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### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Southern Nevada Health District is now providing booster doses to all adults 18 years of age and older in keeping with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations. People age 18 and older who have completed their initial series with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines six months ago or more after the initial series is complete or adults 18 and older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine two months after their first vaccine can get a booster at Health District clinic locations. The booster dose can be the same vaccine originally received or a different vaccine. COVID-19 boosters are safe, effective and free.

The Health District's COVID-19 Dashboard has been updated. Its Vaccination Summary now includes the percentage of people age 5 and older who have initiated and completed their vaccinations. In addition, the Dashboard now includes cumulative probable COVID-19 cases.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Status Report

As of November 23, more than 12,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 have received their initial COVID-19 vaccine dose in Clark County.

The Pfizer BioNTech pediatric vaccine is available at the Health District's main public health center, 280 S. Decatur Blvd. and its community clinic sites. The vaccine appointment system has been updated and parents can now make appointments for their children between the ages of 5 and 11 on the Health District's website: <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/distribution/>. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are accepted.

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect children from getting COVID-19. Children may be at lower risk than adults of becoming seriously ill, but it is still possible. The vaccine is safe, effective and free.

### Current Vaccine Update:

As of November 24, 2021:

- Total Doses Reported Administered: 2,844,621

Total Doses Reported Initiated: 1,503,024

- Percent initiated vaccination:
  - Overall: 64.84%
  - 18 years and older: 78.78%
  - 12 years and older: 73.62%
  - 5 years and older: 67.20%
- Total Doses Reported Completed: 1,243,214
- Overall: 53.63%
  - 18 years and older: 66.18%
  - 12 years and older: 61.14%
  - 5 years and older: 55.29%

Additional vaccination information is available at [www.snhd.info/covid-cases](http://www.snhd.info/covid-cases).

### COVID-19 after Vaccination

As of November 24, the Health District has received reports of 13,476 fully vaccinated individuals testing positive for COVID-19. In Clark County, the current number of cases of COVID-19 in people who are fully vaccinated represents 118.5 cases out of every 10,000 fully vaccinated people. The Health District is reporting a total of 210 deaths that have occurred in fully vaccinated Clark County residents. This represents 1.8 deaths per 10,000 fully vaccinated people. Among unvaccinated people, the number of cases of COVID-19 is 2,782 out of every 10,000 unvaccinated individuals and the number of deaths is 50.4 per 10,000 unvaccinated people.

The Health District's COVID-19 breakthrough infection reports are available at: [www.snhd.info/covid-breakthrough](http://www.snhd.info/covid-breakthrough).

### COVID-19 Cases

As of November 24, there have been 342,098 cases of COVID-19 reported in Clark County. The Health District is also reporting the seven-day moving average of new positive cases as of November 20, is 344.4 cases. A total of 6,161 Clark County residents have died from COVID-19.

The number of cases COVID-19 among children age four and younger is 7,722 as of November 24. The number of cases in children between the ages of 5 and 11 is 17,154 as of November 24.

The Health District encourages people who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who have had contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 to get tested. Testing location information is available at [www.snhd.info/covid-testing](http://www.snhd.info/covid-testing). Information on self-testing kits is available on the Health District [website](#). Up-to-date vaccination information is available on the data section of the Health District's website at [www.snhd.info/covid-cases](http://www.snhd.info/covid-cases).

### World AIDS Day

December 1 marks World AIDS Day, and the Southern Nevada Health District will host a grand opening at 8 a.m. for its new Sexual Health Clinic at All Saints Episcopal Church. The clinic is located at 4201 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89107 and will be offering free rapid HIV testing in commemoration of World AIDS Day. The Health District and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourage everyone age 13 to 64 to get tested at least once to learn their HIV status. Services will be available between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ongoing services will be available at All Saints Episcopal Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Services will include testing for HIV and STDs, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV infection, telehealth visits with a Health District provider, sexual health education and condoms. Services will be available by appointment and clients can call (702) 759-1700.

### **East Las Vegas Public Health Center**

The Southern Nevada Health District's newest public health center is opened on Thursday, November 18 at 2950 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas NV 89101. The clinic opens after the closure of the former location on November 10.

The public health center is open Monday through Friday. Service information for the East Las Vegas Public Health Center is below:

- Food Handler Safety Training Card services are not available at the East Las Vegas location; however, clients who have scheduled appointments at that location through the end of 2021 will be seen at the main public health center at 280 S. Decatur Blvd. Food Handler Safety Training Card appointments can be made for the main public health center or the Henderson public health center, 220 E. Horizon Dr., Henderson, NV 89015 by calling (702) 759-0595 or through the online scheduling system.
- Immunization clinic services are available by appointment only, and clients can call (702) 759-0850 to schedule.
- Family Planning clinical services are available by appointment only, and clients can call (702) 759-1700 to schedule.

### **Community Health Improvement Plan**

In October, nearly 100 community members gathered at a Community Health Assessment Prioritization meeting to ask, "What are the most pressing public health issues facing Clark County?" The meeting was a continuation of Southern Nevada Health District and partner efforts to identify strategic priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a guide for public health activities and interventions through the next three years.

The CHIP is the second step in a process that began with the [2020-2021 Community Health Assessment \(CHA\)](#). The CHA was released in August 2021 and is designed to inform the public, stakeholders and organizations about the current health status of Clark County residents and provide guidance for making shared decisions for improving the public health status of the community. During the prioritization meeting held on October 22, stakeholders used the findings from the CHA and identified four priorities that will be the focus of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The priorities were determined by ranking and measuring the seriousness of each issue's burden to the community as well as how many people are impacted directly or indirectly, and the cost to the community and the economy. The four priority areas are:

- **Access to Health Care:** Access to affordable, quality health care is an important element to physical, social and mental health. Insurance coverage, systemic racism and health disparities, lack of access or poor quality of health care, lack of providers and lack of reliable transportation were identified as impacting members of the community.
- **Chronic Disease:** Approximately six in 10 adults in the United States have a chronic disease, and four in 10 have two or more. Chronic disease is a condition lasting longer than a year or more and requires ongoing medical attention, limited activities of daily living or both. Social determinants of health, such as safe housing; job opportunities; discrimination and violence; language and literacy skills have an impact on the prevalence of chronic diseases in the community.
- **Funding:** Just 3 percent of health care dollars in the United States are spent on preventing disease and 75 percent of health care costs are related to preventable conditions. A high unemployment rate, high health care and transportation costs, limited public health funding, and lack of education funding have been identified as funding focus areas.
- **Transportation:** Reliable access to transportation can increase employment rates, access to healthy foods, access to health care providers and facilities, and access to parks and recreation for a healthy lifestyle. Approximately 8.4 percent of Clark County households do not have a vehicle. The assessment identified the high cost of transportation, accessibility to transportation and an insufficient utilization of transportation funding as areas to address.

The CHIP is a collaboration between government agencies, health care providers, non-profit organizations, and academia. The Health District welcomes individuals who would like to participate in the CHIP committee. Interested individuals or organizations can contact Carmen Hua at [huac@snhd.org](mailto:huac@snhd.org) for more information.