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CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson



Hello District G Residents,

The start of Summer is just around the corner, so I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the warmer outdoors, and getting out to visit some of our local businesses that are starting to re-open. If you're not quite ready to visit public spaces yet, that is ok too, and I hope you are able to find some peace and safety at home. Please take a look at this week's newsletter. I have included some useful information, including the newly released guidelines on contactless youth athletics, provided by the Nevada Health Response([link to directives here](#)); Governor Sisolak's most recent directive allowing K-12 school facilities to Re-Open for Summer Learning; and the latest on COVID-19 cases throughout the state with a reminder to continue precautionary measures to minimize the spread of the virus.

I am also very happy to announce the Ground Breaking ceremony of the new Flamingo Arena at Horseman's Park located at 5800 E. Flamingo Road. The event is scheduled for this Friday, June 12, at 11:30 am. The new arena will feature a new shade cover, along with bleachers for 600 spectators, lights, and sprinklers. The facility has been part of the Las Vegas Valley for almost 50 years, and we are excited to move forward with this new phase of improvements. We are confident that more national, regional and local events will find their way here.

As always, do not hesitate to email us at 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, Instagram [@CommishJGibson](https://www.instagram.com/CommishJGibson) or Twitter [@CommishJGibson](https://twitter.com/CommishJGibson).

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Nevada Health Response Releases Guidance on Youth Sports

The Nevada Response Center, in coordination with the Local Empowerment Advisory Panel (LEAP) released guidance for contactless outdoor youth sports practices during Phase 2 of the Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery Plan.

The guidance released today outlines the mandatory procedures that must be followed and the recommended best practices including specific guidance for baseball, softball and soccer. At this time, only spectator-less outdoor practice sessions are allowed. Health care screenings should be done prior to engaging in any physical activity and rigorous cleaning of equipment and facilities should be conducted on a regular basis.

Additionally, strict social distancing and the use of facial coverings will be required of all coaches and managers. Players should wear face coverings when they are not actively involved in practice or training.

These guidelines were developed with statewide and local youth sports leagues and associations based on recommendations of public health officials and local health districts.

The guidance and the full array of conditions that must be followed in order for practice to resume can be found online at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/news-resources/press-releases/>

Governor Sisolak Signs Directive Allowing K-12 School Facilities to Re-Open for Summer Learning and Activities

Governor Sisolak signed a directive allowing local school districts, charter schools, and private schools to immediately reopen for summer learning and activities while implementing the Phase 2 protocols designed to keep students, staff, families, and communities safe.

The directive and accompanying guidance come just in time for summer school but cover a wide range of topics. The guidance provides support for districts and schools to make local decisions regarding re-opening facilities, offering in-person instruction, and hosting meetings and events under the proper social distancing protocols. Districts and schools may offer summer learning opportunities through distance education, in-person instruction, or a combination of both. In the interest of the health and safety of local communities, districts and schools may continue to keep school facilities closed to students, staff, parents, guardians, and/or the public at their discretion.

"For the last three months, our students, families and educators demonstrated tremendous flexibility and resiliency when asked to stay at home and switch to distance learning to flatten the COVID-19 infection rate curve. I know this hasn't been easy, but I'm proud Nevadans took this seriously," Gov. Sisolak said. "This directive will allow schools to return to a sense of normalcy while keeping the health and safety of students and staff at the forefront."

The Directive requires districts, charter schools, and private schools to develop plans for reopening school facilities for the 2020-2021 school year based on Nevada's Path Forward: A Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School Buildings or Framework. It also requires districts and schools to communicate their locally developed plans to their school community, including parents and staff. Districts and schools must present their plans to their governing body for approval in a public meeting at least 20 days before the first day of the 2020-2021 school year.

"The guidance released today provides districts and schools with the flexibility to make decisions about summer learning and activities based on their local circumstances," said Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction. "As always, our top priority is the safety and health of students, staff, and communities. Districts and schools will continue to work with local public health officials to make determinations regarding re-opening and work with their staff, parents, students and community in adopting these plans."

