CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson



STAY SAFE, STAY OPEN.

Hello District G Residents,

By all accounts, our staying home and practicing social distancing has had the effect of flattening the surge of Coronavirus cases in Southern Nevada. It is my hope that we all continue to practice good hygiene, maintain social distancing, wear face coverings in public places, and other measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

As you must know by now, we have begun Phase 1 of reopening Nevada, and as we start to reopen, the experts advise that access to testing is necessary for our community. The ability to offer community-wide testing for those with and without COVID-19 symptoms is essential to get back to the "normal" life we all crave right now.

Earlier this month, Clark County and University Medical Center announced an appointment-only, drive-thru COVID-19 testing program. The testing is free for anyone who doesn't have insurance and is open to anyone, whether exhibiting symptoms of the virus or not. Please see a complete list of sites, times, and appointment registration links on page 3 of this newsletter.

The health experts insist the more testing we can do and the more data we can gather, the better it will be for our community to make informed decisions as we move forward. I would like to know your thoughts about testing for COVID-19. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey. We would like to understand and anticipate our community's commitment and recognition of how and why it is so important to test for COVID-19. Please click here to take the survey.

As always, do not hesitate to email us at ccdistg@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 or Twitter @CommishJGibson.



Drive-Thru Testing Operation at The Orleans Moving to UNLV Tropicana Parking Garage

Clark County and UMC announced that Friday, May 22, is the last day drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be available at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. The drive-thru operation will move to UNLV's Tropicana Avenue parking garage located next to the Thomas & Mack Center, and will re-open to the public at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27.

Clark County and UMC are operating the site in partnership with Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL), the Nevada National Guard, UNLV and University Police Services. There are no out-of-pocket costs to patients. The site is open to anyone, whether exhibiting symptoms of the virus or not. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week, Monday-Saturday. Patients will be directed to enter the Thomas & Mack parking lot from the west off University Center Drive. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the COVID-19 Testing Center on the home page of UMC's website at www.umcsn.com or by calling CPL at (702) 795-4932, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The UNLV site will offer two new features to the public:

- A walk-up testing area will be established to accommodate pedestrians and those who arrive by bicycle or motorcycle for a test. Drive-thru testing is only available to patients in enclosed vehicles.
- Children of all ages can be tested at the UNLV Tropicana site with parental consent.

"Our drive-thru operation at the Orleans has been an important part of our community's efforts to reopen our economy," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "Boyd Gaming has been a tremendous partner in helping us make this operation a success. We are looking forward to continuing the operation at UNLV and improving upon it as we continue to offer expanded testing services to the public."

The Orleans site was the first testing location in the Las Vegas Valley to offer by-appointment testing to people with and without symptoms. It opened May 5 with an initial capacity of 300 tests a day and now offers up to 1,200 tests a day. To date more than 10,000 patients have been tested at the site.

"UMC and our community partners have done a tremendous job launching this operation and steadily expanding its capacity," said Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly, Chairman of UMC's Board of Trustees. "The ability to offer community testing to those with and without symptoms is critical as we continue to fight this virus and move forward with opening our economy in a safe and responsible manner."

The type of testing available is polymerase chain reaction tests, better known as PCR tests, which show whether someone currently has COVID-19. Federal funding through the CARES Act will cover the costs for testing for those with no insurance. Patients who have insurance will be asked to provide the information for billing purposes but will not have any co-pay. Patients are asked to arrive about 15 minutes prior to their appointment time to get checked in and directed to a drive-up testing station. Medical professionals conduct the test as patients remain in their cars.

""Our residents deserve much credit for taking the steps necessary this spring to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and showing a willingness to be tested to keep themselves and others safe," said Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose District G includes UNLV. "We are grateful to UNLV for partnering with us to offer a drive-thru testing facility in the center of the Las Vegas Valley that will continue to be widely accessible. We are committed to reopening and rebuilding our economy as quickly as possible, and the data gathered from testing will continue to help us make informed, factually-based decisions for the good of our community."

