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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

COVID-19 Vaccine update

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are now available at Southern Nevada Health District Immunization Clinics for all individuals 6 months and older. Seasonal vaccines, including flu and RSV, are also available for all recommended age groups. Clients with private insurance are advised to confirm coverage with their health insurance provider.

Vaccines are available at all Health District Immunization Clinics by appointment. Most health plans, including Medicare and Medicaid, cover recommended vaccines. Uninsured children and adults may qualify for free vaccines through VFC or Section 317. Appointments can be made at www.snhd.info/immunizations or by calling (702) 759-0850.

Clinic locations:

- Main Public Health Center, 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107
- East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 2950 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Henderson Public Health Center, 220 E. Horizon Dr., Suites A & C, Henderson, NV 89015
- Mesquite Public Health Center/Jimmie Hughes Campus, 150 N. Yucca St., Suites 3 & 4, Mesquite, NV 89027

COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and recommendations

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for people ages 6 months and older.

- People recently infected with COVID-19 should wait four to six months before getting the updated vaccine.
- Those who received a previous COVID-19 vaccine should wait at least two months before getting the updated version.

Flu vaccine eligibility and recommendations

The seasonal flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Children younger than 9 need two doses if they have received fewer than two flu vaccine doses prior to July 1, 2024. September and October are the recommended months for vaccination for most people.

During the 2024–2025 flu season, Clark County reported 109 deaths and 1,874 hospitalizations, up from 92 deaths and 1,405 hospitalizations the prior year. Flu surveillance for the 2025–2026 season begins September 28, 2025, and runs through May 23, 2026. Weekly Influenza Surveillance Snapshot reports are posted on the Health District [website](http://www.snhd.info) beginning in October.

RSV vaccine and monoclonal antibody recommendations

RSV vaccines are recommended for:

- Adults 75 and older.
- Adults 60–74 at increased risk for severe RSV who have not been previously vaccinated.
- Pregnant people between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy between September and January to provide newborns with early protection.

RSV is not an annual vaccine. Once vaccinated, revaccination is not needed.

Monoclonal antibodies are recommended for:

- All infants younger than 8 months unless their mother was considered immune during pregnancy.
- Children 8–19 months at higher risk of severe RSV.

While RSV season timing can vary, administration of monoclonal antibodies is recommended October through March in most of the continental United States.

More information about clinic hours and services go to www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/about-us/maps/.

Safe a Life Day

The Southern Nevada Health District partnered with SOAR WV (Solutions Oriented Addiction Response of West Virginia) and hundreds of organizations nationwide on Thursday, September 25, to observe **Save a Life Day**—a national day dedicated to providing free naloxone.

SOAR, based in Charleston, West Virginia, is a national movement that promotes the health, dignity and voices of individuals impacted by drug use. In 2024, more than 650 SOAR events were held in 35 states, distributing over 84,000 doses of naloxone at no cost.

In 2024, there were 802 drug overdoses in Clark County, 454 of which involved fentanyl. Opioid-involved overdose deaths more than doubled, increasing 111.9% among Clark County residents from 2018 to 2024. Fentanyl-involved overdose deaths increased sevenfold, rising 699.8% from 2018 to 2024.

Naloxone is a safe, effective medication that reverses opioid overdoses. For Save a Life Day, the Health District and community partners will host free distribution events to provide low-barrier access to naloxone. The Health District also encourages community members to get trained in overdose response and to carry naloxone in case they witness an overdose.

Naloxone distribution sites were promoted at the Health District's Main Public Health Center and Fremont Public Health Center sites, as well as community partner locations, including:

- The Center (main lobby), 401 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- 8th District Court, 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101
- TiNHiH (There is No Hero in Heroin) Foundation (drop-in center), 3441 W. Sahara Ave., C-1, Las Vegas, NV 89109
- Henderson Equality Center, 1490 W. Sunset Rd., Suite 120, Henderson, NV 89014
- College of Southern Nevada, Sahara Campus, 2409 Las Verdes St., Bldg. A, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- Southern Nevada Health Consortium (front of clinic), 6108 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89149
- CareSource (front of clinic), 6108 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89149

- Las Vegas-Clark County Library District locations
- Windmill Library, 7060 W. Windmill Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89113
- Blue Diamond Library, 16 Cottonwood Dr., Blue Diamond, NV 89004
- Summerlin Library, 1771 Inner Circle Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134
- Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117
- Sunrise Library, 400 E. Harris Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89110
- West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146

Free naloxone and overdose response training are available year-round to individuals and organizations. For training information, email od@SNHD.org. To access on-demand video training, visit the [Overdose Response with Naloxone](#) page. The pharmacies at the Health District's Main Public Health Center and Fremont Public Health Center also provide naloxone and other harm reduction supplies year-round, during regular operating hours.

Pop-Up Produce Stands

Pop-Up Produce Stands have returned to the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC) this fall to offer affordable, regionally grown fruits and vegetables. Shoppers can use SNAP/EBT, cash, debit or credit cards.

The stands will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or while supplies last, at the BTC, 101 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Dates for the remainder of the year are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 4
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 (third Tuesday due to Veterans Day)
- Tuesday, Dec. 2
- Tuesday, Dec. 9

The program aims to make healthy food more accessible and reduce food insecurity in Southern Nevada. In 2023, Clark County's food insecurity rate was 16%, affecting 366,710 people—higher than both Nevada (15.1%) and the United States (14.3%). More than one in five children in Clark County, equivalent to 111,180 children (22%), experienced food insecurity. Rates among Black residents (28%) were more than double those of White residents (13%), underscoring significant disparities. In 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture identified 30 census tracts in Clark County as food deserts, highlighting persistent barriers to healthy food access.

