



# CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson

# COVID-19

Dear District G Residents

Thank you for your patience, thank you for your cooperation, and most of all, thank you for your giving spirit. There are so many people in our community that are not as fortunate as others and find themselves struggling during this unprecedented and chaotic time in history. I have always been a proud Nevadan, but never more than now. Our community, from unemployed casino workers to the largest corporations to small businesses and dozens of our faith based organizations have not let us down. I will try and continue to share the influx of news that is effecting Clark County, the State of Nevada, and our country as a whole. In this issue, I have included information about yesterday's decision to extend the state's Stay at Home directive to April 30th, which has prompted the extension of school closures and all other directives issued under the Governor's Emergency Declaration to April 30th. I have also included information about our state's travel advisory; UNLV Medicine School of Medicine's Curbside Testing for coronavirus; and of course, we cannot forget information about the ongoing US Census.

As always, do not hesitate to email us at [ccdistsg@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:ccdistsg@clarkcountynv.gov) or call our office at (702) 455-5561 with any questions or concerns. You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/jim.gibson](https://www.facebook.com/jim.gibson), Instagram [@CommishJGibson](https://www.instagram.com/CommishJGibson) or Twitter [@CommishJGibson](https://twitter.com/CommishJGibson).

*Jim*



# Governor Sisolak Issues a "Stay at Home" Directive

Governor Sisolak has formally issued a "Stay at Home" directive for Nevadans and extended the nonessential business, gaming and school closures and all other directives issued under his earlier Emergency Declaration to April 30.

The governor has been asking Nevadans to "Stay Home for Nevada" since March 17 and has taken multiple steps since declaring a state of emergency on March 12 to protect Nevadans and encourage them to stay home and help flatten the curve.

This directive reinforces the Governor's earlier advisory for Nevadans to stay home and will go into effect at midnight on April 1. You can still go outside and visit essential businesses and take care of necessary business like grocery shopping, etc. For a copy of the directive, please visit <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Declaration-of-Emergency-Directive-010-Stay-at-Home-3-31-20.pdf>

# Governor Sisolak Requests Major Disaster Declaration from President Trump for Additional Support in COVID-19 Response

Governor Sisolak submitted a formal request to President Donald Trump for a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Nevada. If approved, this declaration will provide additional federal assistance and emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation. The disaster declaration request includes requests for Public Assistance funding and the full suite of Individual Assistance programs including, but not limited to, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Disaster Legal Services, Crisis Counseling and Training Programs, and Mass Care and Emergency Assistance to help support residents in need during this unprecedented crisis.

"The COVID-19 public health crisis in Nevada is of such severity and scale that the effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state, local and tribal governments, and supplementary federal assistance is needed to save lives, protect public health, and help Nevada recover from the incomprehensible economic impacts that have resulted from this global pandemic," said Governor Sisolak. "I am asking the President and federal government to help Nevada respond and recover effectively and efficiently by providing federal assistance."

It is not known when the President will act on Governor Sisolak's major disaster request for additional federal assistance. Governor Sisolak signed a Declaration of Emergency for the COVID-19 outbreak on March 12, 2020, which is a required step to request a federal major disaster declaration.

# A Message from CCSD Superintendent Jesus F. Jara

Following today's directive by Governor Steve Sisolak, the school closures in the Clark County School District (CCSD) will extend until April 30, 2020.

CCSD will continue implementing distance education in accordance with guidance provided by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). CCSD is actively deploying devices and addressing connectivity issues to reduce inequities preventing as many as 60% of our students from participating in learning opportunities through digital platforms.

Our food distribution sites will maintain vital services for our families as we continue to explore expanded services to meet the needs of our families. We will remain engaged with our business and community partners to implement solutions to our challenges. They have offered their support for our families without hesitation and I truly appreciate their spirit of service through these trying times.

It is in the face of these challenging times that CCSD employees have shown their utmost commitment to our community. Our teachers have been developing and implementing innovative instructional opportunities for our students. My highest admiration is extended to every member of our CCSD team.

I want to assure our parents, students, and employees that we will continue addressing barriers to access education and services, and sustain frequent communication with our communities.

