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CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson



Dear District G Residents

First and foremost, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy and you are doing all you can to Stay Home For Nevada. These are unsettling times, and it's difficult not to find yourself upset or anxious, especially this week. If you are home, please know it is the safest place you can be for yourself, your family, and for our community. If you are considered to be in an occupation that is essential, I hope that you are taking every precaution to reduce the risk of infecting yourself, and you are practicing all measures to stop the spread of germs. In this week's newsletter, I have provided up-to-date information that I believe you will find useful. On Tuesday night, the Governor signed an emergency directive restricting groups of 10 or more from gathering in any indoor or outdoor public area. If you are or know of a first responder, there are childcare resources available through the Department of Health and Human Services. And in order to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Secretary of State in partnership with Nevada's 17 county election officials announced plans to conduct an all-mail election. Please read more about all of these important new developments happening throughout our state, our county, and our neighborhoods.

As always, do not hesitate to email us at ccdistr@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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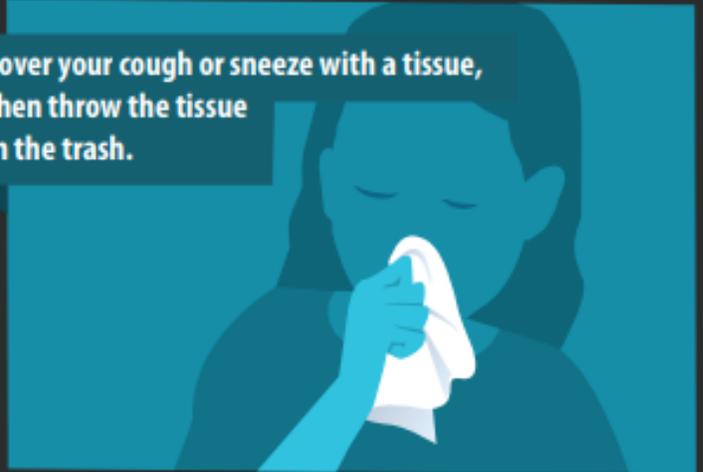
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

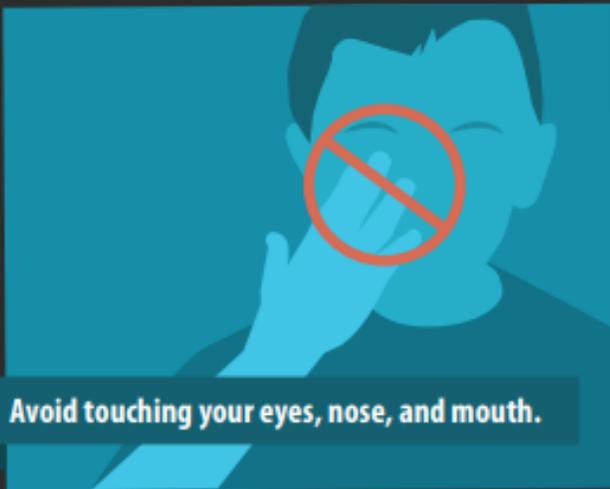
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



cdc.gov/COVID19

Governor Sislak Signs Directive Related to Public Gatherings

On March 24, 2020, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed an emergency directive related to public gatherings during the COVID-19 crisis. Nevadans who are not living within the same household, working at or patronizing an essential business or providing essential services may not gather in groups of ten or more in any indoor or outdoor public area. This measure is aimed at helping mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada.

“Protecting the health and safety of Nevadans is the top priority during this crisis and we must all band together to stay home for Nevadans. While getting outdoors is a great way to spend the time at home, gathering in large groups increases the likelihood of transmission,” said Governor Steve Sisolak. “Please, practice aggressive social distancing and do not congregate in large groups.”

Local governments are directed to limit the public's use of recreational equipment, including playground equipment, basketball courts, volleyball courts and baseball fields.

This is the seventh emergency directive signed by Governor Sisolak since declaring a state of emergency on March 12.

