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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Ebola Outbreak

In May 2026, an Ebola outbreak was confirmed in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. As of June 10, 2026, the World Health Organization is reporting a total of 617 confirmed cases associated with this outbreak. To date, no Ebola cases associated with this outbreak have been reported in the United States, and the risk to the public is low.

Ebola disease is caused by an infection with an orthoebolavirus, found primarily in sub-Saharan Africa. Orthoebolaviruses can cause serious and often deadly disease, with a mortality rate as high as 80-90%. The current outbreak is associated with the Bundibugyo virus. Symptoms of Ebola disease occur two to 21 days after someone is exposed to the virus. Early symptoms can include fever, aches and pains, severe headache, weakness and fatigue, sore throat, and loss of appetite. As patients get sicker, symptoms can progress to include nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting and rash. In less frequent cases, internal and external bleeding can occur.

Southern Nevada Health District staff are coordinating with jurisdictional response partners to ensure plans and protocols for responding to Ebola disease are up to date. The Health District has been monitoring six individuals with travel history to areas where the Ebola outbreak is ongoing. None of the individuals have developed symptoms. The monitoring was conducted as a routine public health precaution in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health partners.

West Nile Virus

On June 3, the Health District reported the first case of West Nile virus in a Clark County resident this year. The patient, a woman in her 40s, was diagnosed with the neuroinvasive form of West Nile virus disease. She was hospitalized and subsequently recovered. The patient reported travel to another state where multiple human West Nile virus cases have been reported and was also present in Clark County during the incubation period.

While no mosquitoes collected in Clark County had tested positive for West Nile virus at the time of the announcement, the Health District encouraged residents to take steps now to reduce their risk of mosquito-borne illness. The Health District's Fight the Bite campaign encourages residents to:

- **Eliminate standing water** by removing or emptying containers that collect water around homes and businesses. Mosquitoes can breed in items as small as bottle caps, plant saucers, toys and wheelbarrows.
- **Prevent mosquito bites** by using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent and wearing loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors.
- **Report mosquito activity** to the Health District's surveillance program at (702) 759-1633. Residents should report green pools to their local [code enforcement agency](#).

West Nile virus is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. While most infections are mild or cause no symptoms, some people develop neuroinvasive disease, which can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord).

No human cases of West Nile virus were reported in Clark County in 2025. In 2024, 26 human cases were reported, including 14 neuroinvasive cases and 12 non-neuroinvasive cases.

The Health District conducts mosquito surveillance throughout Clark County to monitor mosquito populations and test for mosquito-borne diseases. As of June 1, staff had set 920 mosquito traps throughout the county and submitted 957 mosquito pools representing more than 20,000 mosquitoes for testing.

The Health District continues surveillance throughout Clark County, including monitoring for West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis and Western equine encephalitis. Since first being detected locally in 2017, *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes have become established throughout Southern Nevada, reinforcing the importance of ongoing surveillance and community prevention efforts.

For more information, visit the Health District Fight the Bite webpage at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/programs/mosquito-surveillance/mosquito-bite-prevention/ or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/prevention/index.html.

The Health District's weekly mosquito surveillance reports are available at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/programs/mosquito-surveillance/arbovirus-update/.

Back-to-School

As families prepare for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, the Southern Nevada Health District is encouraging parents and guardians to schedule required school vaccinations early to avoid increased demand later in the summer. Immunization appointments are available at Health District clinics throughout the Valley for students entering kindergarten, seventh grade and 12th grade.

The annual back-to-school campaign also highlights additional services available to families, including certified birth certificates through the Health District's Vital Records office and low-cost sports physicals through the Southern Nevada Community Health Center. A limited number of backpacks and school supplies will be distributed to children receiving vaccinations at Health District clinics while supplies last.

Nevada requires students attending public, private and charter schools to receive certain immunizations before enrollment. In addition to required vaccines, the Health District encourages families to discuss

recommended immunizations, including HPV, MenB and COVID-19 vaccines, with their health care providers.

To support increased seasonal demand, the Health District will offer expanded back-to-school immunization clinic hours and special adolescent vaccination clinics throughout the summer. Information about clinic locations, appointment scheduling, school immunization requirements, sports physicals and birth certificate services is available at www.SNHD.info/bts.

Measles Activity

Measles activity remains elevated nationally, with more than 2,000 confirmed cases reported in the United States as of early June 2026. The majority of cases reported in 2026 have been associated with outbreaks (93%), and 92 percent have occurred among individuals who were unvaccinated or whose vaccination status was unknown. Children and adolescents continue to account for the largest share of reported cases.