Safety and health remain our top priority. I am confident we will emerge from this stronger.

# Capacity Expanded in Fight Against COVID-19

## About a Dozen Facilities Assessed So Far to House Patients; Community Provided Update by Local Leaders

About a dozen sheltering and rehabilitation facilities including hotels, motels, convention spaces, surgical centers and warehouses have been assessed and/or secured by Clark County staff as potential locations that would cumulatively provide space for up to 1,000 beds to be filled and/or secured by coronavirus patients not needing hospitalization.

These facilities would potentially serve myriad patients as the coronavirus spreads across the community: the infected elderly who cannot return to assisted living facilities, the homeless, visitors who cannot travel and others.

"The dynamics are complex and ever-changing, but I believe we are meeting the challenges of this pandemic very well," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "I personally have toured some of these facilities and we are working diligently to seal deals with various properties so that we are prepared to house and care for all the Las Vegas-area coronavirus patients that we need to when the wave of cases hits us in the coming weeks. I would encourage those in our community who think they can offer facilities to help to contact us by email at [esf5.maccmanager@clarkcountymacc.com](mailto:esf5.maccmanager@clarkcountymacc.com)."

The County facilities will supplement the Alternative Care Facility approved by the Southern Nevada Health District board on Tuesday, said Kirkpatrick, who is SNHD board vice-chairman. The temporary facility will provide isolation services for about 40 individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 and will be designed to provide shelter to people who may have been hospitalized and released while visiting Clark County, people experiencing homelessness, or residents of assisted living facilities.

As more people are tested and the case count increases, the health district implemented a text and email-based notification system to assist in notifying individuals who have traveled to areas where transmission of COVID-19 is widespread, or who are contacts of a confirmed case. This notification system will allow people who are not sick but may be at risk for becoming ill to take additional precautions to help keep themselves and others healthy. Updated case information is available at [www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus](http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus).

Local hospitals continue to work closely alongside the health care community to prepare for an expected influx of patients in the coming weeks. "Together we are working to expand testing, maximize bed capacity, and share valuable information and resources with one another during weekly forums hosted by UMC," said UMC CEO Mason VanHouweling. He added that the hospital is working to expand bed capacity by 150 percent and looking at temporary structures as well. Also, UMC is expanding its COVID-19 testing.

On the homeless front, construction began Tuesday on a new isolation and quarantine center capable of serving at least 350 homeless individuals at the Cashman Center downtown. Clark County and the city of Las Vegas are partnering to build and operate the Cashman ISO-Q Complex (ISO-Q is short for Isolation-Quarantine), which will be accessed off Washington Avenue just east of Las Vegas Boulevard. The complex is needed to facilitate the care of the homeless in that area. The complex is expected to be complete and ready for patients Monday, April 6. When complete, the complex will have separate areas for people who are quarantined because they were exposed to the coronavirus, an isolation area for those who test positive and have symptoms, and an isolation area for those who test positive but have no symptoms. Clark County is overseeing and funding construction of the facility, and the city will oversee operations and security. The two local governments will jointly fund the complex. Exactly how long it remains in place will be determined at a later date.

Clark County Fire Chief John Steinbeck, who oversees Clark County's Office of Emergency Management and the community's Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) operation encouraged the public to not go to a local hospital unless it's an emergency – to call your physician first. He also reminded the public to call 9-1-1 only for life-threatening fire, police or medical emergencies. He said about 30 retired Clark County firefighters on standby to return to duty if needed.

"Our fire and ambulance services are responding to all 9-1-1 calls at this time, and we are working to put plans in place in the event that there's a surge of calls related to coronavirus," Chief Steinbeck said. "The best thing the public can do now to help with our planning purposes is to remember to use 9-1-1 and hospitals only for true emergencies. We also are grateful to our retired personnel who are willing to help us bolster our ranks if we need to call upon them."

Officials said shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders and hospital workers continue to be a concern due to worldwide shortages, though donations of PPE from resorts, local government agencies and individuals in the community has been much appreciated. Officials are hopeful that the state of Nevada's efforts to secure more gear for the community will be successful.

