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COVID-19: City Readies for Phase 1, Local Testing Planned

BOULDER CITY – The staff at the City of Boulder City have been working closely with State and County officials as we enter Phase 1 of “Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery,” Governor Steve Sisolak’s plan to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phase 1 includes continued, strong public health efforts and easing restrictions on some businesses and public life, with modifications. It calls for gradual opening of outdoor spaces, salons and barber shops, restaurants, and retail under strict, specific social distancing measures, hygiene, and occupancy controls. It continues to limit gatherings to less than 10 people. Vulnerable individuals are encouraged to shelter in place until a later date. The phase calls for voluntary mask usage by all Nevadans.

Phase 1 will last about two or three weeks. “There will be requirements businesses must comply with but it is another step in reopening. The Governor also made clear that the need to maintain social distancing and good hygiene remains as the threat the COVID-19 virus presents is still with us,” said Mayor Kiernan McManus. “I encourage our residents to continue with social distancing and good hygiene so the great efforts that we have been making for the past several weeks are not wasted. Boulder City has avoided the worst of this emergency. Our continued efforts will allow us to continue moving forward.”

City staff is working with regional jurisdictional partners to develop a reopening checklist for businesses. “The Community Development Department and Business Licensing staff are dedicated to safely reopening businesses per Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) and CDC safety measures,” said City Manager Al Noyola. “Prevention of new infections is going to be critical in the coming weeks. The checklists should help business owners, employees and customers.” Anyone with questions about reopening a business can contact Raffi Festekjian, Economic Development Coordinator at 702.293.9393.

The Boulder City Emergency Operations Center staff secured 400 free COVID-19 nasal swab test kits for the community. We anticipate operating a drive-through clinic at Bravo Field on Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, by appointment and for Boulder City residents only. No doctor’s orders are necessary. (Nasal tests determine if you currently have the virus; they are not antibody tests.) Boulder City Paramedics and Boulder City Hospital Nurses will administer the tests. The SNHD only requires patients provide a name, address, and contact information to get the free testing. More information will be released next week.
Please see the updated information from Boulder City:

2. City Council, Committee and commission meetings will be via teleconference only pursuant to Emergency Directive 006 through May 15, 2020. Visit [www.bcnv.org/Council](http://www.bcnv.org/Council) for information.
3. During these difficult times, we are suspending utility disconnections on a case-by-case basis. You must contact our utilities billing at 702.293.9244 to discuss.
4. City Hall and all City buildings are closed to public access through May 15 (date subject to change based on Governor’s guidance). Items may be dropped off at the front security station. While staff is working on site, we ask that non-emergency business be handled by email or phone only. You can call City Hall at 702.293.9329 during regular business hours, with limited hours on Friday and Saturday, or use the staff directory at [www.bcnv.org/Directory.aspx](http://www.bcnv.org/Directory.aspx).
5. Utility, business license and permit payments can be made at the back window of City Hall. Payments can also be made online at [www.bcnv.org](http://www.bcnv.org), where you can set up autopay as well.
6. Police fingerprint services (for background checks) are temporarily suspended, and Nevada DMV services provided at the Police Department are suspended in alignment with the State.
8. The Clark County School District (CCSD) student food distribution pod is open from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday at Mitchell Elementary School. You must bring a student ID, know the student’s ID number, or child must accompany you for pick-up (may remain in car.) Food distribution locations/times are here: [https://ccsd.nutrislice.com/menu](https://ccsd.nutrislice.com/menu).
9. Albertson’s Grocery Store offers special hours for people with immune system issues, with physical impairments, and/or who are elderly: 7 a.m. through 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
10. The last day to donate household staples at City Hall is Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. until noon. Learn more at [www.bcnv.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=163](http://www.bcnv.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=163). After May 13, please donate directly to local charities.
11. Three Square Food Bank is helping people sign up for food stamps. Call their office at 702.765.4030 Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit [www.threesquare.org](http://www.threesquare.org).
12. Boulder City Hospital, the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home, and all nursing homes in Boulder City are restricting visitors. Please check with each location by phone for more information.
13. The City has started a database for those who want to volunteer to assist: email the City at mmays@bcnv.org to add your name, contact information (email and phone) and how you can help.
15. All employees of Boulder City are vital to the operations of the City and must continue to report to work. Essential City services, including trash pick-up, will continue as scheduled.
16. All special events are closed in City parks and facilities through May 15. The City’s parks and park bathrooms will remain open daily (times may vary). Maintain social distancing and wash your hands (or children’s hands) while using the parks. Closures include:

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