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Guide to the UNLV Libraries Collection of Digital Communication about COVID-19 in Las Vegas

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	UNLV Libraries Collection of Digital Communication about COVID-19 in Las Vegas (2020-2021) contain digital materials documenting the COVID-19 pandemic at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection materials include archived websites, Twitter data, and official emails sent to the UNLV campus community.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas closed in-person operations, including class instruction, from March 18 to June 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNLV gradually resumed campus operations with hybrid classroom instruction for the 2020-2021 academic year. The majority of materials in this collection cover the time period between March 18, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and reflect events such as the initial closure and reopening of non-essential businesses in the Las Vegas Valley, implementation of a mask mandate, and introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine.
 Source:

UNLV Libraries Digital Records on COVID-19, 2020-2021. MS-01031. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into three series:

I. Web archives, 2020-2021;

II. Twitter dataset, 2020-2021;

III. UNLV official emails, 2020.

Administrative Information

Access Note

The archived websites in Series I are available for access at https://archive-it.org/collections/13650. The public Tweet identifiers in Series II and email messages in Series III are available for access through the Special Collections and Archives Portal. At this time, Tweet identifiers can be used to reconstitute the datasets via Twitter's API with the "hydrate" function of twarc. In accordance with Twitter's Terms of Service, the full dataset of Twitter data is accessible only to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Data can be used for educational purposes. IP-restricted access is provided via UNLV University Libraries. Visit the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room located on the third floor of the Lied Library to receive a direct transfer of files. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu.

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Acquisition Note

From 2020-2021 UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives staff collected and curated Twitter data, archived websites, and emails; accession number 2021-115.

Processing Note

The Twitter data was collected by Darnelle Melvin from 2020 to 2021 using a data-mining process deployed from Rapidminer Studio using a developer's token to access Twitter's standard search API. Recent Tweets were sampled beginning on March 18, 2020 recursively using the since_id parameter. The since_id parameter returns results with an ID greater than (that is, more recent than) a specific ID. A UTF-8, URL-encoded search query was constructed and sent using various search strings, then filtered by a 100 mile radius around Clark County, Nevada.

Archived websites were selected by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives staff and then captured, preserved, and managed using Archive-It, a web archiving subscription service. Tammi Kim managed website captures from 2020-2021. Emails were selected and saved as PDF pages by Tammi Kim in 2020. In 2021, Tammi Kim created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

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- Electronic mail
- COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-
- COVID-19 (Disease)
- Epidemics
- Data sets

Collection Inventory

I. Archived websites, 2020 to 2021

Physical Description: 61 Websites (750.600 GB) WARC

Scope and Contents Note: The websites archived in this series were selected by UNLV Special Collections and Archives staff to represent a broad overview of community reaction to COVID-19 in the Las Vegas Valley

from March 2020 to July 2021. Websites from local news media, educational institutions, the hospitality industry, arts and entertainment industry, municipal governments, public health departments, and UNLV are represented in this series.

Title/Description	Containers
UNLV Novel Coronavirus - COVID-19: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160642) (view online)	
UNLV Experts Available for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak Media Inquiries: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160643) (view online)	
UNLV Libraries Coronavirus LibGuide: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160644) (view online)	
UNLV News Health Alert: Coronavirus Recommendations and Guidelines: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160645) (view online)	
Meetings & Conventions Coronavirus Updates: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160646) (view online)	
Southern Nevada Health District Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160647) (view online)	
Fox 5 Vegas Coronavirus Updates: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160648) (view online)	
8 News Now Coronavirus: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160649) (view online)	
KTNV Coronavirus: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160650) (view online)	
Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Coronavirus COVID-19 (Formerly known as 2019-nCov): archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160651) (view online)	
Clark County School District COVID-19 Updates: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160652) (view online)	
An update from President Marta Meana on coronavirus: archived website, 2020 (2160653) (view online)	
How the University Libraries are Responding to COVID-19: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160663) (view online)	
Nevada Health Response - Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nevada: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2160944) (view online)	
Penn National Gaming to Temporarily Suspend Operations at Its Casinos in Nevada: archived website, 2020 (2168151) (view online)	
Caesars Coronavirus Guest Information: archived website, 2020 (2168152) (view online)	
Golden Entertainment Coronavirus Update: archived website, 2020 (2168153) (view online)	
Cosmopolitan Travel Information: COVID-19: archived website, 2020 (2168154) (view online)	

MGM Resorts Committed to Safety: archived website, 2020 (2168155) ([view online](#))

Venetian - An Update on The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation: archived website, 2020 (2168156) ([view online](#))

Wynn - Health and Safety Updates: archived website, 2020 (2168157) ([view online](#))

Nevada Community Foundation - The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund is established to assist in the COVID-19 response, relief and recovery efforts: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168158) ([view online](#))

United Way of Southern Nevada - Supporting Our Community Through the COVID-19 Crisis: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168159) ([view online](#))

Three Square: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168160) ([view online](#))

Southwest Gas' Response to COVID-19: archived website, 2020 (2168161) ([view online](#))

Las Vegas Valley Water District: archived website, 2020 (2168162) ([view online](#))

NV Energy CEO Update: archived website, 2020 (2168163) ([view online](#))

City of Henderson Flu and Coronavirus Prevention: archived website, 2020 (2168165) ([view online](#))