The produce stands are a partnership of the Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and Prevail Marketplace.

In 2024, the stands generated \$3,275 in sales and distributed 2,471 pounds of fresh produce. About 26% of sales were made using SNAP/EBT benefits, demonstrating the program's role in improving healthy food access for families who may be experiencing barriers to accessing healthy foods. Shoppers also receive healthy recipe cards, nutrition education and other health resources. 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 website also lists local farmers markets, including those that accept EBT, SNAP and debit or credit cards.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day

The Southern Nevada Health District observed National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on Tuesday, October 15, spotlighting the disproportionate impact of HIV on Hispanic/Latino communities and promoting prevention, testing, treatment and strategies to interrupt transmission.

HIV testing at Big Oh Community Health Fair

In observance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the 15th Annual Big Oh Community Health Fair was held on Saturday, October 18, at the East Las Vegas Community Center. Free and open to the public, the event included rapid HIV testing and free tacos for everyone who got an onsite test. There were also rapid hepatitis C testing, free health services, vendors and entertainment. The Health Fair was sponsored by the Southern Nevada Health Consortium, Anthem Medicaid and CAN Community Health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV, and 13% are unaware of their status. In 2022, there were approximately 31,800 new HIV infections nationwide; 33% (about 10,500) were among Hispanic/Latino individuals. In Clark County, there were 552 new HIV diagnoses in 2024, up from 508 in 2023, with 23% (116) among Hispanics residents. At the end of 2023, of the 12,000 people living with HIV in Clark County, 3,683 were Hispanic.

The national data underscore persistent disparities:

- Hispanic/Latino men bear a disproportionate burden: in 2022, they accounted for 9,374 of the 37,981 new HIV diagnoses in the United States (nearly one out of four).
- The rate of new HIV infections among Hispanic/Latino men is nearly three times that of White men.
- Hispanic/Latino women also face stark disparities: in 2022, there were 1,261 new HIV diagnoses among Hispanic/Latino women (about 3% of all new diagnoses), and their rate of new infection is over four times that of White women.

Year-round HIV testing is readily available in Southern Nevada:

- The Health District offers express testing at no cost from 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Southern Nevada Health District Main Public Health Center, 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107. No-cost express testing is also available at the Fremont Public Health Center, 2830 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89104, from 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. each Friday. No appointments are needed, but clients must be asymptomatic.
- HIV testing is available at no cost at the Arleen Cooper Community Health Center at The Center, 401 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Hours are 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted.
- The Health District's Collect2Protect program offers free at-home HIV tests, giving people a convenient and private option for testing. The kits can be requested through the [Collect2Protect](#) page.

Same-day HIV testing and treatment services are also available in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center and at the Fremont Public Health Center. HIV services include testing, medical, behavioral health, nutrition, case management, pharmaceutical, and educational services, including PEP and PrEP navigation and treatment for those who test negative. Services are offered for insured and uninsured patients. Sliding fee scale discounts are available to all patients who qualify.

Community Meetings

Week ending 09/28:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Mangla, Nicolson, Smith, Trujillo)

Monthly:

- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meetings with Councilwoman Brune, Councilwoman Gallo, Commissioner Becker, Councilwoman Summers-Armstrong, Scott Nielson, Bobbette Bond, Mayor Hardy
- Participated in the Nevada Association of Local Health Officials (NALHO) 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)

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting regarding Ryan White B Funding
- Participated in a meeting regarding the SNPHL Expansion Update
- Participated in a meeting regarding Lab Test Pricing

Week ending 09/21:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated the Health Executive Council meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Anderson-Fintak, Saxton, Trujillo, Zhang)
- Facilitated the EIS check-in meeting

Monthly:

- Participated in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board meeting
- Participated in the Clark County Medical Society Board of Trustees meeting
- Participated in the individual Southern Nevada District Board of Health Agenda Review meetings Mayor Pro Tem Black and Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Facilitated a meeting with Facilities Manager and Security Supervisor regarding the Decatur Facility

Week ending 09/14:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated one-on-one meeting with EIS Officer

Monthly:

- Participated in the Managers/Supervisors meeting
- Participated in the BCHC Monthly Member meeting

Week ending 09/07:

Biweekly:

- Facilitated the Health Executive Council meeting
- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with Direct Reports (Anderson-Fintak, Mangla, Saner, Saxton, Trujillo, Varghese)

Monthly:

- Participated in the Monthly Leadership Finance meeting
- Attended the Medical Advisory Board meeting

Quarterly:

- Participated in the Facilities Advisory Board meeting
- Participated in the State Board of Health meeting

Ad-hoc Meetings:

- Participated in a meeting with representatives from T-Mobile Area to explore potential collaboration on impactful community health engagement
- Participated in a meeting with CareSource, facilitated by NACO
- Participated in an internal meeting regarding tuberculosis exposures
- Participated in an internal meeting regarding the COVID vaccine
- Participated in the Exit Summary Meeting regarding the Title X Site Visit
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from Northern Nevada Public Health on the Healthcare Acquired Infection (HAI) program