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**Governor Sisolak provides updates on Nevada's current
COVID-19 situation**

Carson City, NV — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak, was joined by Nevada's COVID-19 Response Director Caleb Cage and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator in the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, to provide an update on the COVID-19 situation in Nevada and trends across the state.

The Silver State continues to be impacted by an increase in COVID-19 cases in communities and all Nevadans are encouraged to remain diligent in their adherence to mitigation measures including wearing a mask and social distancing.

"This has been an extremely delicate balancing act," said Governor Steve Sisolak. "The pandemic has been framed as a false choice: shut it all down or do nothing – but we know that's not the case. We know that doesn't have to be our reality – we know we can't afford it. But to avoid trade-off's and tough decisions in the future, we must all take mitigation measures seriously. This is the only way to balance the health and safety of Nevadans with the need to protect our economy, keep people employed, provide an education to our kids, and more."

Speakers also addressed Nevada's hospital situation, noting that the State's hospitals are currently not experiencing the surges occurring in other states across the country, but that public health measures are necessary to prevent a spike.

"We do know that our hospitals have learned a lot in the last eight months about caring and treating for COVID," said Director Caleb Cage. "But that's not through luck. That's through the hard work of our medical professionals each and every day to provide the highest levels of care."

In addition to a discussion of COVID-19 trends, the Governor provided an update on state resources for Nevadans including information on housing assistance and the Nevada Resilience Project. Sisolak urged those in need to seek out more information from local municipalities as well as legal aid centers in their respective regions.

A copy of the slides presented today are attached to this email.

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State of COVID-19 in Nevada

Wednesday, October 28, 2020





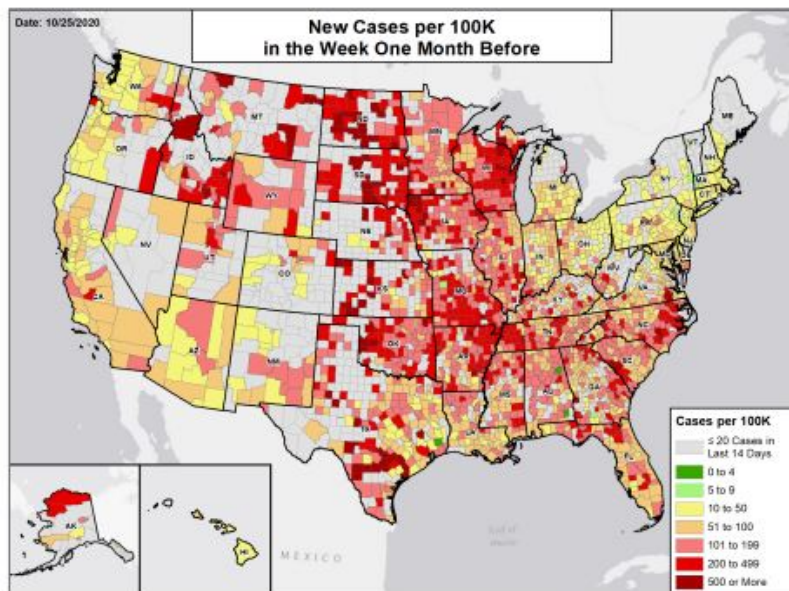
Current National Status

- The 7-day average for new cases in the U.S. exceeded 70,000 for the first time
- More than 26 states are reporting case numbers at or near record levels
- Last Friday, the U.S. recorded the most new cases in a single day – more than 83,000
- The number of people hospitalized in the United States has **climbed about 45 percent from a month ago**. Hospitals in states throughout the U.S. are reporting significant shortages and concerns about being able to provide sufficient care. Widespread reports indicate that rationing of care is expected in Utah and other states as this third wave hits.
- As "COVID fatigue" has set in, the combination of colder weather, increased in-person activities, small and large gatherings accompanied by general lack of social distancing has driven a corresponding spread in the disease.
- National reports indicate that increase in spread is currently being driven by relatively small gatherings of family and friends.
- Vaccines are in development but are still not expected, by most experts, until early 2021 at the very earliest, and they are not likely to be widely available to the general public until significantly later.

