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Southern Nevada State Veterans Home Resident with Coronavirus Passes Away

(Boulder City, Nev.) – A 90-year-old resident of the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) died this week of COVID-19 related complications.

In October, the U.S. Army Veteran was admitted to a local hospital for an unrelated condition. Prior to admission to the hospital, the Veteran tested negative for COVID-19. Upon discharge from the hospital and upon returning to the SNSVH, the Veteran tested positive for COVID-19, and died this week of related complications.

"On behalf of the entire Nevada Department of Veterans Services team, we offer our deepest condolences to the family of this honored Veteran," said NDVS Director Kat Miller. "This loss is deeply felt by this Veteran's many friends at the Home."

Currently, five residents and five staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 at SNSVH.

"The SNSVH is experiencing an increase in cases, reflecting the community spread of the virus throughout the State," said Miller. "The team at the Home remains committed to following all protocols to stop the spread of this disease and is focused on providing quality resident care."

The Southern Nevada State Veterans Home tests all residents and staff weekly unless the community COVID-19 prevalence increases above 10 percent for Clark County. Then, testing occurs twice a week. This change is in compliance with guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published August 26, 2020.

Family visits are being held outdoors in a designated area with a plexiglass barrier to keep everyone safe. All visits need to be scheduled and are limited to 20 minutes to accommodate multiple families visiting. Families may still request drive-thru visitations with residents. Please call (702) 332-6736 Monday through Friday to schedule.

Updates on the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home are available by calling 702-332-6705. This phone line is updated weekly unless conditions change. For more information and resources on Nevada's response to COVID-19, please visit https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/.