After scheduling an appointment with UMC, patients will receive information about how to access test results through UMConnect, UMC's electronic medical record, through the MyChart app and website at https://umconnect.umcsn.com/. Results are typically available within 48 hours. Patients who register for testing with Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) can access to their COVID-19 test results by visiting www.cpllabs.com/sonicmyaccess or texting "CPL" to 66349 to sign up for the CPL portal. All results, positive or negative, are reported to the Southern Nevada Health District. If patients test positive for the virus, they will be notified within a few days. Only positive patients will be notified. If patients do not receive notification of a positive test result, they can rest assured knowing that they tested negative. Patients with questions about the virus also can contact their medical provider for guidance or contact the Southern Nevada Health District's Information Phone Line at (702) 759-INFO (4636), between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Officials stress as businesses and facilities begin re-opening in phases, COVID-19 will continue to pose a public health threat without a vaccine. The public is asked to continue to practice good hygiene, social distancing, wearing face coverings in public places, and other measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. The following guidance is recommended for individuals to help the community continue to fight COVID-19 and stay safe and stay open in the first phase of Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items such as your cell phone, doorknobs and counter tops.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing per person for nonhousehold members.
- Wear a face covering in public places and when around people from other households.
- Limit gatherings to 10 people or less.
- Continue staying home as much as possible and limit trips outside your home.
- All vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place. Those
 at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 as defined by CDC guidelines
 include people 65 and older and those with underlying health
 conditions such as lung disease, heart conditions and severe
 obesity.
- Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that returning to work and other environments where social distancing is not practical could carry the virus back home.
 Precautions should be taken to isolate vulnerable residents.
- Remember we are in this together and we'll get through this together.

For information about our community's response to COVID-19 visit www.InltTogetherSNV.com.

Sam's Town to Host COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing on May 26 and May 27

Clark County, in collaboration with the Southern Nevada Health District, Community Ambulance and Guardian Elite Medical Services (GEMS), will offer testing for COVID-19 on Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parking garage of the Sam's Town Hotel. The testing is free and will be set up to accommodate drive-thru and walk-up clients. No appointments are necessary. The site will have 500 tests available each day on a first-come, first-served basis. The testing will take place in the first-floor parking garage located near the property's entrance off Boulder Highway and East Flamingo Road.

"Clark County is working with multiple community partners to make COVID-19 testing readily available in a variety of locations to all our residents," said Clark County Commissioner Tick Segerblom, a Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health member whose County Commission District includes Sam's Town. "The key to keeping people safe as we reopen our economy is to be able to accurately identify positive cases and encourage people to self-isolate to limit the spread of the virus while it continues to be a threat to public health."

County officials and community partners are working to expand the availability of COVID-19 testing in the Las Vegas Valley and in rural areas throughout Southern Nevada. Testing will be available on Saturday, May 23, 8 a.m. to noon. at the Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, 89046, for residents of Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, Palm Gardens and Nelson. No appointment is necessary. Three hundred test kits are available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis during the testing operation.

"Clark County's emergency management staff and our community partners are working hard to build our testing capacity," said Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft, whose Commission District includes the community of Searchlight as well as the Orleans drivethru site, which was the first to offer testing to clients with and without symptoms. "The more residents who get tested, the better our data will be, allowing us to make well-informed decisions based on well thought-out science and facts."

Officials say as plans are put into place to re-open businesses and facilities in phases, it will continue to be important for residents to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by social distancing and wearing face coverings in public places, washing hands and practicing good cough and sneeze hygiene, and limiting your contact with others if you test positive for the virus or someone in your immediate household does.



CLARK COUNTY AND UMC TESTING SITES



Name of Site	Date	Operating Hours	Appointment
The Orleans	5/21 – 5/22	8:00am-4:00pm	www.umcsn.com
Searchlight Community Center	5/23	8:00am-12:00pm	
Sam's Town	5/26 - 5/27	7:00am-1:00pm	4.
UNLV Tropicana Garage	5/27 - 6/15	8:00am-4:00pm	www.umcsn.com
Suncoast	5/29 - 5/30	7:00am-1:00pm	www.umcsn.com

A list of testing locations is available on the Southern Nevada Health Districts website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-19-testing-sites/

For information regarding testing with the City of Henderson, please visit their website at www.cityofhenderson.com/covid19/testing.

For information regarding testing with the City of Boulder City, please visit their website at www.bcnv.org/COVID-19.

Governor Sisolak Announces Statewide COVID-19 Response Director

Gov. Steve Sisolak announced that Caleb Cage is appointed to serve as the State of Nevada COVID-19 Response Director.