In addition to the Summer Learning and Activity Guidance and school reopening Framework, the Nevada Interscholastic Athletics Association is also providing guidance regarding athletics practices and contests. This guidance is in alignment with guidelines provided by Nevada's Local Empowerment Advisory Panel and the National Federation of State High School Associations' Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.



The Clark County School District (CCSD) has launched a new website dedicated to summer learning opportunities for students and we kindly request your help to spread the word throughout our community.

CCSD Summer Connections will be the one-stop-shop website for parents and students to locate information on credit retrieval services, family guides for summer learning, virtual learning opportunities with educational partners, and more.

Parents and students can visit summerconnections.ccsd.net to locate resources from Khan Academy, MAP Accelerator, Actively Learn, Smarty Ants, and myOn. Credit retrieval and credit acceleration options are available through Apex and Nevada Learning Academy. Along with learning opportunities provided on the website, parents can find information about food service distribution, Chromebook deployment, and the Summer Challenge summer reading partnership with public libraries in Southern Nevada.

The CCSD Summer Connections website is a great resource for CCSD families to use in order to keep students engaged with virtual learning over the summer. The website is also available in Spanish at conexionesdeverano.ccsd.net. Parents and students who need login information to access these resources can contact their school for support.



Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada

Organized Youth Sports PRACTICE ONLY



General Guidelines

Mandatory*

- Training sessions shall be timed to allow at least a 30 minute break between the finish and start of subsequent sessions, to allow for departure and arrival without crowding.
- Players and coaches will be asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to a session and depart no later than 15 minutes after completion.
- Participants should pick up their own trash at the conclusion of all practices and activities. Extra trash bins should be provided, and more frequent dumping should occur.
- All requirements must be shared prior to the practice with all players and coaches.
- Limit sports activities to those in which participants can maintain social distancing or close contact is limited and brief. Examples include golf, baseball, softball, cycling, swimming, diving, dance, tennis, disc golf, horseback riding, track and field, figure skating, curling, running, and pickleball.
- For sports activities in which participants cannot maintain social distancing and close contact is frequent or prolonged (e.g., football, competitive cheer, lacrosse, basketball, wrestling, rugby, water polo, and hockey), activities should be limited to conditioning, drills, and practices in which dummy players, sleds, punching bags, and similar equipment are used.
- All coaches and managers are required to wear face coverings. Players should wear face masks except while playing or exercising (e.g. on the sidelines).

Recommended Best Practices*

- Parents or guardians should be discouraged from attending practice, but if they must, coaches and facility operators must require 6 feet of social distancing except for members of the same household.
- Coaches/adult leaders and players should check their temperatures before participation in soccer activities and ask/administer screening questions about symptoms in participants or their household members.**
- Players are strongly encouraged not to travel with other members of the team and only members of their immediate households.
- Post informational signs regarding social distancing, facial coverings, and what to do if symptomatic.
- Promote healthy hygiene practices, such as hand washing as feasible.
- Provide hand sanitizer stations.
- Coaches and team managers should ensure that players are following COVID-19 related prevention measures included herein.

Team/Players

- Players' personal items and equipment should be spaced out at least 6 feet apart.
- Players should use their own equipment as much as possible.
- Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practice. No shared drinking fountains or coolers.
- No shared/communal snacks.
- Conduct daily symptom assessments.**
- No touch rule- no high fives, handshakes or other physical contact.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.

- Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, and staggered scheduling, arrival, and drop off, if feasible.
- Promote healthy hygiene practices, such as hand washing wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible.
- Facility, the team, and/or coaches should have bottled drinks on hand, in case a player forgets his or her water bottle.
- Players should bring their own snacks; if snacks are provided, they should be individually packaged.

**Daily symptom assessments should include monitoring for fever, cough, and trouble breathing.

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Coaches/ Parents

- Ensure social distancing for all practice activities.
- Coaches must clean and disinfect shared equipment before and after each practice and games. Use disinfectants outlined on [EPA List N](#).
- Parents must remain in their cars or drop off and pick players up afterwards.
- Enforce no touch rule – no high fives, handshakes or other physical contact.
- Stay up-to-date on the latest guidance issued by the CDC, state and local health authorities.