# Governor Sisolak Issues Travel Advisory for State of Nevada

Governor Steve Sisolak issued a travel advisory for the State of Nevada, urging visitors or returning Nevadans to self-quarantine and monitor their health for 14 days after arriving or returning to Nevada to help contain the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada.

“We know this virus does not spread on its own so we need everyone, Nevadans and travelers, to take preventive measures to help flatten the curve and protect the most vulnerable among us,” said Gov. Sisolak. “Nevada will always be a welcoming spot for travelers, but out of an abundance of caution, we are asking everyone to Stay Home for Nevada, especially if you have symptoms.”

Travelers are urged to self-quarantine and monitor their health for 14 days or the duration of their stay in Nevada, whichever is shorter. Travelers and returning Nevadans should not visit any public place or come into contact with those who are not members of their household unit.

The Governor is also strongly urging Nevadans to avoid non-essential travel during this time period as well, especially to places where the CDC has issued travel advisories. For Nevada residents who live in communities that border other states, please practice aggressive social distancing if you must cross state lines for essential daily matters.

This advisory does not apply to healthcare, public health, public safety, transportation, and food supply essential employees.

If you are traveling in Nevada and are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath):

- Continue to stay in your designated quarantine location, avoid contact with others, and contact a healthcare provider for further instructions on treatment or testing.
- If you are older or have any medical conditions (e.g., immune compromise, diabetes, asthma), consult your regular healthcare provider.
- If you feel you need medical care, call ahead before you go in and inform them of your travel history.
- If you need urgent medical care (e.g., have difficulty breathing), call 9-1-1 and let the dispatcher know your travel history).

For more information, visit [nvhealthresponse.nv.gov](http://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov).

## UNLV Medicine Curbside Testing

Article by Jason Scavone

UNLV Medicine, the School of Medicine's clinical arm, began curbside testing for coronavirus last week.

Testing is open to the public, though only those who meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and pass phone screening will be tested. Those seeking treatment can call (702) 583-4408 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to determine if they require testing. If screening indicates the need for testing, individuals will be scheduled for the drive-through screening appointment.

Screening entails the current CDC guidelines for coronavirus including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Emergency symptoms requiring immediate medical attention include persistent chest pain, trouble breathing, confusion, and bluish color to the lips or face.

Not only will UNLV be helping in the worldwide effort to beat back the coronavirus, but it's also a teaching opportunity for the school's third-year students, the inaugural class of the UNLV School of Medicine's students. The school was launched by UNLV to improve access to medical care for Nevada citizens.

The students are volunteering to do telephone screening, said Dr. Neil Haycocks, the school's interim vice dean of academic affairs and education. “Because of where they are in their learning and because they have access to the ... medical record system, they're eligible to come do that.”

The clinic will be testing from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday for those who have an appointment. After screening, patients will go to the drive-through facility at 1125 Shadow Lane to receive the nasal swab. Test results will be delivered in 5-7 days, at no cost to the patient.

UNLV Medicine currently has 1,400 testing kits available, which necessitates the screening process to make sure those most in need are the ones to receive tests. The school projects being able to provide the service for the next 1-2 weeks. All results, positive and negative, will be reported to the Southern Nevada Health District.



Diana Sanchez handles swabs at UNLV Medicine. The clinic open five days a week for testing potential coronavirus patients. (Photo by Lonnie Timmons III/UNLV Photo Services)

# Seize the Opportunity of Home Quarantine

Instead of lamenting the hardship and boredom of this weird time in history, assume it is a blessing in disguise. Use it to rejuvenate, discover new passions and do those things you never have time for. Tick the ideas you're willing to try and share this list.

