

Steps Agencies Can Take to Help People Access the COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 Vaccination is Available for People Experiencing Homelessness

The COVID-19 vaccine is currently available in Southern NV. All Nevadans age 16 and older will be eligible for the vaccine as of April 5th. Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) has a [full list of groups currently eligible](#).

Homeless Service Providers are encouraged to assist those they are serving with receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. At this time, an appointment must be made in advance through either the online registration process (<https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/distribution/#>) or by calling the Nevada vaccination call center at 1-800-401-0946.

Please consider taking the following steps to help those you are serving receive their vaccination.

1. Set-up a designated registration process at your agency. Identify staff who will help clients to schedule appointments and determine when and where they will be available to do so. For example, Emergency Shelter providers may want to set-up a registration desk and have staff available with a laptop or iPad during community meals or during/following shelter intake to assist with scheduling.
2. Communicate with people about the vaccine and the support your agency can provide. [Click here](#) for flyers and resources to help build vaccine confidence among staff and clients. You can edit and circulate the template flyer attached to advertise the registration process.
3. Offer transportation. Schedule regular shuttle runs every two hours to the nearest vaccination clinic. Cashman Center (850 N. Las Vegas Blvd) is the nearest vaccination clinic to the shelter providers in Downtown Las Vegas. [Click here](#) to find additional locations.
4. Use the attached appointment reminder template to give clients after they have been scheduled so they can remember when their appointment is and when and where they can catch a shuttle.
5. Track information about vaccine appointments in HMIS using the '[public alert function](#)' to assist individuals with following up if a second dose is required.
6. Consider incentives such as gift cards, bus passes to attend or return from the appointments, socks, or other resource that you may have available.
7. If you are an Emergency Shelter provider, consider reserving a bed for clients for 1-3 days following their vaccination so they have a secure stay while recuperating from [potential side effects](#). This is a precautionary measure and an additional incentive to offer those considering vaccination.
8. For clients receiving a vaccine which requires a two-dose regimen, consider printing labels (see template) to place on the back of the clients Clarity Card to remind them of when they should return for their 2nd dose (3-6 weeks following the 1st dose).

Additional methods for vaccinating Southern Nevadans who are experiencing homelessness are currently being planned, and service provider partnership and feedback is critical to this process. If you would like to be involved in this planning effort please contact, Ashley Barker Tolman, ashleybarkertolman@gmail.com