



**NEVADA  
HEALTH  
RESPONSE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 3, 2021

Meghin Delaney

Communications Director

CONTACT: [pressroom@nvhealthresponse.nv.gov](mailto:pressroom@nvhealthresponse.nv.gov)

## **FEMA Mobile Vaccination Units Arrive in Nevada to Help Vaccinate Rural Communities**

**WHAT:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is sending two mobile vaccination units (MVUs) to the state to support equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable populations in rural and tribal areas where limited medical infrastructure exists. Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Nevada National Guard, and the Nevada State Immunization Program teamed up with county and tribal officials to plan the use of these units to reach communities to promote vaccine equity and inclusion. The mobile units will arrive in Nevada on April 5, the same day COVID-19 vaccine eligibility opens up to all Nevadans 16 and older.

"COVID-19 vaccines are the way we get back to the moments the pandemic put on hold," said Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak. "It's imperative that every Nevadan has access to these life-saving vaccines, so we're grateful for the opportunity to partner with FEMA. This helps in our efforts to provide equitable distribution to populations in rural and tribal areas."

Media representatives are invited to see an MVU during a media event at the Washoe County Roads Department on April 5. The MVUs will begin traversing the state and administering vaccine the next day.

**WHEN:** Monday, April 5 at 9 a.m.

**WHERE:** Washoe County CSD, 3101 Longley Lane Reno, NV 89502

## **ATTENDANCE/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak
- Caleb Cage — State of Nevada COVID-19 Response Director
- David Fogerson — Emergency Manager and Homeland Security Chief, State of Nevada
- Mark Shugart — IMAT A Lead – Nevada, FEMA
- Robert Barker — Public Affairs Specialist, FEMA
- Karissa Loper — Deputy Bureau Chief, Nevada Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness
- Shannon Bennett — Nevada State Immunization Program Manager
- Heidi Parker – Executive Director of Immunize Nevada

**DETAILS:** The MVUs will be staffed by registered nurses; vaccinators and vaccination preparers; as well as registration, screening personnel, and security from local communities. The MVUs are expected to handle a minimum of 250 people per day. The one-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine will be used to enhance efficiency and maximize the number of doses administered through the team. Local EMS agencies will be on-scene daily at each location and near the observation tent in case of any adverse reactions to the vaccine, which are rare. All vaccines will be provided to walk-up registrants on a first-come, first served basis.

###