- Sort and tag your [digital photos](#)
- Make into a [collage or poster](#)
- Research your **next holiday**
- Do a [photography project](#)
- Attend a [Twitter Conference](#)
- [Declutter](#). Baby steps.
- Research a [charity](#) to support
- Prep and [freeze some meals](#) for when you're sick or back at work
- Create a [digital](#) scrapbook
- Start a [gratitude journal](#)
- Write letters of love or thanks** to your people. Post them.
- Research something** you have always wondered about
- Have a **scented bubble bath** with candles and music
- Write an advice letter to the **teenager you were**. Write another to **yourself in 20 years**.
- Learn a [heritage skill](#)** like: baking, woodwork, preserving, mosaic, ceramics, cheese making, fermenting, foraging, quilting, slow cooking, soap + candle making, crochet, permaculture, knots, fire building, home remedies.
- Draw an apple using a different [style](#) each day, for a week.
- Attend a [virtual symphony](#)
- Catch up on [great movies](#)
- Learn to say a favourite phrase or quote in **7 different languages**
- Try [Creatively Visualising](#) goals
- Create a detailed spreadsheet of **how you would spend \$10 million**
- Write a [poem or story](#)
- Start a [Journal](#) or [Blog](#)
- Read [the books](#) you never have time for
- [Yoga](#) or [exercise](#) class
- [Spruce up your CV](#)
- Start your [novel](#)
- Try an [art project](#)
- Binge on [iView](#)
- Revamp your **garden**
- Practice [mindfulness](#)
- Try an [eLearning course](#)
- Make a [cook book](#)
- Create [homemade gifts](#)
- Phone **old friends**
- Play [parlour games](#)
- [Fix broken stuff](#)
- Design a **dream home**
- Practice [forgiveness](#)
- Plan your [next party](#)
- Kick a [bad habit](#)
- Try [adult colouring in](#)
- Join a [virtual bookclub](#)
- Find [great podcasts](#)
- Update your **goals**
- [Upcycle](#) something
- Build a [free website](#)
- Re-arrange **furniture**
- Start a [dream journal](#)
- Binge **TED Talks**
- Join an [online community](#) of likeminded people
- Reach out** to someone who lives alone or is feeling anxious
- Host a Skype / Zoom [dinner party](#)
- Or a [virtual support group](#)
- Get [some positivity](#) into your social media feed
- Try [positive psychology](#) activities
- Cook an [amazing breakfast](#)
- Create an amazing **treasure hunt** or clue-trail for a family member
- Get familiar with **online grocery shopping**: create favourites lists
- Or **virtual dance party**: You dress up and groove to the same music
- Organise your **music playlist**
- Reorganise your [wardrobe](#)
- Delete all the apps you don't use and [discover some new ones](#)
- Hold a family or street [singalong](#)
- Try some [science experiments](#)
- Deliver supplies to **those in need**
- Rediscover** a dusty appliance, instrument or boardgame
- Research [training opportunities](#) for when the world reopens
- Build something amazing with [Lego](#) (You know you want to)
- Brainstorm **marketing ideas** for your business, club or charity
- [Write to your MP](#) about an issue
- Create a list of "[Things to be Happy About](#)": add to it each day

# FLUSHABLE? THINK TWICE



DISPOSE OF THESE  
ITEMS IN THE TRASH,  
**NOT THE TOILET!**

Many household cleaning products labeled as “flushable” should not be flushed down the toilet.

The only things you should flush down the toilet are the **THREE P’S: PEE, POO** and **TOILET PAPER!**



Disposable Wipes



Cleaning Wipes



Personal Wipes

**FLUSH  
IT OR  
CAN IT?**

NOT SURE whether something belongs in the drain or toilet? visit [PAININTHEDRAIN.COM](http://PAININTHEDRAIN.COM) please call us at (702) 668-8065 or email us at [publicinfo@cleanwaterteam.com](mailto:publicinfo@cleanwaterteam.com)



THANK YOU FOR BEING A PARTNER IN CLEAN WATER!

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# Gov. Sisolak Announces New Emergency Operation Structure to Direct the Statewide Response to COVID-19

Governor Sisolak announced that effective immediately, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Nevada Department of Health and Human Services will be temporarily aligned with the Nevada Office of the Military for the duration of the COVID-19 public health crisis to ensure that the entirety of Nevada's State Government is utilized effectively and efficiently in response to this unprecedented emergency situation. The Office of the Military is led by Major General Ondra L. Berry, the Adjutant General for the Nevada National Guard and State of Nevada.