- Where feasible, adjust activities and procedures to limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment.
- Train all coaches on health and safety protocols.
- Balls shared during practice should be changed out every 30 minutes with cleaned and disinfected balls.
- Before and after practice, teams should wash their hands for 20 seconds. If no handwashing station is available, then an appropriate hand sanitizer should be used.

Medical Clearance

- Require medical clearances from those that had previously tested positive for COVID-19.
- For individuals who have experienced a known COVID-19 exposure in the past 14 days, home quarantine for 14 days is required. A medical clearance is required to return to practice following the home quarantine.
- Report the onset of any new symptoms immediately. Conduct daily symptom assessments.**
- Players should contact their physician and follow the recommendations, if they have any symptoms.
- Any player feeling unwell should not practice and immediately notify their coach/team manager.
- Any (or their family member) player presenting symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, trouble breathing, etc.) should notify their coach and team manager immediately. All activities should be suspended until testing is complete.
- Any player (or their family member) who tests positive will require all team activities and practices to be canceled for 14 days.

- For individuals with pre-existing medical condition, written clearance from their physician should be provided. The written clearance should note that the player can participate fully, and the activity is recommended.

Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at the event and follow CDC guidelines.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposures and employers should maintain the confidentiality of employee health information.
- Shutdown any facility for deep cleaning and disinfection, if possible.
- Use disinfectants outlined on [EPA List N](#).

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

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Nevada Health Awarded Crisis Response Grant

Through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Nevada will be deploying 35 crisis counselors statewide to support Nevadans coping with the effects of COVID-19. The program will focus on a population health approach that encourages healthy coping and active management of stressors, building resiliency and fostering compassion.

The State of Nevada was awarded \$654,640 for the Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program through FEMA and will use the funding to place crisis counselors in community programs. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will work in partnerships with local health departments and human service agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Nevada COVID-19 Aging Network (Nevada CAN) to ensure Nevadan's have access to prevention and early intervention services.

"While we are all facing new challenges while coping with COVID-19, it is important to remember that we are not alone. This funding will be used to place crisis counselors in communities across Nevada," said Dr. Stephanie Woodard, DHHS Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health. "Developing coping strategies, feeling connected to others and understanding the resources that are available can help people impacted by COVID access needed community resources. Now is the time to act to prevent the possible increase in mental health issues, suicide and addiction. Psychological First Aid is effective prevention."

Psychological First Aid provided by crisis counselors is designed to reduce the initial distress caused by a traumatic event and to foster short- and long-term adaptive functioning and coping. Psychological First Aid is based on the understanding that individuals affected by traumatic events will experience a wide range of initial reactions that may cause enough distress to interfere with coping. Crisis counseling will be provided in both individual and group formats and telehealth crisis counseling and other technology-based platforms will be prioritized to minimize risk of possible exposure.

Through this funding Crisis Support Services of Nevada (CSSNV) staff will also receive training in crisis counseling and Psychological First Aid. CSSNV connects individuals to trained, compassionate counselors who can offer support and direct them to mental health and substance abuse counseling services. This is a toll-free number and all calls are confidential. CSSNV can be reached at 800-273-8255 or by texting CARE to 839863.

In addition to direct services provided by crisis counselors, the funding will also assist in providing information on access to resources in communities and provide public awareness campaigns to bring awareness to healthy ways to cope and manage the stressors from COVID-19.

More information on Nevada's COVID-19 response can be found at nvhealthresponse.nv.gov.

Nevada Health Response Notes Uptick in COVID-19 Cases, Reiterates Precautionary Measures

Nevada Health Response officials note that Nevada's COVID-19 data is showing an above-average daily increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the State, and reminds Nevadans of precautionary measures that can be taken to minimize the spread of the virus.

"When we began reopening Nevada and substantially increasing testing, we anticipated we would see an increase in new cases diagnosed. Nevada has flattened the curve, but the virus is still among us. That's why it is important Nevadans continue to safeguard their health by staying home when possible, washing their hands frequently, wearing a face covering in public and staying at least six feet from other people if possible," said State Epidemiologist Melissa Peek-Bullock.

