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State, Southern Nevada Health District to expand vaccine eligibility to food service, hospitality workers effective immediately

State working with Board of Pharmacy to open appointments statewide at pharmacy locations to those 55+ with underlying health conditions, individuals with disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness by next week

CARSON CITY – Today, under the collective goal of vaccinating as many Nevadans as possible in accordance with the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook, the State of Nevada will be allowing the Southern Nevada Health District to begin vaccinating food service and hospitality workers in **Clark County**.

These workers are the next group in the Frontline/Essential Workforce lane ("Frontline Commerce & Service Industries"), and will allow Clark County and the Southern Nevada Health District to use their current supply on-hand while also moving into a critical workforce for Nevada's economy. These workers include:

- ***Restaurant and quick serve food operations****, including dark kitchen and food prep centers, beverage service employees, carryout, and delivery food workers.*
- ***Workers in cafeterias*** *used to feed workers or other congregate settings not already captured in an occupation group listed in the Playbook.*
- ***Frontline hospitality workers, including casino and resort employees*** *who have prolonged/sustained customer interaction.*
    - *This group includes all employees of restricted and nonrestricted gaming licensees and all employees of vendors and lessees located on the property of such restricted and nonrestricted licensees, regardless of furlough status, in Clark County*

Workers who fall under the expanded eligibility can schedule appointments online here: https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/distribution/. Proof of employment (such as an employee badge or paystub) as well as photo identification must be brought to the appointment.

If no appointment times are available, the Southern Nevada Health District advises those eligible to check the calendar often. Cancellations can result in appointment slots opening throughout the day.

The State will continue to work with Southern Nevada Health District to expand outreach to existing eligible groups and offer resources to expand appointment hours of existing sites in Southern Nevada, in addition to identifying satellite vaccination sites that are more accessible to eligible workers, underserved communities, and vulnerable populations.

Additionally, **the State is working with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy to open appointments *at pharmacy locations* to those 55+ with underlying health conditions, individuals with disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness at pharmacies statewide by next week.** This is in accordance with Nevada DHHS Technical Bulletin that was developed in line with recommendations provided by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Counties across the State continue to work through limited allocation of vaccine doses at their own pace while following the playbook. The State will continue to work closely with all communities to identify challenges and work together on solutions to vaccinate Nevadans as quickly as possible while following the State playbook.

More information on county specific plans can be found at NVCOVIDFighter.org.

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