



CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER

Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson



Hello District G Residents,

Good news. We can get our hair cut and go out to dinner! Last week, Governor Sisolak announced that "Phase One" (the next phase of Nevada's roadmap to coronavirus recovery) would begin Saturday, May 9, earlier than his initial May 15 projection.

What is included in Phase 1?

- Outdoor spaces, small businesses, and select retailers (under strict social distancing measures, hygiene, and occupancy controls) may open.
- Restaurants may resume dine-in services so long as certain requirements are met. Tables and booths must be spaced at least 6 feet apart, and bar tops/bar areas within restaurants remain closed.
- Local governments will be responsible for determining the manner in which businesses within their respective jurisdictions can open (subject to the statewide reopening criteria) and will be responsible for enforcement efforts.
- People are still encouraged to stay home, particularly vulnerable populations.
- Gatherings of more than 10 persons are still prohibited.
- The use of face coverings is still encouraged.

For more information on Phase 1, please see Governor Sisolak's complete news release in this week's newsletter. For more information regarding Nevada's Response to Covid-19, please visit: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov>.

On Friday, May 15th, please join me for a Virtual Town Hall hosted by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. There will also be special guests from the Southern Nevada Health District. Please contact the Henderson Chamber of Commerce for additional information and how to participate.

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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By-Appointment, Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Now Available Seven Days a Week at Orleans

Clark County and University Medical Center announced that the appointment-only, drive-thru COVID-19 testing program at the Orleans Hotel & Casino is expanding to seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The testing is free for anyone who doesn't have insurance and is open to anyone, whether exhibiting symptoms of the virus or not. Appointments can be made via UMC's website at www.umcsn.com.

The drive-thru operation opened Tuesday on the first floor of the parking garage on the west site of the Orleans property off Cameron Street as an initial step toward expanding the community's capacity to make COVID-19 testing more widely available to the public. More than 1,400 people have received tests at the site, which is being operated by Clark County, UMC and the Nevada National Guard. The Orleans is located at 4500 W. Tropicana Ave.

"I want to thank our Fire Department's emergency management staff and our community partners for getting this site up and running and operating smoothly," said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. "We have seen a strong response from residents scheduling appointments to be tested. Our residents are taking this virus seriously, and I have no doubt that they will continue to do their part to keep our community safe as we move forward and begin opening our economy in phases - #Stay safe, stay open!"

This past Friday, the Clark County Commission voted unanimously to adopt the protocols set forth in Phase 1 of Governor Steve Sisolak's Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada. The guidelines were developed with input from Chairman Kirkpatrick and other members of the Local Empowerment Advisory Panel (LEAP) to advise individuals, employers and businesses through Phase 1. Officials stress that as businesses and facilities begin opening, access to testing is critical for the community, and so is the public's continued cooperation with practicing good hygiene, social distancing, wearing face coverings in public places, and other measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

"By staying home and practicing social distancing, we can be very proud of the fact that we flattened the surge of cases we could have had in Southern Nevada," said Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly, Chairman of the UMC Board of Trustees. "It's going to be important that we stay on guard against this virus because it is silent and invisible and it still poses a public health threat. Our best defense is to keep up all the good hygiene and other practices we've been doing."

The Orleans drive-thru site is now accepting 900 appointments per day, and officials are continuing to work on expanding capacity. The type of testing available at the site is polymerase chain reaction tests, better known as PCR tests, which show whether someone currently has COVID-19. Anyone wanting to schedule a test can make an appointment by visiting the COVID-19 Testing Center on the home page of UMC's website at www.umcsn.com. Select the "public" option to arrive at the online testing registration form. After filling out the form and clicking "submit," a representative from UMC will call people back to book their appointments.

"The ability to offer community-wide testing for those with and without COVID-19 symptoms is critical in our ability to do what we all want, which is to get life back to normal as much as possible in this pandemic environment," said Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft, whose Commission District includes the Orleans. "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."

