

**I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW! ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS AND THEIR PARENTS  
ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN FREE VIRTUAL VISION SCREENING**

*Renown Children's Hospital pediatric ophthalmologist Dr. Mitchell Strominger hosts state-wide virtual event to provide routine vision screenings for children and Walk with a Doc*

**RENO, Nev.** (June 10, 2020) – [Renown Children's Hospital](#) pediatric ophthalmologist Dr. Mitchell Strominger is set to host a virtual [Walk with a Doc](#) event on Sunday, June 14 at 10 a.m. for elementary school children and their parents. During this free event, Dr. Strominger will give a brief, kid-friendly talk about the importance of routine vision screenings and show parents how to conduct a vision screening with their kids at home. He will close out the morning session with a live Q&A. Following the event, families are encouraged to get outside and enjoy a walk in the great outdoors.

**The event is sponsored by Renown Children's Hospital and free to participants, however you must [register](#) to receive the link to attend.**

"Vision is important for learning, experiencing new things and interacting with others, which is why it's critical for children to get vision screenings early and routinely," said Dr. Strominger. "The best time to screen a child's vision is kindergarten through third grade as the cells in the brain responsible for vision are continuously developing up until age eight. If we detect vision problems early, we here at Renown Children's Hospital have the expertise and technology to correct these vision problems and enable children to live healthy, productive lives."

Individuals who register for this event will be emailed a vision-screening sheet to help facilitate an at-home screening, as well as a form to send back to their child's pediatrician or pediatric ophthalmologist upon completion to determine the best course of action.

Dr. Strominger added, "Many parents and schools have put off vision screenings due to COVID-19 school closings, hesitations of safely leaving their homes or potential financial costs. I am pleased to host this virtual event on behalf of Renown Children's Hospital, to engage kids and parents in a conversation on the importance of vision and to remind the community that we are here to help and provide the care they need, both in-person and virtually—be it over a smart phone, tablet or computer screen."

This virtual event will take place in the newly renovated Fianna's Healing Garden which re-opens later this month and has been funded 100% by donations through the Renown Health Foundation. Located in the heart of Renown Regional Medical Center, the healing garden serves as place to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the outdoors.

Dr. Strominger is one of 26 pediatric subspecialists recruited to Renown Children's Hospital since 2016, thanks to the Pennington Foundation's \$7.5 million donation made to the non-profit Renown Health Foundation to expand children's health services.



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June marks the four-year anniversary of the [Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (Nevada APP) participation in the national Walk with A Doc event. Dr. Strominger is the secretary and treasurer for the Nevada AAP.

From pediatric specialties, 24/7 ER care and surgery, to imaging, pediatric ICU and child life specialists, Renown Children's Hospital is dedicated to helping kids feel welcome, safe and well cared for. Through each visit, parents can expect the highest level of care for their child's health and well-being from birth and beyond. To support Renown Children's Hospital and help local children in need get access to vital health services like routine vision screenings, please visit the [Renown Health Foundation](#).

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Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 7,000. It comprises three acute care hospitals, Renown Children's Hospital, Renown Rehabilitation Hospital, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition and commitment to continually improve the care and the health of our community. For more information, visit [renown.org](http://renown.org).