"Now, more than ever, we must work as a team to deliver locally executed, state managed, and federally supported solutions to the COVID-19 crisis," said Governor Sisolak. "To be successful across the State – from the smallest town, to every Tribal reservation or colony, to our largest cities – we must utilize every resource we have to act decisively and immediately. I'm proud of the action taken thus far by the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, and I am confident that under the coordination of Major General Berry and the Nevada Office of the Military, our statewide emergency operation will become even more organized, responsive, and efficient."

Under this alignment of Nevada's statewide emergency operations, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will continue to serve as the lead agencies tasked with coordinating and addressing the global pandemic affecting our State, but the Nevada Office of the Military will coordinate activities between DEM, DHHS, and other state agencies, and will report directly to the Governor's Office.

The Nevada Office of the Military is comprised of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard. The Nevada National Guard has over 4,300 highly trained military professionals that serve both the great State of Nevada and our Nation. Maj. Gen. Berry is uniquely qualified to oversee DEM in this crisis as a retired Reno Police officer, and having over 35 years of military experience.

Additionally, in coordination with Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Thom Reilly, Governor Sisolak and Maj. Gen Berry enlisted the services of Caleb Cage, a former Chief and Homeland Security Advisor with DEM, to assist with Nevada's efforts to respond to COVID-19. Caleb currently works as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges for NSHE. Both Caleb Cage and General Berry are temporarily assigned with the COVID-19 efforts, and will work in collaboration with other State of Nevada critical agencies to ensure the best strategies are being executed to address COVID-19. The temporary alignment between the Nevada Office of the Military, DEM, and DHHS will only last as long as necessary.

The Nevada Health Response Center will continue to serve as the centralized information hub for the State of Nevada's response to COVID-19. Daily Situation Reports from the Nevada Health Response Center will be temporarily put on hold during this transition.

## LVMPD Warns Citizens That Scammers Are Working to Get Your Economic Relief Check

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is warning citizens that while the federal government is working to get COVID-19 economic relief checks in the hands of Americans, scammers are working hard to intercept that money. Many Americans are expecting one-time payments of \$1,200 or more to arrive by mail or electronically in the next few weeks, but before that happens, the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection is offering the following advice to safeguard consumers from potential con-artists:

- Don't give out personal information to anyone you don't personally know and trust. That includes social security information, bank account numbers, debit and credit cards or PINs. Scammers may try to pose as government officials over the phone and ask for this information under the guise of getting your check to you faster. Don't fall for it.
- Do not be fooled into paying money or "processing fees" in order to receive your stimulus funding.
- Make sure your mailbox is locked and check it frequently to ward off thieves.
- Beware of emails that look like official government communications asking you to enter personal information. These most likely are phishing emails designed to scam you out of money.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the federal stimulus payment and specific disbursement details, only visit the IRS website. The details are still being worked out! <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

If you suspect you have been a victim of a scam, you can contact the LVMPD Financial Crimes at (702) 828-3483, contact the Nevada Attorney General at (888) 434-9989 or file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

# County Working to Help Local Businesses Affected by Coronavirus

The County Department of Business License is temporarily suspending late penalties and fees and other disciplinary actions for local businesses as our community deals with the impacts of the coronavirus.

"We realize the significant and, in many cases, devastating impact this has had on local businesses" County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick said. "We are committed to working with business owners to help them get through these difficult times so we can all get back to business once this is over."

The County Department of Business License is taking the following steps to mitigate the economic effects on businesses:

1. Penalties and late fees will not be assessed on business licenses that become due during April, May or June 2020 (this may be extended);
2. The status of the business license will not be changed to Delinquent status for license fees that become due during April, May or June 2020 (this may be extended);
3. Collaborate with business owners to allow payment plans for renewal fees; and
4. No disciplinary action for business license fee payments submitted after the due date.

Business owners with questions about these changes should e-mail [PaymentInfo@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:PaymentInfo@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

## Clark County Building & Fire Prevention Department Offers Citizen Access Online Services

To help facilitate development activities during the closure of County facilities as a result of coronavirus, Clark County's Building & Fire Prevention Department has shifted to an entirely electronic plan review process and is offering a video inspection program for certain types of projects.

All plan submittals to the Building & Fire Prevention Department are being accepted online through Clark County's Citizen Access Portal at <https://citizenaccess.clarkcountynv.gov/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx>.