"Mr. Cage has proven invaluable to the State in its effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This new, expanded role will help propel the State of Nevada forward as we continue our gradual, phased-in reopening and fortify our response to this unprecedented public health crisis," said Gov. Steve Sisolak. "Mr. Cage brings a wealth of experience that will ensure our federally supported, state managed and locally executed response plan is effective in the immediate and the long-term."

Cage, the former head of the State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and most recently the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges at the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), will help direct and coordinate the statewide response to COVID-19 through the end of December from the Office of Governor Steve Sisolak. Cage's new position is funded by federal dollars at no cost to the state.

This position will coordinate resources and the work across multiple state, local and federal entities to respond to COVID-19, including the following:

- Federal agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);
- State agencies, including the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), and the Nevada State Public Health Lab (NSPHL); and
- Local agencies, including local emergency management, public health authorities, and city and county officials.

The Director will be responsible for coordinating all of these efforts, including a strong emphasis on the following activities: testing effort and capacity; contact tracing; and coordination of resources to support the robust, ongoing and expanding work in these areas in localities and across the State.

Cage is a native Nevadan who has served in various capacities in public service for the last 18 years. Immediately following college, he was commissioned as an artillery officer in the United States Army, serving in Germany and Iraq over the next five years.

Upon returning to Nevada in 2007, Cage served in various capacities, including as a policy advisor in the Lieutenant Governor's Office as well as the Governor's Office, in addition to leading the Nevada Office of Veterans Services and the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. He lives in Reno with his wife and three children.

Southern Nevada Health District Implements Automated COVID-19 Notification System

As Clark County's COVID-19 case count began to climb, the Southern Nevada Health District expanded its staff of four disease investigators to more than 60 in six weeks. Today, as staff continues to work on case and contact notifications for the more than 5,400 reported cases in Clark County, the agency has implemented an automated system to expedite its efforts to notify people who have tested positive for COVID-19.

This new system will ensure the Health District can more quickly and efficiently provide people diagnosed with COVID-19 information on isolation as well as identify potential close contacts. When close contacts are identified, they are notified by the Health District and provided information on the need to self-quarantine. All identified contacts also have the opportunity to enroll in the Health District's symptom monitoring mobile app. Contacts log in daily to report whether they are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If anyone reports signs or symptoms, the Health District is alerted and can arrange for testing.

Quick identification of contacts who have been exposed is an important step in interrupting the transmission of COVID-19 to others.

"The Health District relies on complete and timely reporting from medical providers who order testing for COVID-19 to identify and track cases successfully," said Dr. Michael Johnson, Director, Community Health Division for the Health District. "We also rely on the cooperation of our community members to help identify people who may have been exposed, and they are integral to our success," said Dr. Johnson.

The Health District will notify people through email or text\ message. The email address used by the Health District for notifications is do-not-reply@snhd.org. Text messages will come from (702) 718-7075. To ensure confidentiality, patients will be asked to verify their identity on the Health District's secure portal prior to being given information about their test results.

More information and COVID-19 resources are available at www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org/coronavirus. The public can also access the Health District's Information Line at (702) 759-INFO (4636) seven days a week from 7 a.m. —7 p.m.

Census Response Rate for Clark County is Almost 60 Percent

Since the kickoff of the 2020 U.S. Census this spring, almost 60 percent of households in Clark County have filled out their Census forms, which is consistent with the national average.

"I want to thank residents who have gone online or called the Census Bureau to fill out their Census forms," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "As we work to put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, I can't stress how important it is for everyone to be counted in this year's Census. It means more federal funding for our state and our community over the next 10 years, and we want to get every dollar we deserve."

Clark County's participation rate is 59.4 percent compared with the national average of 59.6 percent. Nevada's participation rate is 58.7 percent, which leads the nation in beating the expected response rate for this point in the Census process, according to officials with the Southern Nevada Counts "Win the Census" campaign. This week the U.S. Census Bureau is dropping off 2020 Census questionnaire packets to the front doors of households across the country that do not receive mail at their physical addresses, including about 50,000 households in Nevada.