Federal funding through the CARES Act will cover the costs for testing at the Orleans for those with no insurance. Patients who have insurance will be asked to provide it for billing purposes, and depending on their insurance may not have a 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 will conduct the test as patients remain in their cars. Test collection samples will be sent to UMC's lab for analysis. Results are expected to be available to patients within 24 to 48 hours. The results, positive or negative, will be reported to the Southern Nevada Health District.

Officials are working on opening other testing locations in the near future. Additionally, the Southern Nevada Health District is working with local jurisdictions to conduct testing in senior residential complexes and other facilities located in high-risk areas.

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.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items such as your cell phone, door knobs and counter tops.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing per person for non-household 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 distancing is not practical could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate vulnerable residents.
- If tested positive for COVID-19, an individual must quarantine and stay home for two weeks. Contacts of individuals who test positive for the virus must stay home for two weeks or until a negative test result has been received.
- Avoid non-essential travel and adhere to self-quarantine and monitor health for 14 days after arriving or returning to Nevada.
- 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.InItTogetherSNV.com.

Gov. Sisolak: Nevada Ready for Phase 1 Reopening on Saturday, with Statewide Standards

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced that Nevada has met the reopening criteria and can move into the first phase of reopening the State beginning on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

"I know many Nevadans have worked hard and sacrificed to get us to the good place we are today, and if we use common sense preventative measures, we can continue forward," said Gov. Sisolak. "If we want to stay open, it's up to us to continue the aggressive social distancing measures that allowed us to progress to this point."

During Phase 1, individuals are encouraged to stay home as much as possible, and to wear masks in public, as well as continuing to follow aggressive social distancing protocols.

Employees who interact with the public must wear face coverings, as part of a mandatory statewide standard. Under the statewide standards, businesses must also adopt measures put forth by OSHA to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Certain businesses will not be able to open during Phase 1, including bars, nightclubs and taverns that aren't currently open and don't have a license to serve food; gyms and fitness facilities; strip clubs and brothels; spas, tanning salons, massage parlors, body art, body piercing establishments; and buffets.

The final decisions on how gaming establishments reopen in Nevada will be determined by the Gaming Control Board, but they will not be reopening in Phase 1.

All other businesses and facilities will be able to resume operation but under strict social distancing guidance. The LEAP has worked with the Governor's Office, business leaders and our 17 counties to provide guidance specific to certain industries, which will be posted online at NVHealthResponse.nv.gov.

The full press conference can be watched at: http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=8db5c655-90b7-11ea-a2af-0050569183fa

The guidance can be found online at: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Roadmap-to-Recovery-Phase-One-Initial-Guidance.pdf>

Western States Pact Urges Federal Support for States and Cities Responding to COVID-19 Pandemic

In a letter to Congressional leadership today, governors and legislative leaders from five Western states requested \$1 trillion in direct and flexible relief to states and local governments in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic in order to avoid deep cuts to services like public health, public safety, public education and help people get back to work.

"The cost of responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis, and the subsequent impacts to our economy have been devastating, and it is critical that the federal government provide additional support and flexible relief to the State of Nevada and our local governments," Gov Sisolak said. "The states have been on the front line fighting this virus, and we need the federal government to provide this aid to help us preserve core services like public health, public safety and public education. I want to thank Nevada's federal delegation for their tireless advocacy for this funding, and I look forward to continue working with them and the Western States Pact as we seek additional support."

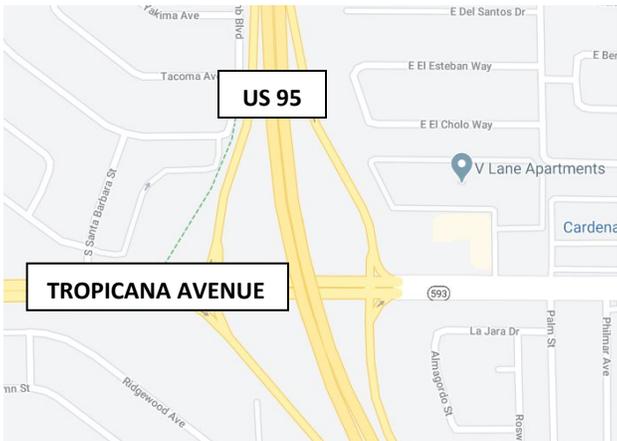
Earlier today, Gov. Sisolak declared a State of Emergency in Nevada, to give the state more flexibility to act quickly to reduce expenditures to ensure this year's spending does not exceed the revenue collected.

