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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)

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

On May 5, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced it had limited its authorized use of Janssen's Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is now authorized for individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate and to individuals 18 years of age and older who choose to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine because they would otherwise not get vaccinated.

This determination was made by FDA after conducting an updated analysis of reported cases of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome. The FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of the vaccine outweigh the known and potential risks for individuals 18 years and older who may still get the vaccine under the outlined conditions. More information is available on the FDA website at www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-limits-use-janssen-covid-19-vaccine-certain-individuals.

COVID-19 Treatment

The antiviral medications Paxlovid and Molnupiravir continue to be available at the Health District's 280 S. Decatur Blvd. public health center. More information about the treatments is available at www.snhd.info/antivirals.

The FDA is aware of reports of some patients developing recurrent COVID-19 symptoms after completing a 5-day treatment course of Paxlovid. In some cases, patients tested negative and then positive again. This may affect 1-2 percent of patients who finish their treatment. On review of the clinical data, there was no increased occurrence of hospitalization, death, or development of drug resistance, and treatment with Paxlovid reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 88 percent overall. At this time, the FDA does not recommend retreatment or extension of treatment beyond the initial 5-day course. However, patients should follow CDC recommendations regarding patient isolation and mask-wearing should they experience rebound symptoms after Paxlovid treatment.

2022 County Health Rankings

The Health District presented the annual County Health Rankings on April 27, at a community event held in conjunction with partners from the Nevada Public Health Institute and Larsen Institute. The County Health Rankings are released each year using data from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) and are available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Clark County ranks 6th healthiest in Nevada according to the Rankings. The County Rankings provide a snapshot of local health data that demonstrate where people live influences how well they live and how long they live. The Rankings allow each state to see how its counties compare on a range of factors that influence health, including education, access to health and mental health care, the physical environment, social and economic factors, smoking, access to healthy foods and more. This year, seven new actionable measures were introduced for local communities to consider. These measures include:

1. COVID-19 Age-Adjusted Mortality
2. Living Wages
3. Childcare Cost Burden
4. Childcare Centers
5. Gender Pay Gap
6. School Funding Adequacy
7. School Segregation

Among the many findings the Ranking revealed is that in Clark County, a family with two children spends an average of 30 percent of its household income on childcare. The burden childcare costs can have on a family becomes even more stark when examining the differences in household income by race and ethnicity. In Clark County, a Black family has a median household income of \$41,900 while a White family has a median income of \$69,000 and an Asian family of \$70,200.

The Health District's County Health Rankings presentations are available on its website at <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/county-health-rankings/> as well as links to a video of the session, the dashboard and past year's information and data.

Influenza Surveillance

In Clark County, for the season as of April 30, 2022, there have been 302 influenza-associated hospitalizations and eight influenza-associated deaths reported. The percentage of emergency department and urgent care clinic visits for influenza-like-illness (ILI) decreased from 3.8% in week 16 to 3.3% in week 17. Approximately 26% of area emergency department and urgent care clinic visits for ILI were made by children 0-4 years of age, which was lower than week 16 (30%). Influenza A has been the dominant type circulating. Nationwide, seasonal influenza activity continues to increase in parts of the country. During week 17, 2.2% of patient visits reported through the U.S. outpatient ILI Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to respiratory illness that included ILI. This percentage was below the national baseline of 2.5%. Among the 55 states/jurisdictions, the respiratory illness activity level in Nevada was low. The Health District will continue to update the public on flu activity and encourage flu vaccinations for everyone 6 months of age and older.

Back-to-School

In Clark County, the school year begins on Monday, August 8, and the Health District is encouraging parents and guardians not to wait until the last minute to ensure their children are appropriately immunized. Kindergartners, 7th and 12th graders can receive their mandatory vaccines at Health District immunization clinic. The Health District's immunization clinics are open Monday through Friday. Walk-in immunization services are available at the 280 S. Decatur Blvd. public health center. Appointments for services at other neighborhood public health centers can be made by calling (702-759-0850 or (702) 759-1682 for appointments at the Mesquite Public Health Centers.

Starting July 1, students enrolled in the 12th grade in Nevada public, private, or charter schools must receive the meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. MenACWY is also required for students entering 7th grade and for students entering the 8th through 12th grades who are new to Nevada schools, including private or charter schools, and the Clark County School District. In addition, 7th graders must receive their tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Health District immunization clinic location information is available at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/community-health-center/immunization-clinic/.

