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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Back-to-School Immunizations

With the new school year starting on Monday, August 11, the Southern Nevada Health District is urging parents and guardians to make sure their children are up to date on required immunizations. To avoid the last-minute rush, the Health District recommends scheduling appointments now for kindergartners, 7th graders and 12th graders at one of its immunization clinics. Alternatively, parents may choose to make vaccination appointments with their pediatrician or local pharmacy.

A limited number of backpacks and school supplies will be available at Health District immunization clinic locations for students who receive their required school vaccination early, while supplies last.

The Clark County School District (CCSD) 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). 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.

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 2025-2026 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 CCSD. In addition, 7-graders must receive their tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. For more information on required vaccinations, visit CCSD's [Student Enrollment Process](#).

Mandatory back-to-school vaccinations, as well as recommended vaccinations, are available at the following Health District locations by appointment only:

- **Main Public Health Center, 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107**
Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m. (closed noon–1 p.m.)
Special back-to-school dates and times at Decatur location:
Friday, August 1 and August 8, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- **East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 2950 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101**
Tuesday – Friday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m. (closed noon–1 p.m.)

Special back-to-school dates and times at Bonanza location:

Monday, July 28; August 4 and August 11, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- **Henderson Public Health Center, 220 E. Horizon Dr., Ste. A, Henderson, NV 89015**
Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Special back-to-school dates and times at Henderson location:

Monday, August 1; August 8, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- **Mesquite Public Health Center, 150 N. Yucca St., Mesquite, NV 89027**
Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (closed noon–1 p.m.)

To make an appointment, call (702) 759-0850 or visit www.snhd.info/bts. Back-to-school immunizations for students 11-18 years of age (Tdap, MenACWY and HPV) will also be available at the Health District's Fremont Public Health Center in the two weeks leading up to the new school year. Parents and guardians of children younger than 11, can make appointments by calling (702) 759-0850 or visiting www.snhd.info/bts.

Fremont Public Health Center, 2830 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104

- Tuesday–Friday, July 29–August 1 and August 5–August 8, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Open to students ages 11–18
- Appointments are required; call (702) 759-0850 or visit www.snhd.info/bts.

The Health District also offers vaccinations that are recommended for children but not required to enter school in Nevada. These include Meningitis B (MenB), human papillomavirus (HPV) and COVID-19.

- MenB is a rare type of bacterial meningitis, which causes swelling in the membranes and fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. All teens may get the MenB vaccine, preferably at 16–18 years old, in order to prevent this uncommon but serious illness for teens and young adults. Parents should discuss the risk and benefits with their vaccine provider.
- HPV is a common virus that infects children, adolescents and adults, and can cause cancers later in life. Approximately 13 million people—including teens—become infected with HPV each year.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is always changing, and protection from COVID-19 vaccines declines over time. The COVID-19 vaccination continues to protect children against severe disease and hospitalization.

For more information about MenB, HPV or COVID-19, or to schedule a vaccination, visit [Immunization Clinic – Southern Nevada Health District](#) or call (702) 759-0850. Back to school appointments are for children and teens under 19 years of age. Immunizations are by appointment only with limited same day availability.

A parent or guardian must be present for those under 18. Parents bringing their child to a Health District clinic for vaccinations should bring the child's immunization records. If records are unavailable, parents are encouraged to contact their health care provider. For children immunized in Nevada, records can also be accessed through Nevada WebIZ, the state's immunization registry, at <https://izrecord.nv.gov/public/Application/PublicPortal> or by calling (775) 684-5954. Non-custodial adults may bring a child to the clinic, but written consent from the parent or legal guardian must be provided at the time of service. The Health District accepts most insurance plans. Not all immunizations are covered by insurance. Vaccine costs vary based on the type of immunization required. There may be an administrative fee in addition to the vaccine costs. For more information, visit www.snhd.info/bts.

Salmonella Outbreak

On June 11, the Health District announced it had identified four cases of *Salmonella* infection in Clark County associated with a multistate outbreak linked to brown cage free and brown certified organic eggs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is leading a coordinated investigation into the outbreak, which currently involves cases reported in several states.