"One of the best things our residents can do to help our community weather the pandemic is to fill out this year's Census," said Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly. "Data collected from the Census means funding for schools, roads, health care and other community needs over the next 10 years. We need everyone who lives here to be counted so we get our fair share of funding."

The Census form can be filled out online over the U.S. Census Bureau's website at www.2020Census.gov or by phone or mail. The results of the Census, taken every 10 years, help decide how billions of dollars in funding is distributed to states and communities over the next decade, and are used to determine how many Congressional seats get allocated to each state. Nevada stands to receive more than \$6 billion each year over the next 10 years based on 2020 Census data. The funding helps pay for transportation projects, Medicare and Medicaid assistance, emergency services, job training, and a variety of programs for children including school lunches, health insurance, foster care and federal Pell Grants for college students. Officials say in the 2010 Census, Nevada's population was undercounted with only about 60 percent of households participating. Children under 5 tend to be the most undercounted of all Nevadans.

"It is great news for our community that Nevada's participation rate in this year's Census is ahead of where we were this time 10 years ago, but we need to keep up the good work," said Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones, chairman of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, which initiated the Southern Nevada Counts effort. "We need anyone who hasn't participated yet to get online or call the Census Bureau to be counted. The results of this year's Census will inform federal funding decisions in our community over the next 10 years, which is a long time for a growing community like ours."

The Census Bureau is operating toll-free language assistance lines in multiple languages including the three most common spoken in

Southern Nevada: English (844) 330-2020; Spanish (844) 468-2020; and Tagalog (844) 478-2020. The Census Bureau also is offering American Sign Language support and has a toll-free Telephone Display Device (TDD) number of (844) 467-2020. Information about the Census is available on the Southern Nevada Counts website at www.SouthernNevadaCounts.com.

One person per household fills out the questionnaire on behalf of everyone who lives at the address as of Census Day on April 1, 2020. The questions ask for names, ages, birthdates and races of residents, and whether the home is owned or rented. By law, information provided for the Census is confidential and not allowed to be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies or the courts. Households that don't respond online or by phone will receive a paper questionnaire from the Census Bureau that they can return by mail. Due to the pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau is extending the participation period for this year's census from July 31 to Oct. 31.

Memorial Day
REMEMBER AND HONOR

10 Ideas for Memorial Day Weekend in the COVID Era

- Have a mini cookout. Fire up the grill for a barbeque or have a shrimp boil. Set up lawn games like horseshoes or corn hole to play with the kids. Relax by the pool if you have it open. Break out the sidewalk chalk and make your driveway a patriotic sight for people passing by.
- Honor those in your life who died in combat or those who served and are no longer with us. Visit their graves or find your own way to honor them throughout the weekend. Watch their favorite TV show, drink their favorite beer or listen to their favorite songs.
- Make your home a vacation destination. If your Memorial Day trip was foiled by coronavirus, try bringing the vacation to you.
- Get outdoors. Break out the bike, kayak, fishing rod, picnic supplies or hiking boots and spend the day enjoying Clark County's natural beauty.
- Set up a video party with those you normally would spend the holiday with and keep the tradition going.
- Watch the National Memorial Day Concert on Sunday at 8 p.m. which will be broadcasted by PBS. The concert will feature performances and tributes filmed from around the country to honor the troops and our veterans.
- Go camping. Be sure to check or call before making any concrete plans. If all else fails, sleep out in the backyard for a night.
- Create your own drive-in theater. Set up an old bed sheet, a projector, some cushions and outdoor chairs for a cozy movie night in the backyard.
- Gather the family around a campfire. Roast marshmallows, tell stories and sing some campfire songs for a good old-fashioned summer night.
- Create your own parade. Since most parades are canceled this year, your neighborhood could coordinate a social distancing parade where each family gets in their own car and parades around the neighborhood with patriotic gear or signs of support.

MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS for the June 9, 2020 All-Mail Ballot Primary Election, Clark County, NV

While Clark County voters may return their 2020 Primary Election ballot to the County Election Department in the regular mail using the postage-paid envelope provided to them, voters may also choose to return their ballot at any one of the drop-off sites opening at various locations beginning Monday, May 11.

Until further notice, some sites may be subject to temporary closure or revised times for coronavirus prevention reasons. For updates, check www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote or call (702) 455-VOTE (8683).

