



# Memorandum

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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE CARE BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT – March 2026**

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The Public Health and Preventive Care (PPC) Division is dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of our community. Through a range of clinical services, programmatic initiatives, and community outreach efforts, PPC works to prevent disease, support wellness, and ensure access to essential resources for all residents. Our goal is to create a healthier, more equitable community by addressing public health needs with care, collaboration, and evidence-based practices.

## I. Immunization Program

### A. Immunization Program Activities

1. On March 26, 2026, The Nevada State Board of Health issued a technical bulletin announcing its decision not to adopt the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) vaccine recommendations released on January 5, 2026. The ACIP childhood and adult vaccine recommendations as of June 24, 2025, will remain the regulatory reference until state and local public health authorities make a formal request to the Board of Health to adopt a newer version. Immunization program staff will continue to monitor updates on vaccine recommendations and follow current guidance and ensure both adherence to regulations and community health.
2. During the reporting period, a total of 1,318 clients were seen across the four public health centers. In total, 2,858 vaccines were administered to individuals in the Southern Nevada community.
3. The four public health centers have maintained the capacity to accommodate same-day appointments. A total of 296 same-day appointments were provided across the centers during this reporting period.

### B. Immunization Outreach Activities

1. Immunization outreach clinics in March 2026 - 10 clinics, 116 vaccines were administered to 256 clients. The clinics were held at CCSD Family Support Center, Mexican Consulate, Harm Reduction, Torrey Pines Safety Fair event, and at West Prep Academy for the Black Wellness event.

## II. Community Health Nursing

### A. Maternal Child Health

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurse received 1 referral for elevated blood levels and no newborn screening referrals for the month of March. There are 6 active clients enrolled in the Lead program in March.

### B. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

The Southern Nevada Health District Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has 113 active families. Fifty-nine are participating in the Maternal Infant and early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. Two are participating through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. Both are grants from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The TANF Team restarted services to pregnant first-time mothers who are receiving Medicaid, EBT, and WIC benefits.

Currently, the team has a program Lead, and a Nurse Home Visitor (NHV) who recently completed NFP's required education to enroll eligible referrals. Both teams continue to partner and collaborate with various community service providers like WIC, pregnancy testing agency, DWSS, and Medicaid HMO for program referrals and for the families to obtain essential services and support like medical, mental health, nutrition, housing, and employment resources identified during in-person visits.

### C. Healthy Start Initiative- Enhanced

The Southern Nevada Health District's Healthy Start (HS) Initiative Program is supported by the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). There were 78 families served in March 2026

In-person program outreach was conducted at Allyfe, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Sunrise Children's Foundation WIC (Sahara location and Meadows location), First Choice Pregnancy Services, SNHD Fremont Public Health Center and SNHD Bonanza location, Lutheran Social Services, Cambridge Center, HELP of Southern Nevada, Baby's Bounty, Las Vegas Urban League WIC (Flamingo location), The Las Vegas Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army, Shade Tree, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Nevada Health Center Clinic and WIC (MLK location), and Olive Crest. Program outreach was also conducted at various DWSS locations.

### D. Embracing Fatherhood

Embracing Fatherhood home visiting program continues to support father's/ father figures with children 0-3 in the greater Las Vegas area. Home visits include education, community resources, and screenings. Currently, there are a total of 7 active families enrolled in Embracing Fatherhood program.

## III. Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)

A. Express Testing (ET) is a program that conducts testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) for asymptomatic patients, without requiring a provider exam.. ET completed 272 screening encounters for the month of March. Patients who test positive for STI results are guided to appropriate treatment, primarily to SNHD's Health Center or referred according to patient preference.

B. The **Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP)** is a program to address the high rate of congenital syphilis in the community. The CSCMP nurses, in coordination with perinatal Hep B and HIV programs, continue to meet monthly to plan future targeted education sessions to increase knowledge and awareness of these diseases and available resources. The team is currently serving 48 active clients and participated in 2 educational community events.

C. SHOPP houses the **Complex STI Navigation services (C-STIN)** including the **Neurosyphilis Emergent Onsite Navigation (NEON)** program, which provides critical linkage services to patients suspected of neurosyphilis, and **Home Administered Treatment for STI's (HATS)**, which delivers STI treatment in the field for patients who are unable to access clinic-based care. There were seven

new referrals for complex STI services in March. Three clients were successfully navigated for NEON services. Nurses across SHOPP programs teamed up to speak about public health nursing roles to nursing students at the UNLV SON Round Table event in March.

- D. The SHOPP **Rapid PREVENT** program has a total of 29 enrolled clients, with the goal of HIV prevention. CHW's for this initiative work collaboratively with Express Testing to assess and provide linkage to care services and community resources.
- E. SHOPP's **Pathways to Better Health (PBH)** program serves pregnant/postpartum mothers and follows until the infant turns one year of age. The Community Health Workers support, educate and provide linkages and referrals with the goal of improving health outcomes during and after pregnancy for both moms and babies. This program now has a total of 42 active clients.