The Health District continues to work closely with the CDC and state partners to collect additional information and monitor the situation as the investigation progresses.

At the time of the Health District's announcement, the CDC was reporting at least 50 *Salmonella*-related illnesses nationwide that were linked to the outbreak. *Salmonella* can cause serious illness. Symptoms typically begin six hours to six days after exposure and include diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps. Most people recover without medical treatment, but some individuals, especially young children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems, are at greater risk of developing severe illness or complications that may require hospitalization.

The CDC is advising the following:

- **Do not eat any recalled eggs.** Throw them away or return them to where you bought them.
- **Wash items and surfaces** that may have touched the recalled eggs using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.
- **Call your health care provider** if you have any of these severe *Salmonella* symptoms:
 - Diarrhea or vomiting lasting more than two days
 - A fever higher than 102°F
 - Bloody diarrhea or bloody urine
 - So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down
 - Signs of dehydration, such as not peeing much, dry mouth and throat, and feeling dizzy when standing up

More information about the outbreak, including safety tips and product recall details, is available on the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/salmonella/outbreaks/eggs-06-25/index.html or on the U.S. Food & Drug Administration website at www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-salmonella-eggs-june-2025.

Adult Immunization and Outreach Event

On May 29, the Health District hosted a free Adult Immunization Outreach Event at its Fremont Public Health Center, 2830 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104. The event was open to the public and offered adults a chance to get vaccinations, blood pressure checks, STI screenings, harm reduction resources and other essential health services—all in one convenient location.

Every year, around 50,000 adults in the U.S. die from diseases that vaccines can prevent. Many adults aren't aware that they may still be at risk, or that immunity from earlier vaccinations can wear off over time. Staying up to date on recommended vaccines is not only safe but often required for travel, work, school and more.

Recommended adult vaccines include chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza (Flu), measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), meningococcal, pneumonia, shingles, and tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap). Some vaccines may need boosters or have different recommended vaccination schedules. For additional information on adult vaccines, visit <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/community-health-center/adult-vaccines/>.

Most insurance plans cover the costs, and vaccines for adults may be reduced or free of cost depending on availability. For a list of Health District locations, visit www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org/about-us/maps/. Vaccines are also available from health providers and at local pharmacies.

Twenty-eight patients were served at the event. Eighty-three adult vaccines were administered as well as seven tests completed for sexually transmitted infections.

Men's Health Month

June marks Men's Health Month, a time when the Health District urges all men to make their health a priority. Throughout the month, the Health District is reminding men to take charge of their well-being through informed decisions and proactive steps.

Nearly 15% of men in the United States report being in fair or poor health, and on average, women live more than five years longer than men. Conditions like heart disease, cancer and diabetes disproportionately affect men. While many of these health issues are preventable with regular check-ups and healthy lifestyle choices, men are often less likely than women to visit a doctor or discuss symptoms with a health care provider.

During June, the Health District's Barbershop Health Outreach Project hosted a "Pressure Point" Challenge," during which men could get free blood pressure screenings. The screenings were offered at barbershop locations throughout the Valley.

Also, in conjunction with Men's Health Month, the City of Las Vegas and Health Wellness Integrated Care are sponsoring the 4th Annual Men's Health & Wellness Conference on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28 at Las Vegas City Hall, 495 S. Main St., Las Vegas, NV 89101. With the theme of Generational Health, the conference aims to empower men of all ages to explore the deep connections among family history, lifestyle choices and long-term well-being. Topics including physical and mental health, blood pressure and health risk factors will be addressed. The event begins with an evening social from 6–9 p.m. on June 27, followed by the conference from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on June 28. To register, visit www.bit.ly/3FG4xp8.

Early detection through regular screenings for cancer and other health conditions is vital for improving survival rates and maintaining good health. The Health District's Southern Nevada Community Health Center offers a range of services to support men's health, including annual physicals, chronic disease management and sick visits for minor illnesses. These services are available at the following locations:

- 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107: Open Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
- 2830 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104: Open Tuesday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

The Health District also urges men to check out the myriad prevention and self-management resources on the [Get Healthy Clark County website](#). The site addresses many important health

issues affecting men, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, obesity, smoking cessation and nutrition.

