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## Gov. Sisolak, Department of Health & Human Services provide update on Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccination Planning

Carson City, NV — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak was joined by experts from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to provide an update on Nevada's COVID-19 vaccination planning process.

While a vaccine is not currently approved for use, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is on standby and prepared to distribute the state's initial allocation and has developed priorities for immunization focusing first on Nevada's essential health care providers.

Two vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna, are showing promising results and have filed for emergency use authorization with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"Thanks to the development of vaccines, there is hope on the horizon," **said Gov. Sisolak.** "There's no doubt this will play a pivotal role in helping combat this disease, but we must build a bridge that gets us from today to the day we have largescale vaccination throughout America. In order to avoid a scenario where Nevada experiences devastating loss and an overwhelming of our health care system, our bridge must be built upon a foundation of vigilance, not complacency." Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Playbook for Statewide Operations was submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Oct. 16 by the Nevada State Immunization Program and since that time the playbook has been updated as more information is received from the CDC and the FDA related to the release of a vaccine.

A copy of <u>Nevada's updated COVID-19 vaccination playbook</u> can be found here.

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