



Technical Bulletin

Division of Public and Behavioral Health



Date: August 20, 2015

Topic: Nye Regional Medical Center Closing

Contact: Chad Westom, Bureau Chief

To: Medical Facilities and EMS

Current Situation

Nye Regional Medical Center (NRMC) is permanently closing Friday, August 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. All acute care patient services within the hospital, including but not limited to, the Emergency Department, Inpatient Care, Laboratory, Radiology, Respiratory, and Outpatient therapies will cease operations. The outpatient clinic will remain open until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2015. After this date and time, the community will need to utilize the current emergency management system in place for Nye County, which will be to contact 911 for any medical emergency.

Nye County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is working with surrounding EMS agencies to assist with transport rendezvous. Nevada's Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) EMS is assisting with the efforts to ensure the safety of Nevadans and visitors.

Actions by Nye County EMS:

- Having discussions with other healthcare services about alternative care delivery.
- LifeGuard, a fixed wing EMS service based out of Tonopah provides air ambulance transports. Additionally, LifeGuard has moved a second aircraft to Tonopah, in anticipation of possible increased need.
- Working with helicopter air agencies for contingency transport. They are also working on pre-designated landing zones for aircraft.
- Nye County EMS believes they have enough medical supplies on-hand. If needed, they may use one of the Medical Surge trailers that are stored within Nye County.
- Reaching out to the Division of Emergency Management and Nevada Highway Patrol about possible impacts.
- Care flight, LifeGuard, and Mercy air will provide a helicopter and fixed wing safety courses.

Actions by DPBH EMS:

- Providing information to air agencies and local fire departments about the pre-designated landing zones.
- Providing communications on the HAvBED system.
- Providing emergency room contact information for other hospitals.
- Contacting Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) for additional resource assistance.

Important contact names/numbers:

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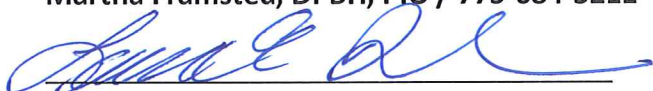
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