-19 cases identified with variants of concern is 1,736.

Testing is recommended for people who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who are not fully vaccinated or unvaccinated and are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19. In addition, unvaccinated people who have participated in activities that put them at a higher risk of infection, including events with limited masking and social distancing. COVID-19 testing information is available: www.snhd.info/covid-testing and on the Nevada Health Response website at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/find-covid-19-testing-in-nevada/>.

The Health District's COVID-19 Dashboard is updated daily and available at www.snhd.info/covid-cases.

Real Water

Currently, the Health District is reporting 18 probable cases linked to its investigation of acute non-viral hepatitis illness in Clark County residents and the death of one person who was identified as a probable case. The patient who died was a woman in her 60s with underlying medical conditions. Additionally, there are four suspect cases linked to the investigation. There are no confirmed cases at this time because a causative agent has not yet been identified. The investigation is ongoing.

Investigation updates are available on the Health District website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/faq-non-viral-hepatitis-linked-to-real-water-brand-alkaline-water/, and on the FDA [website](#).

Back to School Immunizations

The Health District is urging parents and guardians to bring their kindergartners and 7th graders for their mandatory school vaccines now, and not wait until right before the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 9. All Health District immunization clinic services are currently available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling (702) 759-0850. As an added incentive for parents, the Health District is giving away free backpacks stuffed with school supplies to the first 500 kids at its immunization clinics beginning July 12. Immunizations and backpacks are available at the following locations:

Main Public Health Center,
280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

East Las Vegas Public Health Center
570 N. Nellis Blvd., Suite D1, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Henderson Clinic
2020 E. Horizon Dr., Suites A & C, Henderson, NV 89015

Mesquite Public Health Center
830 Hafen Lane, Mesquite, NV, 89027

The Health District will also partner with Immunize Nevada to offer an immunization clinic on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Health District main location at 280 S. Decatur Blvd. COVID-19 vaccination will also be available for students 12 and older.

The Clark County School District requires the following vaccinations for students enrolling in school: chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, polio, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (DTaP and Tdap), quadrivalent meningitis, and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Children entering 7th grade must be immunized against tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) as well as *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis) in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The meningitis vaccine is also required for 8th through 12th grade students who are new to the Clark County School District. A booster dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate and the meningococcal B vaccines are recommended for teens who are 16 to 18 years old. College freshmen younger than 23 years old who are enrolled at a Nevada college or university and living in a dormitory are required to receive the meningococcal vaccine.

Community Meetings

Week ending 06/27:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State Update call
- Participated in the WH COVID-19 Team: State/Local Health Officials call
- Participated in the White House IGA Weekly Briefing call

Monthly:

- Participated in individual Board of Health Agenda Review meetings with Councilwoman Adams, Councilman Knudsen, Councilman Stewart, Scott Nielson, Councilwoman Dutkowski, and Commissioner Segerblom
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Nominations Committee meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Finance & Audit Committee meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting

Professional Development:

- Attended the “Nothing Without Us: Civil Society Solutions to the COVID-19 Pandemic” webinar with Jim Pickett, Simon Collins, Winifred Ikilai, Rob Newells, Midnight Poonkasetwattana, and Shobha Shukla
- Attended the “COVID-19: Malta Experience & Vaccine Passports” webinar
- Attended “A Take of Two Pandemics: COVID-19 and Global Vaccine Equity” webinar

Week ending 06/20:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State Update call
- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 Related Response Strategies meeting

Bi-weekly Meetings (every two weeks):

- Participated in the Nevada FQHC CEO Bi-weekly Updates on Emerging Issues

Monthly:

- Participated in individual Board of Health Agenda Review meeting with Councilwoman Black and Commissioner Kirkpatrick
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Health District Finance Committee meeting

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Media Briefing at Global Community High School regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic and Food Drive
- Presented to residents at Southern Hills Hospital and Health Center on the Southern Nevada Community Health Center

Professional Development:

- Attended the PCSS Clinical Roundtable on “A Medical Dilemma – Pain, Addiction, or Both” webinar with Dr. Mark Kraus
- Attended the “CDC-OT21-2103 Orientation: National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Inc. Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities” webinar
- Attended the “Opioid Drug Prescribing Abuse | Legislation” webinar hosted by the Clark County Medical Society

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting the State and Local Health Authorities on Vaccine Incentives
- Participated in a CEO Post-Pandemic Advocacy Strategy
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from Clark County and the State DEM on various grants for vaccines, congregate and non-congregate sheltering

Week ending 06/13:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State Update call
- White House IGA Weekly Briefing call

Monthly:

- Participated in the BCHC Monthly Member call

Bi-monthly Meetings (every two months):

- Participated in the Public Health Commission meeting

Professional Development:

- Attended the “Virtual National Health Equity Summit” hosted by Health Equity
- Attended the “Virtual Grand Rounds: Ethics in a Pandemic and the State of COVID-19 in California” webinar
- Attended the “Community Safety Realized: Public Health Pathways to Preventing Violence” webinar hosted by Big Cities Health Coalition and Prevention Institute
- Attended the “Intersection of HIV and Mental Health: Addressing Anxiety, Depression and Suicide Prevention” webinar hosted by the AIDS Education & Training Center

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting with representatives from Clark County on COVID-19 Vaccination Administration
- Met with a UNLV First Year Medical School student to discuss SNHD research opportunities

Week ending 06/06:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State Update call
- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 Related Response Strategies meeting
- White House IGA Weekly Briefing call

Bi-weekly Meetings (every two weeks):

- Participated in the Nevada FQHC CEO Bi-weekly Updates on Emerging Issues

Annual:

- Attended the Clark County Medical Society 67th Annual Virtual Installation Gala

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Media Availability at Desert Pines High School regarding CCSD vaccine clinics
- Attended and spoke at the UMC World AIDS Day Press Conference
- Panelist at the Leadership Las Vegas Health Care Day presentation on the response to COVID-19, information on vaccinations, and why they are important for the reopening efforts

Professional Development:

- Attended the “Clinical Pediatric TB Intensive Webcast” hosted by Heartland National TB Center (The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler)
- Attended the Pandemic Solutions Group Webinar on the role small businesses can play in supporting vaccination and testing efforts

