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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)

Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are available at Southern Nevada Health District and community vaccination clinics for people who are eligible. **Booster doses of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine have not been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and are not currently being administered at vaccination clinics.** The FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are both expected to meet later this week. The FDA is meeting to decide authorization of boosters and the CDC will make final recommendations for administering the vaccines. The Health District will begin administering the vaccine in accordance with CDC recommendations once all steps at the federal, state and local levels have been completed.

Those who are eligible for a booster include people who have completed their two-dose series of the Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago and:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings,
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions,
- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions **may** receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged 18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks. A full list is available on the Health District website.

In addition to booster doses of Pfizer vaccine, additional doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccine continue to be available for people who are immunocompromised and have completed the two-dose series of the vaccines. Appointments can be made for these additional doses at Health District clinics by selecting the “additional dose” option when making an appointment. For people in this group, an additional dose of the vaccine can be administered 28 days after their second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. Additional doses of the vaccine for the immunocompromised are not available for people who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC do not yet have enough data to make the same recommendations.

As of October 18, a total of 2,574,437 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Clark County.

- Total Doses Reported Initiated: 1,424,091
 - Overall: 61.43%
 - 18 years and older: 75.32%
 - 12 years and older: 70.31%
- Total Doses Reported Completed: 1,195,710
 - Overall: 51.58%
 - 18 years and older: 63.71%
 - 12 years and older: 58.79%

As of October 14, the Health District is reporting the following variants being monitored in Clark County:

Variants Being Monitored	Count	Percent
Alpha	945	59.8
Beta	9	0.6
Epsilon	228	14.4
Gamma	230	14.6
Eta	0	0.0
Iota	72	4.6
Kappa	0	0.0
Lambda	5	0.3
Mu	91	5.8
Total	1580	100.0

As of October 14, the Health District is reporting the following variants of concern (VOC) in Clark County:

Variant of Concern	Count	Percent
Delta	6197	98.3
Delta Plus	110	1.7
Total	6307	100

In the past 30 days, the Health District identified the following variants in Clark County:

Variant (Past 30 days)	Count	Percent
Alpha	1	0.2
Beta	0	0.0
Delta	495	99.6
Delta Plus	1	0.2
Epsilon	0	0.0
Gamma	0	0.0
Total	497	100

Continuing through Monday, October 25, the Health District has evening and weekend COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours at its 280 S. Decatur Blvd. Southern Nevada Community Health Center, Friday and Monday from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. These

expanded hours are in addition to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center's regular COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours, Monday – Friday, 6:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Updated Health District and community vaccine clinic information is posted to the Health District website at www.snhd.info/covid-vaccine. The website includes a feature that allows people to search for clinic listings by ZIP code.

East Las Vegas Public Health Center Relocation

The Southern Nevada Health District's East Las Vegas Public Health Center will close at its current location on Wednesday, Nov. 10 and reopen Thursday, Nov. 18 at 2950 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas NV 89101. This location will serve clients through Spring 2022 when the public health center moves into its permanent facility at 2830 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104.

The public health center will be open Monday through Friday. Service information and hours for the East Las Vegas Public Health Center are below:

- Food Handler Safety Training Card services will be provided until Wednesday, Nov. 10. Beginning Friday, Nov. 12, clients with appointments scheduled at the East Las Vegas public health center will be seen at the 280 S. Decatur Blvd. location on the same date and time as the original appointment. Appointments for the new location will be available starting November 18 and can be made by calling (702) 759-0595 or through the online scheduling system.
- Immunization clinic services are available until Wednesday, Nov. 10. Services resume at the new location on Thursday, Nov. 18. Immunizations are available by appointment only and clients can call (702) 759-0850 to schedule.
- Family Planning clinic clients can be seen for IUD/implant procedures, PAP smear and STI services, and wellness and breast exams until Friday, Nov. 5. The last day for birth control refills will be Wednesday, Nov. 10. All Family Planning clinical services resume Thursday, Nov. 18 by appointment and clients can call (702) 759-1700 to schedule.

For more information, visit the [East Las Vegas Public Health Center](#) page on the Health District's website.

Veggie Buck Truck

For three Wednesdays in September, the Health District's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion partnered with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Three Square Food Bank and Vegas Root's Veggie Buck Truck to increase access to low-cost fresh fruits and vegetables. The pilot program offered fresh fruit or a bundle of vegetables for about one dollar at the Veggie Buck Truck at the pop-up produce market at the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC).

The program is designed to increase access in an area that is adjacent to a neighborhood considered a "food desert" as well as the 8,000 customers who use the BTC daily. The

Veggie Buck Truck was at the pop-up produce market at the BTC on Wednesday, September 15, 22, and 29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The BTC is located at [101 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101](#). Additional services that were offered on-site include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment and nutrition information.

