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COVID-19 — NEVADA — 3/26/2020

Cases. The first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in Nevada was announced on March 6, 2020, and the first death was confirmed on March 16, 2020. As of March 25, 2020, Nevada has tested approximately 5,000 individuals (total state population 3.0 million) with a positive case rate of 8.2%. Of the 420 positive cases, 10 have resulted in deaths.

Legislature. Nevada does not have a regular legislative session scheduled in 2020.

Emergency Action Taken. Governor Steve Sisolak has implemented the following risk mitigation and relief efforts:

- Closed all public elementary and secondary schools through April 6, 2020.
- Effective March 17, 2020, required restaurants and bars to offer only non-dine-in options for customers and set up sites where the state provides free meals to children impacted by school closures.
- Waived the one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance benefits.
- Prohibited gatherings of groups larger than 10 in publicly owned or privately owned property where the public has access by right of invitation.

Additionally, the state's insurance exchange announced a limited-time Exceptional Circumstances Special Enrollment Period for residents who missed the open enrollment period.

Related Information. Additional information related to the situation in Nevada can be found at nyhealthresponse.nv.gov.

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