In addition to Gov. Sisolak, the letter was also signed by Majority Leader of the Nevada Senate Nicole Cannizzaro and Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly Jason Frierson.

"In order to move forward from this economic crisis, we need to work together," said Senate Majority Leader Cannizzaro. "Federal funding will be critical for Nevada's recovery in the coming months, and will allow our State to help the many families currently facing hardships as they work to get back on their feet."

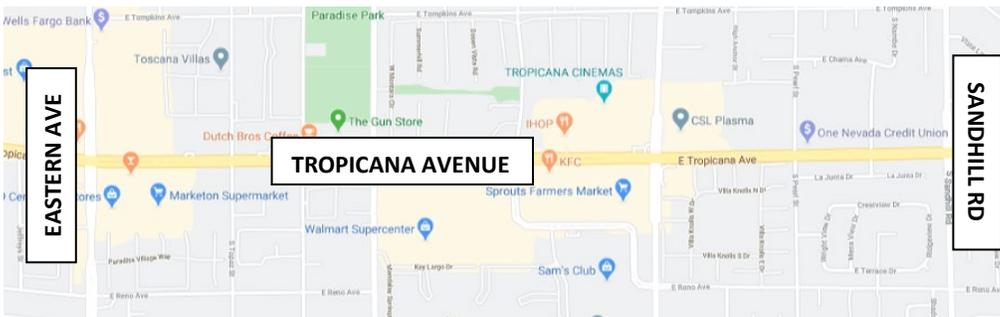
"With an economy built on service, Nevadans have had the double whammy of both being exposed to the virus as well as laid off indefinitely. Aid to the state and local governments to preserve core services for Nevada families is critical for our State's recovery," Speaker Frierson said. "The work ahead is going to be a long road, but we must do it together."

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is making safety and roadway improvements along the East Tropicana Avenue corridor. In addition, bridge joint rehabilitation is planned for the bridge on US 95 over Tropicana Avenue, as shown on the maps below.



For **US 95**, here are additional details:

- Activities timeframe: anticipated to be two dates in mid-May, 2020, night-time work (7 pm to 7 am).
- Activities: bridge joint replacement.
- Anticipated lane restriction(s): up to two lanes and a shoulder.



For the area from **Eastern Avenue to Sandhill Road**, here are additional details:

- Activities timeframe: anticipated to be second week of May 2020, night-time work (7 pm. to 7 am).
- Activities: edge milling.
- Anticipated lane restriction(s): multiple lane closures.

NOTE: [RTC TRANSIT SERVICE](#) WILL MAINTAIN ITS 15-MINUTE SERVICE INTERVAL THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION. TO SIGN UP FOR PROJECT UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW OR SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE [ROUTE 201 ALERTS](#).

Special Notice: NDOT and its contractors continue vital highway construction and maintenance activities upkeep Nevada's transportation system for essential travel and supply chain deliveries. We practice COVID-19-related public health and safety protocols, including social distancing of six feet or more and restricting groups to 10 or less, thereby keeping our team, families and communities safe and connected.

County Parks & Recreation Department to Offer Second Van to Host More 'In It Together SNV' Dance Parties

Starting today, the Clark County Department of Parks and Recreation will have a second van hitting local streets to bring more driveway dance parties to Southern Nevada residents who are enjoying the popular program as part of the "In It Together SNV" initiative. Hours of operation also are changing to two shifts – 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, to avoid the hottest part of the day.

