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## <u>Covid-19 Testing Underway at</u> Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

(Sparks, NV) – COVID-19 testing of all residents and team members is underway at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) in Sparks, Nevada, after a team member tested positive for the virus.

On Wednesday, June 3, the team member notified NNSVH that a family member was suspected to have the virus. The team member was tested off site for the virus and 43 residents and team members who may have had contact with the team member were also tested.

On Friday, June 5, NNSVH was notified the initial team member had tested positive for the virus. Testing of the remaining residents and team members began today. All test results are pending at this time.

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) top priority 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.

"We are committed to doing everything within our power to protect our residents and team members from the spread of this virus," said NDVS Director Kat Miller. "We are passionate in our commitment to ensure our residents receive exceptional care. It is our duty to care for and protect Nevada's heroes as well as those who care for our heroes."

Visitation remains prohibited and access to the home remains limited to team members and vendors only. Additionally, anyone entering the building is required to undergo screening and all new residents and team members are required to be tested prior to entry.

Daily updates on this health situation at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home is available by calling 775-418-5026. The phone line is updated seven days a week, on or before noon.

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

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