Nevada's COVID-19 data shows that the State is beginning to see what could be an upward trend of average daily new cases diagnosed in the last two weeks, partially due to an increase in easily accessible testing statewide.

The cumulative test positivity rate – which measures how many positive tests there are against total tests done in the state – increased slightly today for the first time since it started to decline in late April, moving up from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent. The cumulative test positivity rate also increased slightly on different days in late April and in early May during the current period of overall decline.

Similar to those increases, this most recent uptick is not enough to break the overall declining trend, but will be monitored for any potential impact on the health care system.

The Nevada Hospital Association is also reporting the fourth consecutive daily increase of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations across the State, but hospital capacity remains available and hospitals are not reporting surges.

Hospitals are reporting that 68 percent of total beds are occupied, 66 percent of ICU beds are occupied and only 27 percent of ventilators are in use. Hospitals are continuing to report a sufficient amount of PPE.

The Nevada Hospital Association is also reminding Nevadans that it is safe to visit a doctor or a hospital to seek urgent care when sick or injured. Nevada's health care providers have always treated people who are sick - and ensured the wellness of those who are not - in safe, appropriate care settings.

Nevada hospitals have resumed limited visitation for non-COVID-19 patients so that friends and family can visit a loved one when hospitalized. Additional safety measures are in place and will include universal face coverings, health screenings for visitors and social distancing protocols. Knowing that the State would see an increase in cases upon reopening, State officials continue to monitor the data and remind Nevadans to take precautionary measures to help mitigate the spread. Nevadans should continue to stay at home when possible, wear a face covering in public, maintain six feet of social distancing and follow proper hand hygiene.

More information on Nevada's COVID-19 response can be found at nvhealthresponse.nv.gov.

We Ask that You Mask



Be Well, Keep Strong, Stay Connected

Secretary Cegavske Announces Results Publishing Schedule for the Primary Election

Because of recent changes to state law, as well as the fact the 2020 primary election is being conducted primarily by mail ballot, Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske advises voters, candidates, and the media that primary election results will not be finalized until June 19, 2020. By law, county election officials have seven calendar days to receive and count mail ballots that are postmarked on or before June 9. Counties also have 10 calendar days after an election to certify election results.

Results for the 2020 primary election will be released on the following schedule. All results are unofficial until certified by the county. Election results will be posted at <https://silverstateelection.nv.gov>.

- **Tuesday, June 9** – After the polls close at 7:00 p.m. and the last voter in line has cast a ballot, the counties will begin reporting election results to the Secretary of State. The first results will be posted online at approximately 8:30 p.m. These results will consist of all the ballots the counties have counted to date. At midnight, updates to the results will stop being posted.
- **Wednesday, June 10** – No additional results will be posted.
- **Thursday, June 11 to Wednesday, June 17** – At approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, updated election results will be posted online. These results will include the ballots the counties counted the previous day.
- **June 19** – Official results for the 2020 primary election results will be posted. At this point all ballots will have been counted and the results will have been certified.

The 2020 primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 9. The election is being conducted primarily by mail ballot. Limited in-person voting locations will be available on June 9. In-person ballot drop off locations will also be available on June 9. Voters appearing in person to cast their ballot will be given a paper ballot, except in Washoe County where voting machines will be used. For more information on the 2020 Nevada primary election, please visit www.mailitinnvada.com or follow the Nevada Secretary of State on Facebook or Twitter.

The decision to automatically mail every registered voter a ballot applies only to the 2020 primary election. The general election, which will be held on November 3, 2020, will be conducted under normal circumstances. As a reminder, any registered voter in Nevada can request to vote by absentee ballot for any election.

The voter does not have to reside out of the state or have a qualifying reason to vote by absentee ballot. In order to request an absentee ballot for the 2020 general election, fill out an Absentee Ballot Request Application and submit it to your county election official.

Secretary Cegavske would like to thank all 17 county election officials and their staff for the tremendous work they put into preparing for the state's first ever vote-by-mail election. Since the vote-by-mail primary election was announced on March 27, countless hours have been spent in order to ensure the primary election could be conducted on June 9, as required by state law. The Secretary would also like to thank the voters of Nevada who have overwhelmingly responded positively to the temporary change to a vote-by-mail election.