Guidance and Resources for Child Care Providers and Families

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is working to make sure childcare is available for first responders and health care workers by providing guidance and resources to childcare providers during the COVID-19 crisis. Governor Steve Sisolak identified childcare centers as essential businesses that can stay open during this time if they are operating in accordance with requirements set forth by their licensing authorities and COVID-19 guidance. Childcare is critical for many of the families providing essential services during this crisis. DHHS recognizes the challenges facing childcare providers who are staying open during this turbulent time. “Many of Nevada’s childcare providers have stepped up and are keeping their doors open. They are working with families who have lost jobs by keeping their slots open or providing discounts to families in need. Our state’s early childhood education professionals are providing stability and support to families who are struggling with all of the changes this pandemic is inflicting on hard working Nevadans,” said Governor Steve Sisolak. “To the childcare providers keeping their doors open, we thank you. To families providing emergency services during this crisis, there are childcare options available to help.”

The Governor and DHHS have created childcare specific guidance and resource lists around the state's COVID-19 childcare response goals:

- Expedite Creation of Emergency Child Care
- Support Existing Child Care Providers
- Connect Essential Services and Emergency Workers to Child Care
- Provide Resources to Protect the Health & Safety of Employees & Children
- Help Families Dealing with the COVID-19 Crisis
- Provide Resources for Families Putting Together Informal Child Care Solutions
- Provide Investments & Regulatory Flexibility to Protect the Long – Term Sustainability of Child Care in Nevada

During the COVID-19 crisis, the definition of Essential Service and Emergency Workers includes the providers of:

- Healthcare
- Emergency medical services
- Long-term and post-acute care
- Law enforcement personnel
- Personnel providing correctional services
- Public health employees
- Firefighters and other first responders
- Grocery, pharmacy and childcare services

Essential services and emergency workers can contact the state's childcare partners to get information about childcare opportunities in their area:

- In Clark County, contact the Las Vegas Urban League for help finding childcare (online or by phone): <http://www.childcarelv.org/en/child-care-options> or 702-473-9400 or 855-4UL-KIDS toll free
- For the rest of Nevada, contact the Children's Cabinet for help finding childcare (online or by phone): <https://www.childrenscabinet.org/child-care-resources/for-parents/steps-to-finding-child-care> or 775-856-6200

A complete list of the guidance and resources along with more information on Nevada's response to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>

Nevada Secretary of State Announces Plan to Conduct Primary Election by All Mail

Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske, in partnership with Nevada's 17 county election officials, announces today plans to conduct an all-mail election for the June 9, 2020 primary election. All active registered voters in Nevada will be mailed an absentee ballot for the primary election. No action or steps, such as submitting an absentee ballot request application, will be required by individual voters in order to receive a ballot in the mail. Voters will be able to mark their ballot at home and then return it by mail using a postage-prepaid envelope or by dropping it off in person at a designated county location. This announcement applies only to the June 9, 2020 primary election. Secretary Cegavske seeks to reassure voters in Nevada that their health and safety while participating in voting is paramount to state and local election officials. "Because of the many uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the immediate need to begin preparations for the 2020 primary election, it became necessary for me to take action regarding how the election will be conducted," said Cegavske. "Based on extensive conversations with Nevada's 17 county election officials, we have jointly determined that the best option for the primary election is to conduct an all-mail election."

In order to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, federal and state health officials have discouraged group gatherings. The training of thousands of poll workers who support Nevada's large in-person voter effort was scheduled to begin next week. The majority of Nevada's poll workers belong to groups that are at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19. In order to maintain a high level of access to the ballot, while protecting the safety of voters and poll workers, the decision to conduct an all-mail primary election was made.

Even though the majority of voters will be casting a mail ballot for the June 9, 2020 primary election, the high standard Nevada has set for ensuring the security, fairness, and accuracy of elections will still be met. Deputy Secretary of State for Elections Wayne Thorley said, "The priority of the Secretary of State's Elections Division is to ensure every eligible Nevadan has the opportunity to safely vote in the primary election and that the integrity of the election is maintained. We are working with our 17 county election officials to implement the changes necessary to successfully administer this election."