Smoking continues to be the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the United States—and men are disproportionately affected. Both in Nevada and across the country, men are more likely than women to smoke cigarettes or use electronic vapor products. Nationally, 13.1% of men smoke, compared to 11.4% of all adults. Each year, smoking claims more than 480,000 lives in the United States, with over 250,000 of those deaths occurring among men. In Clark County, 16.7% of men reported smoking cigarettes in 2023. For those ready to quit, free support and resources are available through [Get Healthy Clark County](#) and the [Nevada Tobacco Quitline](#) at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Cancer is another major concern in men's health, with approximately 4 in 10 American men expected to be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers a helpful men's health [cancer screening guide](#) that outlines when to begin screenings for colon and lung cancer. It also encourages men to speak with their primary care provider about screening options for prostate and skin cancers.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for men in the United States, encompassing conditions such as coronary artery disease and heart attacks. As of 2019, approximately 7% of adult men in the United States were diagnosed with heart disease. In Clark County, 3.5% of adults reported experiencing angina or coronary heart disease in 2023, up from 3.2% in 2021. 5.2% of adults reported experiencing angina, coronary heart disease or heart attack in 2023. White non-Hispanic adults had the highest prevalence of these conditions:

- White non-Hispanic: 6%
- Black non-Hispanic: 4.2%
- Hispanic: 2.7%
- Asian non-Hispanic: 1.5%

Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, is a major preventable factor for heart disease and stroke risk. In Clark County in 2023, non-Hispanic Black/African American adults had the highest percentage of hypertension (41.1%). More information is available in the 2025 Community Health Assessment, a comprehensive evaluation of Clark County's health needs, strengths and available resources. The assessment is available at the [Healthy Southern Nevada website](#). To manage risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, visit the [Manage Your Risk](#) section of the Get Healthy website. In addition, the [Community Calendar](#) provides a schedule of free blood pressure checks at participating barbershops

For people diagnosed with diabetes or prediabetes, the Health District offers free diabetes classes virtually or in-person. Visit [GetHealthyClarkCounty.org](#) for classes in [English](#) and [www.VivaSaludable.org](#) for classes in [Spanish](#). Those who register will be invited to the next class when scheduled. A downloadable resource of [low-cost clinics](#) is also available on the Get Healthy Clark County website.

The [Get Healthy Clark County](#) and [Viva Saludable](#) websites also offer free, online programs that can help increase physical activity. Online programs include Walk Around Nevada and Neon to Nature. Additional programs include tools and resources about healthy eating, nutritional information tips, smoking cessation and resources to help maintain a healthier lifestyle.

To learn more about diabetes resources in Southern Nevada, go to [Get Healthy Clark County | Local Diabetes Resources](#) or [Viva Saludable | Recursos locales para la diabetes](#). For information about additional classes, events and programs offered by the Health District, visit the [Get Healthy Clark County Community Calendar](#).

Move Your Way®

Clark County residents are invited to ready their swimsuits and sunscreen for the Health District's annual Move Your Way® campaign. The Health District's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is turning up the fun this summer with a splashy series of free events to get people moving and feeling great.

The excitement kicked off Friday, May 23, with "Slide into Summer," a family-friendly pool party at the Henderson Multi-Gen Activity Pool, 250 S. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, NV 89012. But that was just the beginning. Seven more aquatic adventures are planned at public pools across the Valley through September 13—perfect for cooling off, getting active and having fun with friends and family. The full schedule is available at [GetHealthyClarkCounty.org](#) or [VivaSaludable.org](#).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 27% of adults and 16% of high school students in Clark County are considered sedentary, which can lead to serious health problems down the line. That's why the Health District is teaming up with community partners to make it easier to get active.

[Move Your Way®](#) is a physical activity campaign from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote the recommendations from the [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans](#) and encourage people to incorporate them into everyday life. The campaign provides resources to help people stay on track in improving their fitness.