Commissioner Gibson, County Staff to Break Ground on New Arena, More Improvements at Horseman's Park

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson and staff from the Department of Parks and Recreation Department will host a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 12, to break ground on a new arena and improvements at Horseman's Park, 5800 E. Flamingo Road at Stephanie Street.

Funding for the \$5.9 million project was approved in 2017 as part of the County's capital improvement budget. The facility's Flamingo Arena will be rebuilt as part of the project and a shade cover will be added along with bleachers for 600 spectators and lights and sprinklers. Corrals will be redesigned, a new announcer's booth will be built, and accessible walkways will be added. Other improvements include the replacement of the announcer's booth in the main arena, upgrades to the PA system throughout the park, and repavement of the Flamingo Road entry drive.

"Clark County is home to an active equestrian community that relies on Horseman's Park as a venue for hosting large and small events," said Commissioner Gibson, whose County Commission District G includes the facility. "The facility has been part of the Las Vegas Valley for years and we have been working on updates over time. I am glad we can move forward with this new phase of improvements and hope it will allow this great community asset to attract more local, regional and even national events."

Horseman's Park has been a fixture in the Las Vegas Valley since 1971. The property spans 38 acres and includes a lighted main area with a 1,300-seat covered grandstand, eight barns with 320 stalls, livestock pens, multiple practice arenas and cutting pens, roping and bucking chutes, and a 12-bay horse wash rack and public restrooms and showers for event participants. More than 50 events are hosted at the facility each year including rodeos, bucking bulls, team roping, gymkhana, and hunter-jumper shows. The facility also hosts the Las Vegas High School Rodeo Association's annual rodeo events featuring students from Clark County Schools and youth from throughout the state.

Horseman's Park is managed by Equine Event Management, www.equineeventlv.com. More information about Horseman's Park and other equestrian facilities in Clark County is available on the Department of Parks and Recreation's website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Important Dates for the 2020 Census

In March, homes across the country received invitations to complete the 2020 Census. It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

Counting every person living in the United States is a massive undertaking, and efforts begin years in advance. Here's a look at some of the key dates along the way, as they are currently scheduled:

2020

March 12 - March 20: Households received official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.

April 1: This is Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census—not a deadline. We use this day to determine who is counted and where in the 2020 Census. When you respond, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020, and include everyone who usually lives and sleeps in your home. You can respond before or after that date. We encourage you to respond as soon as you can.

Starting mid-April: The Census Bureau mailed paper questionnaires to homes that had not yet responded online or by phone.

July 1 - September 3: Census takers will work with administrators at colleges, senior centers, prisons, and other facilities that house large groups of people to make sure everyone is counted.

August 11 – October 31: Census takers will interview homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

December: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

2021

March 31: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to the states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

Department of Juvenile Justice Services Citizen's Advisory Committee Positions Available for Terms Commencing on July 1, 2020

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services needs to fill four positions on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for terms commencing on July 1, 2020.

The Department of Juvenile Justice Services Citizen's Advisory Committee represents the community's voice in addressing juvenile justice issues; actively advises the department, policymakers and the public on matters related to improving the juvenile justice system; works to enhance inter-agency and community collaboration; and promotes key system initiatives necessary in strengthening the community's youth and families. The meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month from 9 am – 10 am.

Pursuant to Clark County Code 2.05.060, the committee shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. One member shall be the chief executive officer, or designee, of an employee organization which is a recognized bargaining agent for employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services. The remaining members shall be persons who have demonstrated interest in community issues involving juvenile justice services, except that not more than 3 members may be employed by the department of juvenile justice services, the department of family services or any like state department.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member please complete an application by visiting <https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/jjs/Pages/JuvenileJusticeServicesCitizensAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>. Original application needs to be mailed to Family Courthouse DJJS Director's office, South Bldg., Attention: Shannon Freire, 601 N Pecos Rd., Las Vegas NV 89101 OR email Shannon Freire at SDIglins@ClarkCountyNV.gov.