In order to accommodate same-day voter registration, as well as assist voters who have issues with the ballot that was mailed to them, at least one in-person polling location will be available in each county for the June 9, 2020 primary election. These polling locations will be set up to ensure the safety of voters and poll workers alike. Because in-person voting opportunities will be extremely limited for the primary election, Nevadans are encouraged to register to vote now and not rely on the same-day registration process. Voters are also encouraged to confirm that their voter registration information is up-to-date, including mailing address and political party affiliation. Visit www.RegisterToVoteNV.gov to register to vote online or make updates to your existing voter record. Voters are reminded that absentee ballots must be dropped off in person by the close of polls on Election Day, or postmarked by Election Day. Ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and received no later than seven days after the election will be counted. Additionally, if a voter fails to sign the ballot return envelope or the voter's signature does not match the one on file with the county election official, the voter will be contacted, and the voter will have up to the seventh day after the election to make the necessary correction. It is important to understand that these statutory deadlines will result in updating vote totals and election results for up to seven days after the election. Close races may remain undecided until all ballots are counted. All counties must certify the election results no later than 10 days after the election. For more information about the June 9, 2020 primary election, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (775) 684-5705 or nvelect@sos.nv.gov.

Clark County Elections Department

All Clark County active registered voters will receive a mail ballot packet from the County Election Department in the mail beginning in the first week of May.

The mail ballot packet will include your ballot, instructions on how to cast your ballot, a postage paid envelope to return your ballot through the mail, and a list of mail ballot drop off sites where you can personally drop off your ballot if you prefer to do so. Because it is an all-mail ballot election, you will not be required to submit a mail ballot request for the Primary Election.

More details will be provided soon related to this change in voting for the primary election. Please check the County Election Department website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote for additional information about the upcoming election, and for any updates to this all-mail ballot process. Election Department staff are also available by phone at (702) 455-8683. Callers are asked to leave a voicemail if we are unable to immediately answer their call.

Residents are encouraged to check their voter registration status to make sure they will be able to vote in the elections. To check your registration status, enter your personal information in the Registered Voter Services box on the Election Department website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote. Residents who are eligible to vote but not yet registered are encouraged to register through the Nevada Secretary of State's Office at www.registertovotenv.gov. Registered voters who need to make a change to their registration information are also encouraged to do this as soon as possible at www.registertovotenv.gov.

Nevada Unemployment Insurance Claims

Governor Steve Sisolak instructed the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Employment Security Division to waive the work search requirement and the 7-day wait period for approved unemployment insurance benefits. To file for unemployment in the State of Nevada, please use the online application available 24/7 at <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html>. People unable to file online may file via telephone by calling a UI Claims Call Center between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Northern UI Call Center: (775) 684-0350; Southern UI Call Center: (702) 486-0350; Rural areas & Out-of-State: (888) 890-8211. Claimants are highly encouraged to use the internet to file their UI claims, as it is the fastest and most convenient way to file.

Other resources for claimants include a NV Unemployment Insurance (UI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) document and other helpful information located at <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html>. Online tutorial videos are also available in both English and Spanish and can be viewed on the Nevada Unemployment Insurance YouTube page.

LVMPD Performing Compliance Checks of Non-Essential Businesses

In support of Governor Sisolak's mandatory shutdown of nonessential businesses, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has begun compliance checks of businesses that remain open and in violation of the order.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Special Investigation Section (SIS) is conducting the compliance checks. SIS officers are in plain clothes but are identifiable as law enforcement by their badge and other police equipment. In addition, officers have been dispatched to businesses reported by the public through Dispatch's Non-Emergency 3-1-1 line or emails to LVMPD.

Business owners or managers are given a copy of the governor's emergency directive and a letter from SIS stating they are in violation of the governor's order. Business owners or managers must sign the letter as proof of notification and officers will standby while the business is shut down.