Additionally, students enrolled in 7th and 12th grades can get their required school vaccinations at one of four Health District COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the following high schools. COVID-19 vaccines are also available for children ages 12 and older at these locations:

- **Sierra Vista High School, 8100 W. Robindale Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89113**
Monday, May 23, and Monday, June 13, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Centennial High School, 10200 W. Centennial Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89149**
Monday, May 16 and Monday, June 6, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Desert Pines High School, 3800 E. Harris Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89110**
Friday, May 13, Friday, June 3 and 17, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Cheyenne High School, 3200 W. Alexander Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032**
Friday, May 20 and Friday, June 10, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Students enrolling in the Clark County School District are required to have the following vaccinations: chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, polio, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (DTaP and Tdap), quadrivalent meningitis, and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Parents who recently moved to Nevada should note hepatitis A vaccination is required in the state. Immunizations that were up to date in other states that do not require hepatitis A vaccination might not be current in Nevada. For a list of immunization requirements for school, visit Immunize Nevada's [School Vaccinations](#) page.

Parents vaccinating a child at a Health District clinic should bring immunization records. Parents who cannot locate immunization records should contact their health care provider. If their children were immunized in Nevada, parents can also visit Nevada WebIZ, a statewide immunization registry, at <https://izrecord.nv.gov/public/Application/PublicPortal> or call Nevada WebIZ at 1 (877) 689-3249. Non-custodial adults may accompany a child; however, written consent must be provided to the Health District from the parent or guardian at the time of service. Administrative fees and cost of vaccines may be applied depending upon insurance status.

The Health District accepts most insurance plans. Not all immunizations are covered by insurance. Contact the Health District's immunization clinic for information and current fee schedule at (702) 759-0850 or visit the Health District's [Back-to-School Vaccine Clinics](#) webpage.

Pop-up Produce Markets

The Health District’s Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion continues to partner with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) and the Veggie Buck Truck to schedule pop-up produce markets at the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC). Patrons pay about a dollar for a pound of fresh fruit or vegetables. The partnership is an effort to increase access to low-cost, healthy fresh fruit and vegetables. For more information, call the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at (702) 759-1270 or visit the [Get Healthy Clark County Farmers Markets](#) page.

The remaining schedule for this season’s pop-up produce markets is:

Bonneville Transit Center (BTC), 12:30 p.m. 101 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101 Market will be open while supplies last	Southern Nevada Health District, 9 a.m. 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107 Market will be open while supplies last
Wednesday, June 1	Wednesday, June 8
Wednesday, September 7	Wednesday, September 14
Wednesday, October 5	Wednesday, Oct. 12
Wednesday, November 2	Wednesday, November 9

Nutrition education and resources are available at the Southern Nevada Health District pop-up produce markets and the markets are open to everyone. Customers can use their Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (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. The Double Up Food Bucks program doubles the value of SNAP benefits, helping people to bring even more healthy food into their homes. Customers can use cash, debit, or credit cards.

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 04/24:

Weekly:

- Attended the White House IGA Weekly briefing

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting with members of BCHC on the Commission on National Public Health System
- Participated in the meeting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
- Participated in the Nevada Primary Care Association Policy Committee meeting

Week ending 04/10:

Weekly:

- Attended the White House IGA Weekly briefing

Monthly:

- Participated in the BCHC Member meeting

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the “Preparedness Summit” virtual sessions facilitated by NAACHO
- Participated in the NACHC Cohort Meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in the HRSA Grant Programs Conference call
- Participated in an Advocacy Planning Call on 340b facilitated by the Nevada Primary Care Association

Week ending 04/03:

Weekly:

- Participated in the CDC COVID-19 All State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Update call
- Attended the White House IGA Weekly briefing

Monthly:

- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting

Semi-Annual:

- Participated in the SNCTC Board of Governor’s Semi-Annual meeting

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter:

- Interview with Rosana Romero (KLAV-AM/Plantando con Rosana) on the second COVID-19 booster

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the “CME: New Laws Affecting Medical Practice in Nevada” webinar facilitated by the Clark County Medical Society
- Attended the “Overview for Parents and Caregiver: The COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs including Children Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” webinar

- Attended the “Technology Now, Online Summit Exploring Healthcare Tech” webinar facilitated by Technology Now
- Attended the “COVID-19: What We Know Today – A Dialogue About the Public Health, Scientific, and Clinical Aspects of the Pandemic” webinar

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting with Kevin Dick and Bradley Mayer
- Attended the Launch of Genesis (Education for Tomorrow’s Healthcare) at the Roseman University College of Medicine
- Attended the City of North Las Vegas State of the City
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from DHHS and local health authorities on funding
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from DHHS and local health authorities on the SNHD Public Health Improvement Fund