Although no recent measles cases have been reported in Clark County, the Health District continues to monitor national and international activity and works closely with health care providers and community partners to support disease surveillance, case investigation and outbreak preparedness. Measles is one of the most contagious infectious diseases can spread rapidly in communities with low vaccination coverage.

The increase in measles activity nationwide serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining high vaccination coverage. The Health District continues to promote routine childhood immunizations and encourage families to ensure children are up to date on recommended vaccines before the start of the school year.

Men's Health Month

June is Men's Health Month, and the Health District's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is encouraging men across the community to take a fresh look at their health and well-being. This month features free events focused on heart health, self-care, preventive screenings and wellness education to encourage men to take an active role in their long-term health.

Featured events include, "Shop Talk: Look Good. Feel Good. Live Better," scheduled for Thursday, June 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Art of Barbers School, located inside Boulevard Mall, 3528 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Focused on men's wellness, self-care, healthy aging, and heart health, the event offers opportunities to connect with trusted health professionals, gain practical wellness tips and take part in conversations about healthier living. Attendees can also receive complimentary professional headshots. To register, or for more information, go to [Shop Talk – Get Healthy Clark County](#).

Free blood pressure screenings also were offered through the Health District's Barbershop Health Outreach Project. Screenings were offered throughout Men's Health Month at barbershop locations. For more screening events, go to www.gethealthyclarkcounty.org/community-calendar/.

Community Meetings

Week ending 05/31:

Daily:

- Facilitated Huddle on the Epi-Aid EIS Officer project

Biweekly:

- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports

Monthly:

- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meetings with Councilwoman Larson, Scott Nielson, Bobbette Bond, Councilwoman Summers-Armstrong
- Participated in the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting

Bi-monthly:

- Participated in the CSTE Chronic Disease Subcommittee call

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter/Events:

- Attended the Walk Around Nevada Participant Luncheon

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Attended the Ad Hoc CDC Response All-STLT Update call

Week ending 05/24:

Daily:

- Facilitated Huddle on the Epi-Aid EIS Officer project

Biweekly:

- Participated in the Lab Expansion meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports

Monthly:

- Participated in the Southern Nevada Committee Health Center Finance & Audit Committee meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting
- Participated in the CSTE Electronic Laboratory and Disease Reporting Subcommittee call
- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meetings with Mayor Pro Tem Scott Black, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, and Commissioner Becker
- Participated in the BCHC 2nd Monthly Member meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a Kick-off meeting with representatives from CDC on the Epi-Aid EIS Officer project
- Participated in the Pre-Site Visit Call regarding the 340B Site Visit
- Participated in an internal Kick-off Meeting regarding the 340B Site Visit
- Participated in a meeting with Dr. Kathleen Benson, incoming Clark County Medical Society (CCMS) President

Week ending 05/17:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports
- Attended the New Hire Orientation
- Facilitated the Health Executive Council meeting

Monthly:

- Participated in the Public Health Policy Strategy meeting

Bi-monthly:

- Participated in the Leadership/Managers Meeting

Quarterly:

- Participated in the EIS Supervisory Team meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in the BCHC Finance Committee meeting
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from CDC on the Epi-Aid EIS Officer role
- Facilitated an internal meeting regarding Ryan White Part B Funding

Week ending 05/10:

Biweekly:

- Participated in the Lab Expansion meeting
- Attended the CDC Response All-STLT Update call Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports
- Participated in the EIS Bi-weekly Check-in meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports
- Participated in a meeting regarding the status of birth Hep B vaccinations

Monthly:

- Participated in the Monthly Leadership Finance meeting
- Participated in the Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Update meeting
- Participated in the BCHC Monthly Member meeting
- Participated in the CSTE Surveillance Policy Subcommittee call

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter/Events:

- Presented at the UNR School of Public Health PBH-320 Careers in Public Health

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the Behavioral Health Town Hall Event

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in an internal meeting regarding the transition to Accela
- Participated in a meeting with Whiting Turner regarding the lab expansion
- Participated in a meeting with Dina Babsky (City of Las Vegas) regarding the lab expansion
- Participated in a meeting with Dr. Frank Nemecek regarding a GME project
- Participated in a meeting with Dina Babsky (City of Las Vegas), representatives from United Fund Advisors regarding new market tax credit