If a business owner believes they are essential, they can make an appeal to the city or Clark County Business License. You may contact Clark County Business License at 702-455-4252 or email ccblenforcement@clarkcountynv.gov. Business owners who are still uncertain about what category they fall under can visit the state's website at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.20-Emergency-regulations.pdf>.

Clark County Closes Playgrounds, Outdoor Restroom Facilities Due to Coronavirus Concerns

Until further notice, Clark County is announcing the closing of all its playgrounds and park restroom facilities today due to continuing concerns about the spread of coronavirus.

At this time, outdoor park spaces and trails will remain open to the public, although any visitors are strongly encouraged to follow health officials' recommendations regarding social distancing and other precautions <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>.

Clark County operates 100 public parks. A complete list of addresses and locations is listed on the Parks and Recreation Department's website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks/Pages/parkslocator.aspx>.

Signs will be posted and yellow caution tape will be placed around all playgrounds. Outdoor restrooms will be locked. Parks maintenance staff will be checking daily to ensure all signage and caution tape remains present and will replace as necessary. Clark County has taken this step, in addition to recent cancellations of events, activities and building closures out of an abundance of caution to help reduce the possibility of community spread of the virus. General inquiries about playground and restroom closures can be directed to the Clark County Parks and Recreation Department by e-mailing CCParks@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Clark County officials are continuing to monitor the coronavirus situation in coordination with state, local and federal health officials and will keep the public advised of any updates.

The Southern Nevada Health District's website, www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus, is a recommended local resource for staying informed of the evolving coronavirus situation. Residents also can call the Health District's Information Phone Line at (702) 759-INFO (4636), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The state also maintains <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>.

U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham on Operational Updates

The 2020 Census has fully kicked off, and invitations continue to arrive in mailboxes across the nation. As of March 18, 2020, more than eleven million households have responded. America is stepping up to shape our future and ensure families and communities are counted.

In support of guidance on what we can all do to help slow the spread of COVID-19, 2020 Census field operations will be suspended for until April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone going through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions.

During this pause in field operations, the Census Bureau will continue to evaluate all 2020 Census operations. Should any additional adjustments need to be made, the Census Bureau will communicate these changes broadly and promptly.

In late May, census takers around the nation will begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help complete the count. As we continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, we will adjust census taker and survey operations as necessary in order to follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities.

The public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail. Everyone should respond to the 2020 Census as soon as they receive their invitation — and when they're finished, they can make sure their friends, families and social networks know about the importance of responding.

It has never been easier to respond to the census, and the 2020 Census will count everyone accurately. We recognize that many people plan to access the 2020 Census through other response modes, such as phone or paper, which is why the 2020 Census has such a nimble design.

On March 15, 2020, the Census Bureau announced several adaptations to our group quarters operations to accommodate recent scheduling changes on college campuses as leadership takes action to keep students and faculty safe.

For all other Census Bureau household and economic surveys separate from the 2020 Decennial Census, Bureau personnel will begin using phone calls instead of in-person visits. In the limited number of instances where an in-person visit is necessary, we are working closely with public health authorities to ensure each visit is accomplished safely.

Once again, we encourage everyone to respond online today at 2020Census.gov. With the flexibility and support of the American people, we will achieve a complete and accurate count which helps guide funding decisions for things like hospitals, roads and emergency services. Respondents can also respond by calling the number provided in their invitation or by mail once they have received a paper form.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CENSUS?



Language Line:	Toll-Free Number:
English	(844) 330-2020
Spanish	(844) 468-2020
Chinese (Mandarin)	(844) 391-2020
Chinese (Cantonese)	(844) 398-2020
Vietnamese	(844) 461-2020
Korean	(844) 392-2020
Russian	(844) 417-2020
Arabic	(844) 416-2020
Tagalog	(844) 478-2020
Polish	(844) 479-2020
French	(844) 494-2020
Haitian Creole	(844) 477-2020
Portuguese	(844) 474-2020
Japanese	(844) 460-2020
Telephone Display Device (TDD)	(844) 467-2020