



CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER DIRECTIVE
ALL NEVADA LICENSED SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
Effective Immediately
July 15, 2020

Effective immediately, the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ihsan Azzam, is requesting all skilled nursing facilities to participate in the Nevada Health Alert Network (NVHAN).

NVHAN is administered through a program called **EMResource**. In addition to delivering NVHAN Messages, EMResource is a statewide bed tracking, availability and alerting system used in each hospital and will also begin including skilled nursing facilities throughout the state. NVHAN relays important healthcare information received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local agencies via Technical Bulletins.


It is understood during this time of crisis that skilled nursing facilities are extremely busy taking care of residents; therefore, in addition to general demographics the only information being requested is:

- 1) The skilled nursing facility census reported daily; and
- 2) Whether the facility can safely accept new residents, including recovering COVID-19 residents that are within the scope of care provided by skilled nursing facilities.

As of July 10, 2020, COVID-19 cases are on a rise in Nevada and it is critical that hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are aware of available bed capacity to facilitate safe resident and patient placements.

To sign up to receive NVHAN alerts and information, please click on the link below. You will receive an email with your log in information to EMResource. As a new added feature, this web page will also be posting past and future NVHAN alerts. Please check under the Resource Tab for the library of old NVHAN alerts.

- [NVHAN Only Enrollment Form-updated 2020](#)

Signed: 
Ihsan Azzam, PhD, MD, Chief Medical Officer

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