

Public Health Advisory 10/1/2024 2024-2025 Influenza Season Kick Off

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SUMMARY

Situation (Influenza Season Monitoring): The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) will begin active surveillance for the 2024-2025 influenza season in Clark County, Nevada starting on *September 29, 2024*, and continuing through *May 17, 2025*.

- **Weekly Surveillance Reports:** SNHD will distribute weekly reports via the Health Alert Network, summarizing influenza activity based on data provided by local hospitals and health care providers.
- Historical Reports: For current and past seasons' data, visit SNHD's influenza reports page: SNHD
 Influenza Surveillance Reports.

✓ <u>Influenza Reporting Requirements:</u> Mandatory Reporting (NAC 441A.575)

Healthcare providers in Nevada are required to report influenza cases under the following conditions:

- Hospitalization or death confirmed by laboratory testing; or
- Influenza cases involving a viral strain identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) as a potential national or global pandemic threat; or
- Death of a person under 18 years of age who tested positive for influenza at the time of death, as confirmed by a laboratory; or
- Any influenza outbreak or clusters of cases or
- o Cases of a novel or untypeable influenza strain, whether suspected or confirmed.

√ How to Report Influenza Cases to SNHD

Preferred Method: Submit online by completing the Online Provider Disease Reporting Form.

Alternate Method: Complete and fax the State of Nevada Confidential Morbidity Report Form to (702) 759-1414.

✓ CDC Vaccine Recommendations

For the 2024-2025 influenza season, the composition of Flu vaccines has been updated. The **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)** strongly recommends **annual flu vaccination** for all individuals aged 6 months and older, except those with contraindications.

For more details on vaccine guidelines, visit the CDC's flu vaccine recommendations page: CDC Flu Vaccine Recommendations.

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

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Reference Links

The complete URLs for the shortened links are listed below to copy and paste into your browser.

- SNHD Influenza Surveillance Reports: https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/statistics-surveillance-reports/influenza-surveillance
- Online Provider Disease Reporting Form: https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/reportable-diseases/reportable-diseases-form/
- CDC Flu Vaccine Recommendations: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/acip/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/summary-recommendations.htm