



Public Health Update
2023-2024 Influenza Season Kick Off
October 10, 2023

Situation

For 2023-2024 influenza season, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) will begin monitoring flu activity in Clark County, Nevada starting October 1, 2023, and will continue through May 18, 2024. Weekly surveillance reports will be distributed throughout this period containing information on influenza cases provided by local hospitals and health care providers to SNHD. Reports for the current and prior seasons are located on SNHD's website at <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/statistics-surveillance-reports/influenza-surveillance>

Influenza reporting requirement in the State of Nevada (NAC 441a.575)

A healthcare provider shall report an influenza case that is:

1. associated with a hospitalization or death, **OR**
2. part of an influenza outbreak; **OR**
3. known or suspected to be of a viral strain that:
 - a. Has been determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) to pose a risk of a national or global pandemic, **OR**
 - b. Is novel or untypeable.
4. Pediatric influenza-associated deaths are a reportable condition in Nevada.

Reporting influenza cases to SNHD

1. Report online by completing the Online Provider Disease Reporting Form at <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/diseasereports/forms/disease-reporting> (Recommended).
2. Complete and fax the State of Nevada Confidential Morbidity Report Form (attached) to (702) 759-1414.

CDC Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

Composition of Flu vaccines for the U.S. 2023-2024 season has been updated. According to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications. More information on flu vaccine recommendations can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/summary/summary-recommendations.htm>

If you have any questions, contact the SNHD Office of Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) at 702-759-1300.

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Attachment State of Nevada Confidential Morbidity Report Form

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action