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Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19 at Southern Nevada State Veterans Home

(Boulder City, NV) – A newly admitted Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) resident tested positive for COVID-19. The discovery was made during the required admissions testing process.

All new residents must test negative for COVID-19 before entering the Veterans Home. They are then placed in isolation for 14 days and retested prior to release from isolation status because those who have been exposed to COVID-19 may initially test negative while in an incubation status and then later test positive.

This was the case in this situation; the resident tested negative prior to admission but on June 11, tested positive before release from isolation.

The new resident will remain in isolation until they have recovered and test negative for COVID-19. Team members who had contact with the resident were wearing the proper personal protective equipment as outlined by state and federal protocols and guidelines.

NDVS remains focused on the health, safety, and wellbeing of residents and team members at the home. NDVS continues to aggressively follow all state and federal guidelines and protocols to stay ahead of the virus and protect residents and team members.

"I am so very proud of our Southern Nevada State Veterans Home teammates and their commitment to protecting our residents, and each other, from the spread of this virus," said NDVS Director Kat Miller. "They truly embody the motto, "Caring for Nevada's Heroes." Access to the home remains limited to team members only and drive through visitation requires interested parties to call ahead to 702-332-6736 for details. Additionally, new employees and residents continue to be required to be tested prior to being allowed to enter the home.

Updates on this health situation at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home is available by calling 702-332-6705. The phone line is updated on Tuesdays by noon or soon should conditions change.

For more information and resources on Nevada's response to COVID-19, please visit <u>https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/</u>.