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**COVID-19 Related Death at the
Southern Nevada State Veterans Home**

(Boulder City, Nev.) – Today, the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) received notification that a veteran resident, who had been hospitalized for the past two weeks with COVID-19 and an underlying respiratory condition, passed away.

This 64-year-old peacetime veteran served in the U.S. Army. He had been on a ventilator.

"It is very difficult for all of us at the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) and SNSVH to lose another resident to the coronavirus. However, it is nothing compared to the loss each family must feel while going through this struggle and the loss of a loved one to this disease," said NDVS Director Kat Miller. "We offer our deepest condolences."

The first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered at the SNSVH before the end of the year, and the second dose in January 2021.

"The vaccine cannot happen soon enough and we are grateful that SNSVH is designated as a Tier 1 location by the State of Nevada in the [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Playbook](#)," said Miller. "With the implementation of the vaccine timeline, SNSVH team members, residents, and families know help is on the way and this marks the beginning of the end to this pandemic."

All staff who care for residents are tested for COVID-19 prior to every shift. If the rapid test result is positive, then the staff member is immediately sent home to self-quarantine and does not have any contact with residents or other staff. Residents are tested a minimum of twice a week.

Family visits are being held outdoors in a designated area with a plexiglass barrier to keep everyone safe. All visits must be scheduled and are limited to 20 minutes to accommodate multiple families visiting. Families can 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/>.

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