The first step to using the service is to create an account on the system. With an account, users can upload plans for new projects to be reviewed by staff. Upon approval, a Permit Application Center number is assigned to the project and required permits are issued for the projects. Inspections also can be scheduled online through the system. Instructions for setting up a Citizen Access Portal account and submitting plans to the Building Department or its Fire Prevention Division are posted on the support page of the department's website at <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/building/Pages/CitizenAccessSupport.aspx>. Plan revisions and corrections also can be submitted and processed online through the citizen access system.

Any Building and Fire Department projects that were in process on paper prior to the March 18 closure of the Building and Fire Prevention Department's Permit Application Center at 4701 Russell Road continues to be processed electronically by staff. Contractors should visit the Building & Fire Prevention Department's website for information about the online process set up to submit corrections and revisions to plans: <https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/building/Pages/default.aspx>

The department also is offering a Video Inspection Program for certain types of inspections: <https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/building/inspection-services/Pages/VideoInspections.aspx>. The program requires customers to use the Google Duo app on a minimum 4G smart phone to interact with an inspector. Relevant permits must be obtained and issued prior to scheduling a video inspections. The types of projects eligible for video inspections include water heater and water softener installations, gas line extensions for residential barbecues and fire pits, rooftop solar installations and residential block walls and fences.

Clark County's Departments of Public Works offers some types of electronic services through the County's Citizen Access Portal. Public Works-related development records can be searched online through the service, and reviews of traffic control plans are updated online daily. New plans and permit applications requiring approval through Clark County's Department of Public Works are accepted in person by appointment, Monday through Friday, by calling (702) 455-4600.

Clark County's Department of Comprehensive Planning is requesting that plans and justification letters for new projects be submitted by email at [zoning@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:zoning@clarkcountynv.gov). These items also can be dropped off in person in a courtesy cart placed inside the door of its Current Planning division, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway. Plans are generally reviewed within two working days upon dropoff. The department can be contacted by phone at (702) 455-4314.



# Aging and Disability Services Division Nevada COVID-19 Aging Network Rapid Response Announced

Nevada's Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) today announced it is launching a website to offer a single point of entry where elders and caregivers can request help in specific areas of need.

The Nevada COVID-19 Aging Network (Nevada CAN) website will support Nevadans as they "Stay Home For Nevada" as directed by Governor Steve Sisolak to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The site is available through Nevada 2-1-1 at <https://www.nevada211.org/seniors-covid19-resources/>

ADSD partnered with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) Sanford Center for Aging (SCA), UNR School of Community Health Sciences (CHS) Dementia Engagement, Nevada Senior Services and Nevada 2-1-1, to plan and implement this comprehensive and coordinated approach to meet the needs of the potentially hundreds-of-thousands of newly-isolated elders.

"Nevada's seniors are among the most vulnerable right now, and ensuring they have a way to get critical help is more important than ever," Governor Steve Sisolak said. "Whether it's food, medicine, health assessments or just social interaction, these residents, especially those that are homebound, are in extra need of assistance right now as we take steps to slow the spread of this virus and protect Nevadans of all ages."

"This resource will allow us to connect early with Nevada's seniors to ensure those that are homebound have access to the support they need. Kudos to our partners statewide for prioritizing this effort," said Richard Whitley, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The statewide, coordinated approach at the heart of Nevada CAN is focused on ensuring the needs of all elders are met during self-isolation in three priority areas:

- Essentials for Daily Living - access to food and prescription medications
- Telehealth Services – geriatric assessments, psychiatry, primary care and other clinical services as available
- Social Support Services – Offering connection to education, wellness and social engagement through remote technologies including one to one, group peer support and volunteer opportunities.

In addition, the website will provide support to the aging provider network, offering timely information, policy and funding guidance, and supporting opportunities for collaboration and coordination across the state.

"We created this platform to support collaboration and coordination, not to duplicate any efforts already being made by the thousands of hard-working community partners and volunteer organizations" said Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division.

The Nevada CAN goal is to mobilize all available resources and ensure that every elder Nevadan has access to medical, social and daily essentials in their home, which will reduce COVID-19 exposure and impact. Requests for help will be sent to Aging and Disability Services staff who will route the requests to the appropriate community partner, state program, county program or action team.

