

Public Health Advisory 01/13/2025

High Respiratory Illness Activity in Clark County, NV

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SUMMARY

Situation: Total seasonal respiratory illness activity which includes influenza, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are high in Clark County, NV.

- Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase and is elevated across most of the country.
- As of January 4, 2025, the percentage of monitored ED and urgent care visits potentially related to Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI) and general respiratory syndromes increased by 65.5% and 25.4% respectively from December 7, 2024.
- There have been 438 influenza associated hospitalizations and seven influenza-associated deaths as of December 28, 2024.
- As of January 8, 2025, Clark County had moderate concentrations of SARS-CoV-2 and high concentrations of RSV and influenza A viral activity in <u>wastewater</u>.

Actions for providers:

The Southern Nevada Health District recommends that all providers:

- 1. Administer: Administer influenza, COVID-19, and RSV immunization to all eligible patients.
- 2. **Encourage:** Encourage immunization at alternate locations when unavailable in your clinic.
- 3. **Discuss:** Emphasize the vital role in reducing severe illness, hospitalization, and death, especially for high-risk populations (infants, older adults, and persons with certain comorbidities) who acquire influenza, COVID-19, or RSV.
- 4. **Prescribe:** Prescribe antiviral medication for patients with high-risk of progression to severe disease with influenza or COVID-19.
- 5. **Counsel:** Advise patients on preventive measures: cover coughs/sneezes, wash hands, wear masks, and improve ventilation in enclosed places.

If you have any questions about influenza, COVID-19, and RSV please contact the Southern Nevada Health District Office of Acute Communicable Disease Control at 702-759-1300.

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