Community Meetings

Week ending 06/01:

Weekly:

- Participated in a Legislative Update meeting

Biweekly:

- Facilitated the Health Executive Council meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Anderson-Fintak, Saxton, Yapjoco, Zhang)
- Attended the CDC National Measles Response call
- Facilitated the EIS check-in meeting
- Participated in the Legislative Working Group Update

Monthly:

- Participated in the Nevada Association of Local Health Officials (NALHO) meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in an internal meeting regarding Accreditation, Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement
- Participated in an internal meeting regarding grants and contracts
- Participated in a meeting with Dr. David Hess, Research Associated Professor, and Adam Vazquez, Molecular Epidemiologist, from the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from Clark County regarding Ryan White funding and services

- Attended a meeting with Rosemary Brock and Paul Banfer, from EISC Lab Data Automation, and Tom Zumtobel, from Teachers Health Trust, regarding electronic health records
- Participated in an internal meeting regarding the Organizational Vital Signs (OVS) Survey Focus Groups

Week ending 05/25:

Weekly:

- Participated in a Legislative Update meeting

Biweekly:

- Attended the CDC Response All-STLT Update call
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Gonzales, Mangla, Saner Smith)
- Facilitated one-on-one meeting with EIS Officer

Monthly:

- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meeting with Councilwoman Brune, Mayor Pro Tem Gallo, Councilwoman Summers-Armstrong, Mayor Pro Tem Black, Bobbette Bond, Scott Nielson, Councilwoman Larson, and Mayor Hardy
- Participated in the Nevada Public Health Association (NPHA) Coordination Call
- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting
- Participated in the Clark County Medical Society (CCMS) Board of Trustees meeting
- Participated in the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting
- Participated in the Local Health Official Monthly Engagement meeting facilitated by National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter/Events:

- Participated in the Data Governance & Legal Workshop (Virtual Session #4) webinar facilitated by the Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting regarding the SNPHL expansion

Week ending 05/18:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated the Health Executive Council meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Anderson-Fintak, Nicolson, Trujillo, Yapjoco, Zhang)
- Facilitated the EIS check-in meeting
- Participated in the Legislative Working Group Update

Monthly:

- Participated in the NV Pathogen Science Team meeting
- Participated in the eCR Data Quality Workgroup meeting
- Participated in the May Virtual Grand Rounds Session facilitated by the California Medical Association
- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meeting with Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Quarterly:

- Participated in the Quarterly Medical Event Review meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting regarding SB295
- Participated in a meeting with NORC at the University of Chicago regarding the social return on investment (SROI) of Accreditation

- Attended the Regional Trauma Advisory Board Nominating Committee meeting
- Attended the Regional Trauma Advisory Board meeting
- Participated in a meeting regarding Street & Field Medicine
- Participated in a meeting with DPBH, NACO and local health authorities regarding Public Health Funding
- Participated in a meeting regarding the NEOGOV contract
- Attended the Walk Around Nevada participants' lunch

Week ending 05/11:

Weekly:

- Participated in a Legislative Update meeting

Biweekly:

- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Directors (Gonzales, Mangla, Saner, Saxton, Smith, Trujillo)
- Facilitated one-on-one meeting with EIS Officer

Monthly:

- Participated in the Monthly Leadership Finance meeting
- Participated in the BCHC Monthly Member meeting
- Participated in the BCHC FHIR Forum meeting

Bimonthly:

- Presented at the Manager/Supervisors meeting

Quarterly:

- Participated in the EIS Supervisory Team meeting

Media/Interviews/Panelist/Presenter/Events:

- Speaker at the Extreme Heat Press Event at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater

Professional Development/Conferences:

- Attended the FutureSync Training & Development Session for SNHD Leadership and Senior Managers

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting regarding ongoing litigation
- Participated in a meeting regarding Health Cards program
- Attended a meeting with SEIU representatives regarding the All-Hands meeting
- Participated in the Nevada Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Site Visit at SNHD
- Presented at the SNHD All Hands & Organizational Vital Signs (OVS) Survey Debrief meeting
- Attended the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services meeting
- Attended the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources meeting