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FROM MAY 11, 2020 (MONDAY) THROUGH JUNE 5, 2020 (FRIDAY)				
Location	Hours			
	Up to May 22: • Monday-Friday:	8am-5pm		
Clark County Election Department	Saturday-Sunday:	CLOSED		
965 Trade Dr., North Las Vegas Only the Clark County Election Dept. will be available on May 25, 2020, Memorial Day.	May 23-June 3, EVERY DAY (including Saturday, Sunday, and Memorial Day):	8am-6pm		
	June 4-5, Thursday-Friday:	8am-8pm		
Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy. Las Vegas	Monday-Friday:	8am-5pm		
	All Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		
Bauldon City, City, Clark, City, Llall	Monday-Thursday:	7am-6pm		
Boulder City, City Clerk, City Hall 401 California Ave., Boulder City	All Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		
Henderson City Clerk, City Hall 240 S. Water St., Henderson	Monday-Thursday:	7:30am-5:30pm		
	All Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		
Las Vagas City Clark, City Hall	Monday-Thursday:	7am-5:30pm		
Las Vegas City Clerk, City Hall 495 S. Main St., Las Vegas	All Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		
	Monday-Thursday:	8am-5pm		
Mesquite City Clerk, City Hall 10 E. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite	Friday:	8am-3:30pm		
	All Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		
North Las Vagas City Clark, City Hall	Monday-Thursday:	8am-5:45pm		
North Las Vegas City Clerk, City Hall 2250 Las Vegas Blvd. North, North Las Vegas	All Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and May 25, Memorial Day Holiday	CLOSED		

DROP-OFF LOCATION ON JUNE 8, 2020 (MONDAY)			
Location	Hours		
Clark County Election Department 965 Trade Dr., North Las Vegas	8am-5pm		

MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

for the June 9, 2020 All-Mail Ballot Primary Election, Clark County, NV

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ON JUNE 9, 2020 (PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY)			
OPEN 7AM-7PM Location	Hours		
Clark County Election Department, 965 Trade Dr., North Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Bob Price Recreation Center, 2050 Bonnie Ln., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Bunkerville Community Center, 200 W. Virgin St., Bunkerville	7am-7pm		
Clark County Fairgrounds – Logandale, 1301 Whipple Ave., Logandale	7am-7pm		
Desert Breeze Community Center, 8275 Spring Mountain Rd., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Dr. William U. Pearson Community Center, 1625 W. Carey Ave., North Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Enterprise Library, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Hollywood Recreation Center, 1650 S. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Indian Springs Community Center, 715 W. Gretta Lane, Indian Springs	7am-7pm		
Laughlin Library, 2840 S. Needles Highway, Laughlin	7am-7pm		
Moapa Community Center, 1340 E. Highway 168, Moapa	7am-7pm		
Moapa Tribal Administration Building, 1 Lincoln St., Moapa	7am-7pm		
Moapa Valley Community Center - Overton, 300 N. Moapa Blvd., Overton	7am-7pm		
Mountain Crest Community Center, 4701 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Paradise Recreation Center, 4775 S. McLeod Dr., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson	7am-7pm		
Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Sandy Valley Community Center, 650 W. Quartz Ave., Sandy Valley	7am-7pm		
Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight	7am-7pm		
Silver Mesa Recreation Center, 4025 Allen Ln., North Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Veterans Memorial Leisure Center, 101 N. Pavilion Center Dr., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Walnut Community Center, 3075 N. Walnut Rd., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Whitney Recreation Center, 5712 E. Missouri Ave., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		
Windmill Library, 7060 W. Windmill Ln., Las Vegas	7am-7pm		

ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ON JUNE 9 (PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY)				
VARYING HOURS				
Location	Hours			
Boulder City, City Clerk, City Hall, 401 California Ave., Boulder City	7am-6pm			
Clark County Gov. Ctr. 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas	8am-5pm			
Henderson City Clerk, City Hall, 240 S. Water St., Henderson	7:30am-5:30pm			
Las Vegas City Clerk, City Hall, 495 S. Main St., Las Vegas	7am-5:30pm			
Mesquite City Clerk, City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite	8am-5pm			
North Las Vegas City Clerk, City Hall, 2250 Las Vegas Bl. North, N. Las Vegas	8am-5:45pm			