As a public health gerontologist who has dedicated his career to supporting elder health and well-being, Peter Reed, PhD, MPH, Director, Sanford Center for Aging at UNR School of Medicine, stated, "I find the COVID-19 crisis absolutely stunning, as it is by far the biggest challenge ever faced by the state- and nation-wide network of aging services professionals. While people clearly recognize the public health, health care and financial crises underway, we need to also realize that there is an important aging services crisis unfolding in communities across our state with the potential for very serious consequences for Nevada's older citizens."

**STOP**

**Feeling Sick?**  
Stay home when you are sick!

If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms  
**please leave the building and contact your health care provider.**  
Then follow-up with your supervisor.

**DO NOT ENTER if you have:**



FEVER



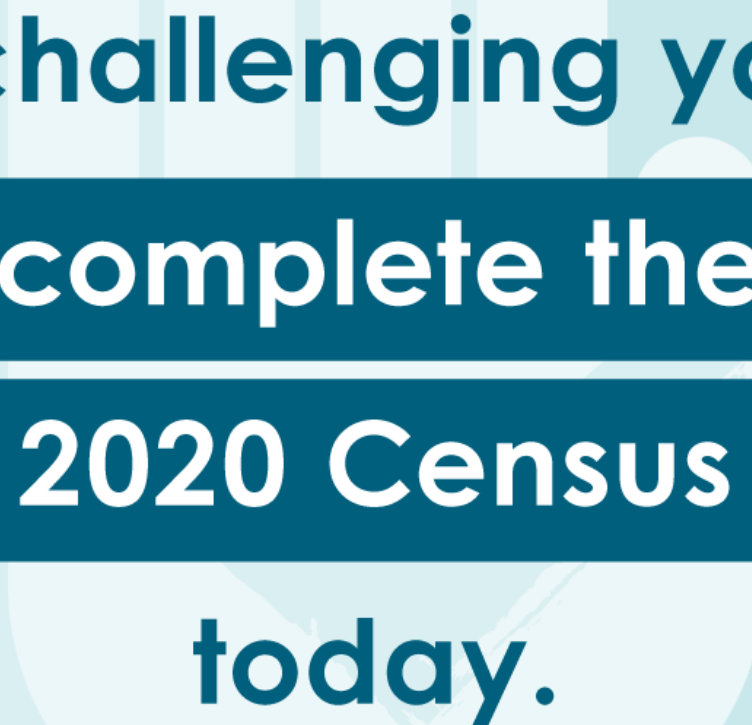
COUGH



SHORTNESS  
OF BREATH



[cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS](https://cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS)



**I'm challenging you to**  
**complete the**  
**2020 Census**  
**today.**

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**#shapeyourfuture**

The U.S. Census Bureau has been working for more than a decade on the 2020 Census, and today is an important day: April 1 — Census Day — the reference day for the 2020 Census. We use this day to determine who is counted and where in the 2020 Census.

As of today, more than 36 percent of households across the country have already responded to the 2020 Census, but we have more work to do. For more information about the 2020 Census, please visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

# Governor Sisolak Activates National Guard, Signs Directive to Bring Relief to Healthcare Professionals

Governor Steve Sisolak was joined by Major General Ondra L. Berry to announce measures the state has taken during the COVID-19 virus, including the activation of the Nevada National Guard.

Major General Berry will oversee the organization of the State's response efforts in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health and Human Services. As this global pandemic continues to impact our state, this activation means that Nevada will have the best of the best running our statewide response operation.

The Governor also announced that he signed the Battle Born Medical Corps emergency directive today, which is aimed at expanding our healthcare workforce to fight COVID-19. This Directive will waive certain licensing requirements to allow Nevada to quickly bring additional health care workers into our hospitals, and allow certain doctors, nurses, EMTs, and even medical students to go to work right now caring for COVID-19 patients.

The Governor also announced that \$6.25 million in state funding was approved at a Board of Examiners meeting today. The authorization is pending approval from the Interim Finance Committee. These funds will grant Nevada access to FEMA monies, and will be directed to, among other items crucial to the response, the purchase of critical PPE.