



NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH & EQUITY

The vision of the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity is to achieve optimal levels of health and wellness for racial and ethnic minorities in the state.

HISTORY

The Nevada State Legislature initially created the Office of Minority Health with passage of Assembly Bill 580 during the 2005 legislative session. During the 2017 legislative session, AB 141 was passed broadening its title to Office of Minority Health and Equity and the definition of minority to include members of the LGBTQ and disabled communities.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify, assess and analyze issues related to the health status of minority populations and to communicate this information where needed
- Participate in, and lead when appropriate, the development of minority needs assessments, service strategies and the collection of minority health data
- Provide reference and resource information on minority health issues
- Engage internal and external entities to support initiatives that address specific minority health needs, including target health care program resources to meet these needs
- Monitor programs, policies and procedures for inclusiveness and responsiveness to minority health needs
- Facilitate the development and implementation of research and scientific investigations to produce minority specific findings

Additionally, the NOMHE provides guidance on implementing initiatives addressing health disparities; contributes to policy development on minority health; increases public awareness of racial and ethnic disparities in health outcomes and health care; and provides technical assistance to minority communities and faith-based organizations interested in improving minority health.

PURPOSE

- To improve the quality of health care services for members of minority groups
- To increase access to health care services for members of minority groups
- To disseminate information to and to educate the public on matters concerning health care issues of members of minority groups.

CURRENT EFFORTS

- Amplify Equity COVID-19 Toolkit
- State of Nevada Anti-Racism Proclamation - Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- Nevada 2020 Health Disparities White Paper
- Biennial Minority Health Report

COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to COVID-19's disproportionate impact on the state's vulnerable populations, the NOMHE webpage offers a direct link to the dashboard's racially stratified reporting options. Reports stratified by race, ethnicity, age and gender are available for the following indicators:

Nevada's Population

People tested for COVID-19

People with negative COVID-19 test results

Confirmed positive COVID-19 cases

Confirmed positive COVID-19 related deaths

Health equity advocates and service providers committed to culturally competent delivery are encouraged to use the data to administer programming and inform public health policies