The markets are open to everyone, and customers can use their SNAP benefits at the pop-up markets. People who use SNAP will be eligible for “Double Up Food Bucks” and earn a coupon they can apply to future produce purchases at participating locations. Customers can also use cash, debit, or credit cards.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) describes a food desert as a location where a large proportion of households do not have access to grocery stores that provide affordable and healthy foods including fresh produce. According to the USDA’s criteria, more than 120,000 Southern Nevadans live in food deserts, areas without convenient access to a grocery store. The typical household living in a food desert in Southern Nevada earns less than \$40,000 annually, and approximately 17 percent do not have a vehicle.

For a list of local farmers markets, including those that accept EBT, SNAP and debit or credit cards, visit the [Get Healthy Clark County Farmers Markets](#) page.

Community Meetings

Week ending 09/26:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Update call
- Participated in a COVID Response meeting with representatives from the local health authorities facilitated by DHHS
- Participated in the CDC COVID-19: Community of Practice webinar

Monthly:

- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meetings with Councilwoman Diaz, Councilman Adams, Scott Nielson, Councilman Stewart, Bobbette Bond, Councilman Black and Councilman Knudsen
- Participated in the Clark County Medical Society Board of Trustees meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Keynote Speaker at the Southern Nevada Blue Ribbon Panel on Social Equity – Health Equity Deep Dive facilitated by ImpactNV
- COVID-19 Media Briefing to present updated vaccine information, including preliminary plans for implementing new guidance on boosters approved today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the following webinars as part of the 2021 ACPM Board Review Course Ask the Experts Event:
 - “Clinical Prevention Medicine – Infectious Disease”
 - “Environmental Health”
 - “Clinical Preventive Medicine”
 - “Management and Administration & Operational Aerospace”
 - “Chronic Disease”
 - “Behavior and Mental Health”
- Attended the “HRSA-Supported PCMH Training – Foundational Concepts of the Medical Home” webinar facilitated by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (3 sessions)
- Attended the “Four-Month Rifampentine-Moxifloxacin Regimen for Drug-Susceptible TB in the U.S.” webinar
- Attended the “Advanced PCMH – HRSA-Supported PCMH Training – Mastering the Medical Home Transformation” webinar facilitated by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (3 sessions)
- Attended the Second Annual Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Medical Student Research Symposium

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting with Councilwoman Diaz and Cecia Alvarez on increasing vaccine administration in Ward 3
- Participated in a meeting with Director Whitley and Councilman Knudsen on the Southern Nevada Public Health Lab
- Attended the CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Update webinar on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

Week ending 09/12:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Update call
- Participated in a Hospital CEO Medical Surge Update call
- Participated in a COVID Response meeting with representatives from the local health authorities facilitated by DHHS

Monthly:

- Participated in the BCHC Monthly Member Call meeting

Bi-annually:

- Participated in the HRSA Semi-Annual Call on Grant #H80CS33641

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Interview with Alexander Zapata (Univision) on community transmission of COVID
- Presenter at the COVID-19 in Adults and Children Clark webinar facilitated by the County Medical Society

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the “Updates on COVID-19 Variants, Disease Prevention and Management” webinar as part of the Mayo Clinic COVID-19 Live Webinar Series
- Attended the “2021-2022 Influenza Vaccination - Guidance for Coadministration of Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines” webinar facilitated by Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)
- Attended “The Critical Role of Monoclonal Antibodies as the COVID-19 Pandemic Continues” webinar facilitated by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting on COVID-19 Testing and Health Inequalities in the African American Community with Commissioner McCurdy
- Participated in the State Board of Health Emergency Meeting

Week ending 09/05:

Weekly Meetings:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Update call
- Participated in a COVID Response meeting with representatives from the local health authorities facilitated by DHHS
- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 Related Response Strategies meeting

Bi-weekly (twice weekly):

- Participated in a meeting with Commissioner Kirkpatrick and representatives from CCSD on COVID-19 related issues

Monthly:

- Participated in the State Board of Health meeting

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Interview with Adriana Arevalo (Voice of America) on the COVID-19 vaccine for children younger than 12 (Spanish language)
- Interview with Rosana Romero (KLAV-AM/Plantando con Rosana) the COVID-19 booster (Spanish language)
- Interview with Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell (CNN) on the COVID update/breakthrough cases
- Interview with Alejandra Ochoa (Univision) on the risk associated with the Labor Day weekend

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the “Cultural Contexts of Resilience and Vulnerability: Global Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic” webinar facilitated by NACCHO
- Attended the “Back to School Fall 2021: A CDC COVID-19 Prevention Strategies for K-12 Schools” webinar facilitated by CDC

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting on Monoclonal Antibody Initiative with representatives from UMC and Assistant County Manager Kevin Schiller
- Participated in the CDC Partner Update Call on COVID-19 Vaccines
- Participated in a BCHC Discussion with the CDC Vaccine Task Force