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Public Health Notice: Bat Activity at Douglas County School District Office Property

Douglas County School District is working closely with Carson City Health and Human Services (Quad-County Public Health), and OSHA to address a confirmed bat infestation at the District Office property located at: 1638 Mono Avenue, Minden, Nevada 89423

Health Risks Identified

Bats collected within Douglas County have tested positive for rabies and for the fungal spores that cause histoplasmosis, a respiratory infection. While the risk to the public remains low, exposure to either can pose serious health concerns.

Closure Notice - Effective Wednesday, August 5, 2025

Out of an abundance of caution, the following areas are now closed until further notice:

- Douglas County School District Office
- Public Dog Park on County Road
- Playground and Basketball Court adjacent to the District Office

These closures are being made in coordination with public health and environmental safety officials to protect the community and allow for proper remediation.

Important Safety Reminders for the Public and Dog Park Visitors:

- Do not touch or handle bats—even if they appear injured, sick, or dead.
- Avoid disturbing areas with bat droppings (guano).
- Keep pets leashed and away from wildlife.
- Ensure your dogs are up to date on rabies vaccinations.
- If you believe you or your pet had contact with a bat or were near large amounts of droppings, seek medical or veterinary attention immediately.

Next Steps

We are following all health and safety protocols and working with pest and environmental specialists to remove the bats, clean the site, and ensure the area is safe. Additional updates will be shared as information becomes available.

Temporary District Office Relocation (until further notice):

The district is relocating its departments to vacant school facilities. Here are the temporary locations of our departments.

Superintendent, Business Services, Human Resources, Accounts, Grants, Progress Monitoring (AGPM), and Front Desk will relocate to Gardnerville Elementary School.

Education Services, Inclusive Education, and Communications will relocate to the Heritage Building.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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