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Southern Nevada State Veterans Home
Reports Coronavirus-Related Death

(Boulder City, Nev.) – A Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) resident died this week of COVID-related complications after a month-long hospitalization. This 67-year-old peacetime veteran served in the U.S. Air Force.

"We are deeply saddened to report the death of one of our honored veterans. His loss profoundly affects our entire team and we offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. We anxiously await the day that every resident receives the COVID-19 vaccination, and no one ever again loses their life to this terrible disease," said NDVS Director Kat Miller.

"The vaccine offers so much hope," said Miller. "We are elated to report that we will begin our 1st round of COVID-19 vaccines for residents and staff before the end of the year."

The SNSVH is being supported in its efforts to combat this outbreak by infection control experts from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. In surveys of the SNSVH over the past nine months, regulatory authorities have continued to observe that SNSVH staff are following all infection control protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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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