Coronavirus Update: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168166) ([view online](#))

Clark County COVID-19 Update: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168167) ([view online](#))

City of North Las Vegas Changes to Municipal Court Services in Light of COVID-19: archived website, 2020 (2168168) ([view online](#))

City of North Las Vegas Temporarily Closes City Hall, City Facilities to the Public: archived website, 2020 (2168169) ([view online](#))

Las Vegas Clark County Library District's Response to COVID-19: archived website, 2020 (2168170) ([view online](#))

Henderson Libraries - Our Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19): archived website, 2020 (2168171) ([view online](#))

13 Helps: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168172) ([view online](#))

KNPR Coronavirus: What You Need to Know: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168173) ([view online](#))

Coronavirus-What Vegas Chamber Members Need to Know: archived website, 2020 (2168174) ([view online](#))

Boulder City COVID-19: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2168201) ([view online](#))

Channel 3 Las Vegas Coronavirus: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2170005) ([view online](#))

UNLV Novel Coronavirus - COVID-19: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2171030) ([view online](#))

UNLV News Topic - Coronavirus: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2171790) ([view online](#))

Nevada Resorts COVID-19 Response: archived website, 2020 (2171881) ([view online](#))

Culinary Union Local 226: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2171882) ([view online](#))

About Local 165: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2171883) ([view online](#))

Laborer's International Union of North America Local 872: archived website, 2020 (2171884) ([view online](#))

Vegas and the Virus: archived website, 2020 (2171885) ([view online](#))

KTNV Coronavirus: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2179872) ([view online](#))

KTNV We're Open Las Vegas: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2179873) ([view online](#))

COVID-19: Updates & Resources Crafted for Vegas Chamber Members: archived website, 2020 (2195528) ([view online](#))

Wynn Las Vegas: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2203240) ([view online](#))

The Smith Center Blog: archived website, 2020 (2250931) ([view online](#))

The Mob Museum Commitment to Safety: archived website, 2020 (2250932) ([view online](#))

Neon Museum F.A.Q - COVID-19 and the safety of our visitors: archived website, 2020 (2250933) ([view online](#))

The Smith Center Performance Updates: archived website, 2020 (2269357) ([view online](#))

Visit Las Vegas: archived website, 2020 (2269874) ([view online](#))

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority COVID-19 Resources: archived website, 2020 (2269875) ([view online](#))

Las Vegas Coronavirus Updates: archived website, 2020 (2269876) ([view online](#))

The Nevada Indendent Coronavirus in Nevada - Latest COVID-19 data: archived website, 2020 (2288010) ([view online](#))

KNPR Nevada COVID-19 Tracker: archived website, 2021 (2455665) ([view online](#))

UNLV COVID-19 Vaccine: archived website, 2021 (2467227) ([view online](#))

COVID-19 | Immunize Nevada: archived website, 2020 to 2021 (2509055) ([view online](#))

II. Twitter data, 2020 to 2021

Physical Description: 68 Digital Files (0.4880 GB) CSV, TXT

Scope and Contents Note: This series contains rapidly captured Twitter data collected from March 2020 to June 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Twitter data were captured using a data-mining process deployed from Rapidminer Studio using a developer's token to access Twitter's standard search API. Data was collected from the official Twitter accounts for UNLV (@UNLV) and the governor's office (@GovSisolak). Twitter data were also captured to represent the impact of the pandemic on individuals and businesses in the Las Vegas Valley by using the following search strings filtered by a 100 mile radius around Clark County, Nevada: #vegassafe, #vegasshutdown, #COVID-19, #COVID19, #Coronavirus, #StayHomeforNevada.

Title/Description	Containers
Clark County Tweet identifiers, 2020 March to 2021 June	
Access Note: Tweet identifiers are open to the public and are available online at ARK. The Tweet identifiers can be used to retrieve the full Tweet data from Twitter. Hydrator, an Electron based desktop application was created for that purpose. Users can download Hydrator at the following URL: https://github.com/DocNow/hydrator By downloading these data you agree to Twitter's Terms of Service. This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. Twitter policies do not allow publicly posting or sharing data retrieved from the Twitter API. However, they do allow the sharing of Tweet ids, direct message ids, and/or user ids. Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos	
Clark County Twitter dataset, 2020 March to 2021 June	
Access Note: This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. Access to these data is restricted to UNLV faculty, staff, and students. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu. Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos	
@GovSisolak Twitter dataset, 2020 March to 2021 June	
Access Note: This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. These data are accessible online through the SCA Portal. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu. Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos	
@UNLV Twitter dataset, 2020 March to 2021 June	
Access Note: This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. These data are accessible online through the SCA Portal. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu. Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos	

III. UNLV Official emails, 2020 February 28 to 2020 June 01

Physical Description: 73 Digital Files (0.015 GB) PDF

Scope and Contents Note: This series contains official email communication (UNLV Official) sent from February 28, 2020 through June 1, 2020 that documents UNLV's response to the COVID-19 pandemic including closing and reopening the campus and budgetary impacts. Emails were sent to the campus community from administrative entities such as the Office of the President, the Office of Faculty Affairs, and Faculty Affairs as well as the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).

Title/Description	Containers
UNLV Official emails, 2020 February 28 to 2020 June 01	digital file 00