To boost community spirits and provide a burst of exercise and stress relief, the Department's Parks and Recreation staff is bringing socially-distanced driveway dance parties to local neighborhoods as staffing and resources permit. The driveway dance parties are part of the In It Together Southern Nevada initiative organized by Clark County and partnering jurisdictions and agencies to highlight local efforts to support each other in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using the website www.InItTogetherSNV.com.

"The dance mobile program has been a big hit in our community and we are happy to get another van out on the streets to bring as many dance parties to our residents as possible," said Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly, who hosted a dance party last week in Marble Manor and is doing a similar event called "Party on the Porch" with DJ Benzo at 5:30 p.m. tonight in Sherman Gardens and Berkeley Square. "It's a great way to have fun, get a little exercise, and educate people about the need to stay safe as we weather coronavirus together."

The vans come equipped with a public address system, a DJ and some accompanying staff. During visits, a song or two is played and residents are encouraged to wave to their neighbors and show off their dance moves all while staying home and maintaining a safe distance apart. Residents can step outside their front doors to their porches, patios or front yards, or stay inside and join in by demonstrating support through their living room windows.

After the first driveway danceparty debut with Commissioner Weekly on April 27, the In It Together SNV website received more than 100 requests within a few hours as a result of postings on local news websites and social media. Staff is still working through the backlog of requests and expects to be able to take more requests soon. When staff is ready to schedule more visits, an online request form will be posted on the dance mobile page of the In It Together SNV website. Requesting residents must provide the address of a driveway in a hosting neighborhood and contact information. Song requests also can be made. Residents will receive an email confirming the date and time of their dance party. Residents who coordinate visits with neighbors on the same or adjoining streets are given priority to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy the activity.

During visits, the dance mobile parks briefly in a safe spot on a neighborhood street or driveway and plays music and move on. Residents are asked to stay on their own property while enjoying the activity and not follow the van as it moves through a neighborhood. Participating neighborhoods are encouraged to share videos and photos with the In It Together SNV website or post them on social media sites using campaign hashtags #InItTogetherSNV and #StayStrong.

The In It Together SNV website also offers online community resources related to COVID-19 and is used by agencies coordinating the response to the outbreak to match volunteer opportunities and donation offers with organizations in need. Residents wishing to volunteer in the community's response or to donate PPE, cleaning items and other supplies are encouraged to visit the Donations and Volunteer sections of the website. Online forms are posted on those pages to help manage requests and match people to needs and opportunities.

Additionally, photos and stories of locals doing inspiring things in response to COVID-19 can be emailed to the website for sharing on its "In It Together Highlights & Submissions" page at ContactUs@InItTogetherSNV.com. Tips on the site also offer different ways people can help the community stay strong through the pandemic. Suggestions include familiar hygiene tips such as hand washing and social distancing. Other ideas include sending thank you notes to healthcare workers and first responders, checking on neighbors who live alone, and supporting a local business by ordering takeout or shopping for a friend, relative or neighbor.

2020 LAS VEGAS RAIDERS SCHEDULE

9.13	 @ Carolina	11.15	 Denver
9.21	 New Orleans	11.22	 Kansas City
9.27	 @ New England	11.29	 @ Atlanta
10.4	 Buffalo	12.6	 @ New York Jets
10.11	 @ Kansas City	12.13	 Indianapolis
10.25	 Tampa Bay	12.17	 LA Chargers
11.1	 @ Cleveland	12.26/27	 Miami
11.8	 @ LA Chargers	1.3	 @ Denver

Gov. Sisolak Signs Directive Allowing Non-Merit Staff to Assist with Unemployment Claims

Today, Governor Steve Sisolak signed an emergency directive to provide flexibility for the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to hire non-merit, or contracted, staff to help process unemployment insurance claims.

“I have heard stories from many Nevadans who are experiencing issues trying to process claims, and our staff at DETR has been working as quickly as possible to process the unprecedented number of claims,” Gov. Sisolak said. “This Directive will help onboard more staff quickly to help bring insurance benefits to more Nevadans faster.”