#### **IV. Street Medicine (SM) – Introduction of New Program**

##### **A. Program Launch & Staffing**

The Street and Medicine program continues to deliver essential primary care services directly to unhoused individuals- meeting them where they are, in line with the recognized philosophy of street medicine: going to the people and centering their needs. The APRN and Senior Community Health Nurses conduct primary care visits with the added support of two CHWs who focus on engagement and linkage to identified community resources, including housing, insurance and psychosocial services. The team is preparing to kick off Street Medicine at SNHD's State of Public Health event in April, during the Public Health Week event.

##### **B. Community Engagement & Collaboration**

The Street Medicine team in collaboration with Help of Southern Nevada, Whitney Ranch Library, Clean the World, Goodness Gracious, and the Henderson Homeless Response Team to provide primary care services at multiple outreach locations and events for the unhoused. The SM team provided a ride-along experience with *Nevada Current*, a news organization that highlighted the program's efforts to deliver healthcare directly to individuals experiencing homelessness and increase awareness about the challenges faced by this population in Southern Nevada.

##### **C. Approach & Intent**

This primary care initiative embraces a harm-reduction and trauma-informed care model—focused on building trust through consistent outreach, nonjudgmental engagement, and accountability in meeting patients where they are. Community partnerships will play an instrumental role in both piloting and scaling the program effectively.

- D. Street Medicine completed 39 primary care visits in March.

#### **V. Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic**

TB clinic has Three (3) new adult TB active cases and zero (0) pediatric cases for the month of March 2026.

#### **VI. Employee Health Nursing – March 2026**

- A. Employee New Hire and Annual Tuberculosis (TB) testing continues, and annual catchup TB testing is ongoing. Forty-one (41) Tuberculosis tests were completed.

B. Employee New Hire and Annual FIT Testing Medical Evaluations continue. Thirteen (13) medical clearances were completed.

C. Vaccine Administration: March 1 – March 31, 2026

1. Employees Total: 4
2. Total vaccines given: 4
  - a) 2 other vaccines
  - b) 2 Hepatitis B Vaccines- Immz Policy

D. New Hire/Onboarding: Nine (9) new hires were onboarded.

E. Employee Health Nurse Accomplishments:

1. Completed Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) SOP.
2. Introduced Skills Fair 2.0
3. Completed 12 Workforce members TB/ Immunizations credentialing.

F. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed and updated.

Client Encounters by Locations											
Location	DECATUR PHC	Bonanza PHC	Henderson PHC	Mesquite PHC	Fremont PHC	UNLV	Homeless Outreach	Other Outreach	School Based Outreach	Mobile Clinic	TOTAL
Immunization Clinics and Outreach	824	278	189	27	0		1	26	89		1,434
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	179	32	19	2	0						232
SHOPP Express Testing (ET)	196		5	0	16	37	17	1			272
TB Treatment & Control	1,214										1,214
CHN Home Visits ^	286										286
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>3,438</b>

^ Data reporting began 7/1/2025

Client Encounters by Program						
Program	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Immunization Clinics and Outreach**	2,445	1,434	↓	26,150	19,246	↓
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	256	232	↓	3,223	2,631	↓
SHOPP Express Testing	262	272	↑	2,216	1,782	↓
TB Treatment & Control	1,612	1,214	↓	13,303	11,570	↓
CHN Home Visits ^		286	↑		2,352	↑
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>44,892</b>	<b>37,581</b>	<b>↓</b>

^ Data reporting began 7/1/2025

Total Client Immunizations Administered by Locations											
Location	DECATUR PHC	Bonanza PHC	Henderson PHC	Mesquite PHC	Fremont PHC	UNLV	Homeless Outreach	Other Immunization Outreach	School Based Outreach	Mobile Clinic	TOTAL
Total Immunizations Administered	1,846	604	352	56	0		2	69	185		3,114

\*Includes Family centers, School clinics, and Immunization Outreach BTS clinics

\*\*Includes BTS encounters by clinic, outreach, and COVID teams

Total Client Immunizations Administered by Locations						
Program	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Total Immunizations Administered	7,164	3,114	↓	76,804	41,971	↓

### Immunization Clinic and Outreach Programs

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
<b>Immunizations</b>						
Flu Vaccine Given	636	300	↓	8,493	3,063	↓
COVID Vaccine Given	387	36	↓	3,713	651	↓
TB Skin Test *		7	↑			→
Newborn Screening	2	0	↓	2	6	↑
Immunization Record Review and Release Only*		216	↑			→
Transcription of Immunization Records Only*		16	↑			→
Same Day Appts *		296	↑			→
Referred to Civil Surgeon for Medical Assessment*		0	→			→
Vaccine Counseled **		74	↑			→

\*Started data collection 07/01/2025

\*\*Counseled related to travel or routine vaccinations; no vaccine provided at appointment.

