



Public Health Notice

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Guidelines for Healthcare Providers Reporting COVID-19 Positive Patients Staying Onsite at Local Hotel and Resort Properties

Situation

As Southern Nevada hotels and resort properties reopen, there will be an increase in the number of guests from these facilities requiring medical evaluation and COVID-19 testing. SNHD is requesting the assistance of healthcare providers in immediately reporting to the Health District any visitor/guest of these facilities who tests positive for COVID-19.

Recommendations for Healthcare Providers:

- During interview and evaluation of any suspected COVID-19 case, take appropriate infection control precautions as recommended by the CDC and your facility's policies (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Finfection-control%2Fcontrol-recommendations.html).
- In addition to the clinical history, please ask suspected COVID-19 cases about their travel history and whether they are currently guests at local hotel/resort properties.
- If patients confirmed to have COVID-19 are currently staying at a local hotel/resort property or were staying at the facilities while potentially infectious, immediately notify the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance (OEDS) at 702-759-1300, it's a 24/7 service with dedicated surveillance personnel.
- If available, report information about the individual's arrival dates, name(s) of hotel/resort that they have stayed at, their method of transportation to the medical facility, and the names of any travel companions.
- The Health District will work to immediately notify hotel/resort properties as soon as a positive, confirmatory lab report is received so that they can quickly implement infection control measures and assist in identifying potentially exposed individuals.

Additional Information:

The Health District is working with hotels, resorts and other community partners to rapidly screen, evaluate, diagnose, and isolate suspected COVID-19 cases staying at or visiting local hotel and resort properties. The ability to do this effectively is paramount in helping Southern Nevada to reopen safely and prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 transmission in our community.

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