The Directive provides the agency with emergency flexibility for personnel standards including hiring of temporary staff, rehiring of retirees or former employees on a non-competitive basis, and other temporary actions to quickly process applications and claims. The emergency flexibility will be applicable through December 31, 2020.

As Nevada continues to experience the COVID-19 pandemic and dramatic increase in unemployment, it is necessary for DETR’s Employment Security Division (ESD) to hire temporary personnel to help with timely processing of claims for unemployment insurance benefits, and assist Nevadans with the soon to be released Pandemic Unemployment Assistance system.

Without this Directive, the agency would have to meet the hiring requirements stipulated under NRS 612.230 including requiring the Administrator to fill ESD positions on the basis of merit from registers prepared by the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration.

“We are excited to now have the ability to move forward on hiring the critical staff needed to assist in processing the record number of unemployment insurance claims,” said DETR director, Heather Korbolic. “We are optimistic this Directive will provide the flexibility we need to hire staff in support of all facets of the UI and CARES Act processes. We will work expeditiously in the hiring and training of staff engaged under this Directive, so we can get benefits to Nevadans in a timelier fashion.”

This Directive shall remain in effect until the state of emergency declared on March 12, 2020 is terminated or unless renewed by a subsequent Directive proclaimed pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

Don’t Forget to Respond: 2020 Census Reminder Postcards Arriving

The U.S. Census Bureau is beginning to send reminder notice postcards to an estimated 55 million households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. About 53.4% of households across the country have already responded since invitations began arriving in mailboxes on March 12. Those households that have not yet responded to the census will receive an in person visit by a census taker to collect their information later this summer.

According to the Census Bureau’s online response map tracking the nation’s participation in the census, almost 79 million households have already responded online, by phone or by mail.

Some areas where census takers were originally going to personally hand deliver forms will now receive a letter in the mail from the Census Bureau reminding them to participate, including many households in Puerto Rico. Even if households don’t receive a letter in the mail, the Census Bureau will drop off a census invitation and paper form as soon as it is safe to do so Census takers will also follow up with all households that do not respond on their own.

States with the highest response include, (top 5 states).

- Minnesota 64.0%
- Iowa 61.2%
- Wisconsin 60.8%
- Nebraska 60.7%
- Michigan 60.0%

Counties with 250,000 or more population with the highest response rate include (top 5 counties).

- Washington County, Minnesota 73.6%
- Anoka County, Minnesota 72.9%
- Waukesha County, Wisconsin 72.5%
- Dakota County, Minnesota 71.8%
- Macomb County, Michigan 70.2%

The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov. Households can respond online in English or 12 other languages or by phone. Households can also respond by mail using the paper questionnaire that was recently mailed to every non-responding address. Households that received a census invitation in the mail and have yet to respond will receive a paper questionnaire by April 30.

Households will receive another reminder postcard in the mail between April 27-May 9. The Census Bureau pushed back this mailing to allow the paper questionnaire package to arrive several days ahead of the postcard. The postcard is one reminder in a series of reminders that the Census Bureau has mailed nonresponding households since mid-March urging them to respond. Census takers will visit every address that does not respond on their own to collect responses in person. Responding now to the 2020 Census will minimize the need for a census taker to visit your home later this year. For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

Boulder City COVID-19 Testing Clinic

Boulder City, in partnership with the Southern Nevada Health District and Boulder City Hospital, will provide free COVID-19 nasal swab tests* for the community.

No doctors orders are required.

Drive-through clinic by appointment only:

- Monday, May 18 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 19 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Bravo Field Parking Lot
891 Avenue B, Boulder City

Boulder City Paramedics and Boulder City Hospital Nurses will administer the tests. Patients must provide a name, address, and contact information in order to get the free testing. Results take about one week.

YOU MUST BE A BOULDER CITY RESIDENT AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO BE TESTED:

Call 702.293.9256 Tuesday-Thursday, May 12-14 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to reserve a time slot.

**Nasal swab tests determine if you currently have the virus; they are not blood tests to determine if you have antibodies.*