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
<b>Vaccines for Children (VFC)</b>						
Number of VFC Compliance Visits	0	7	↑	40	54	↑
Number of IQIP Visits	7	5	↓	33	35	↑
Number of Follow Up Contacts	21	126	↑	276	464	↑
Number of Annual Provider Training	0	21	↑	45	66	↑
Number of State Requested Visits	16	27	↑	139	139	→

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
<b>Perinatal Hepatitis B</b>						
# of Expectant Women	15	13	↓	13	12	↓
# of Infants	56	44	↓	64	50	↓
Total # of Infants Delivered	2	3	↑	27	21	↓
New Cases	6	2	↓	36	34	↓
Closed Cases	10	5	↓	64	43	↓

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
<b>Childcare Program</b>						
Childcare Audits	11	11	→	65	71	↑
Baseline Immunization Rate	82%	74%	↓	79%	81%	↑
# of Final Audits	11	11	→	65	71	↑
Final Immunization Rate	98%	97%	↓	94%	96%	↑
# of Records Reviewed	919	1249	↑	5621	6064	↑

## Community Health Program

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
<b>Nursing Field Services</b>						
MCH Team Home Visit Encounters	14	27	↑	123	149	↑
<b>NFP (Team 1)</b>						
Referrals	22	18	↓	157	147	↓
Enrolled	11	5	↓	76	61	↓
Active	132	113	↓			
<b>NFP (Expansion Team)**</b>						
Referrals	5	8	↑	38	8	↓
Enrolled	1	2	↑	15	2	↓
Active	26	2	↓			
**Staff recruitment in process 2026**						
<b>MCH</b>						
# of Referrals Received	6	6	→	38	45	↑
# from CPS	5	5	→	29	33	↑
# of Lead Referrals	1	1	→	7	8	↑
# of Total Admissions	4	3	↓	32	30	↓
<b>Thrive by 0 - 3</b>						
Referrals	38	30	↓	315	378	↑
One-Time Home Visits	1	4	↑	27	50	↑
Enrolled	1	1	→	23	20	↓
Active	25	14	↓			
<b>Healthy Start</b>						
Referrals	29	23	↓	210	255	↑
Enrolled	12	2	↓	58	55	↓
Active	67	78	↑			
<b>Embracing Fatherhood</b>						
Referrals	0	0	→	3	11	↑
Enrolled	0	0	→	2	6	↑
Active	2	7	↑			

## Tuberculosis Program

Tuberculosis	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Number of Case Manager Encounters^		197	↑		920	↑
Number of Unduplicated Clients Seen by a Provider^		27	↑		428	↑
Number of Clients encounters by TB Clinic Nurse^(duplicated patients)		341	↑		3466	↑
Number of Monthly Electronic Disease Notifications Clinic Clients (Class B)	106	77	↓	671	662	↓
New Active Clients^		3	↑		35	↑
Number of Clients Receiving LTBI Treatment^		238	↑		2442	↑
Outreach Activities during the Month - Presentations, Physician Visits, Correctional Visits, etc.	6	6	→	53	57	↑
Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Field, clinic and televideo encounters	1,284	1,154	↓	11,356	10,861	↓

^ No data available; data reporting started 7/1/2025

## Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)

SHOPP - Express Testing (Asymptomatic Patients)	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Screening encounters	238	272	↑	1,951	1,782	↓
# of Clients Screened	238	269	↑	1,951	1,775	↓
# of Clients with positive STI identified	27	31	↑	185	201	↑
STI Positivity Rate %*		11	↑		11	↑
SHOPP All CHW Linkages	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of clients referred to Linkage	24	21	↓	163	173	↑
# of clients linked to care	24	21	↓	159	173	↑
SHOPP- Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP)	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Referrals (pregnant, post-partum, infants)	4	15	↑	67	82	↑
# of Clients enrolled in CM	3	9	↑	46	50	↑
# of Active pregnant/ postpartum clients (current caseload)	39	32	↓			
# of Infants being followed	17	16	↓			
# of Provider/ Community trainings	1	2	↑	24	29	↑
SHOPP -Services for Unhoused Patients with Resources and Engagement in care (SURE)	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Outreach events	6	2	↓	47	47	→
SHOPP- Complex STI Navigation	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Clients referred	2	7	↑	36	47	↑
# of Clients navigated	1	6	↑	33	37	↑
# of Home administered treatment of STI (HATS)*	12	1	↓	25	38	↑

\*No data available; data reporting started 7-1-2025

Non- cumulative

**Street Medicine Program**

<b>Street Medicine</b>	<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>Mar 2026</b>		<b>FY 24-25</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>	
<b>Number of Clients Engaged^</b>		47	↑		126	↑
<b>Number of Primary Care Initial Visits^</b>		29	↑		79	↑
<b>Number of Primary Care Follow Up Visits^</b>		10	↑		28	↑
<b>Number of Referrals / Linkage to Resources^</b>		5	↑		33	↑

^ No data available; data reporting started 1/1/2026