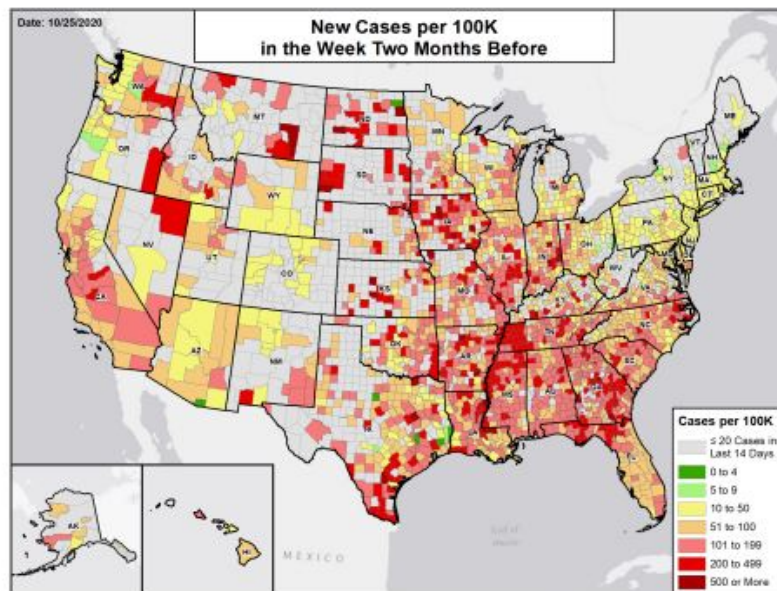


NEW CASES PER 100,000 IN THE WEEK:

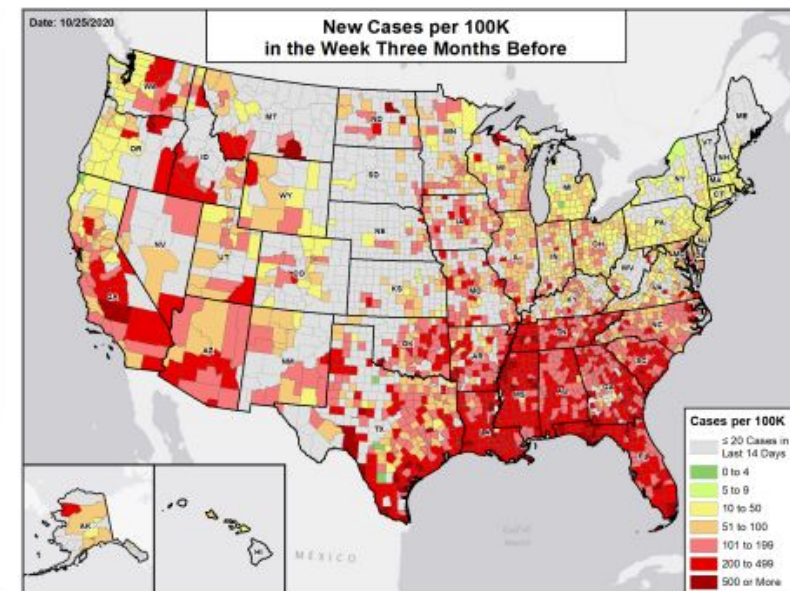
ONE MONTH BEFORE



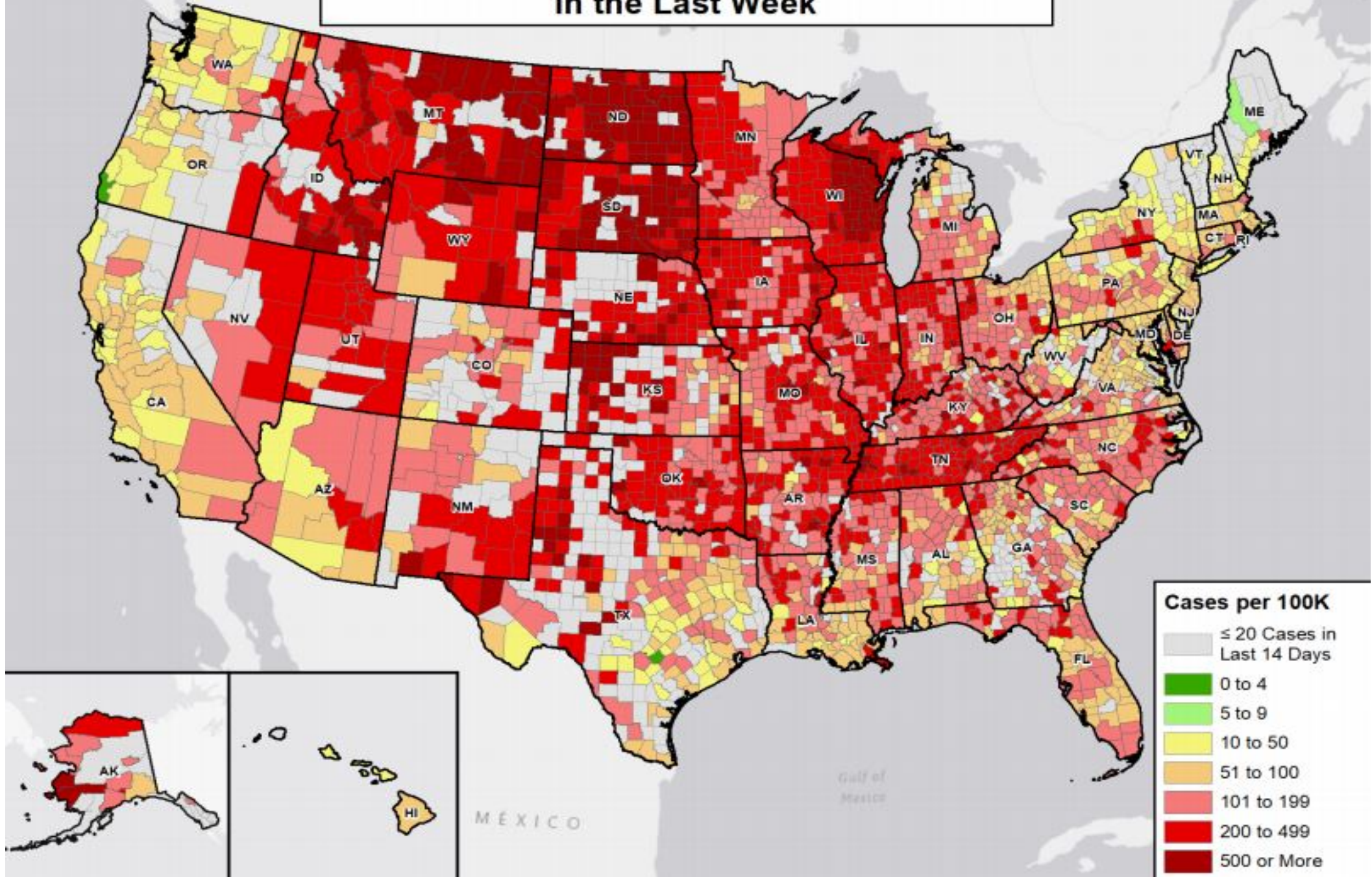
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THREE MONTHS BEFORE



New Cases per 100K in the Last Week





NV Situation Report: White House Task Force

- According to the White House Task Force, Nevada is in the red zone for cases, indicating 101 or more new cases per 100,000 population last week (22nd highest in U.S.)
- 71% of counties in NV have moderate or high levels of community transmission – 24% of those are deemed "Red Zone"
- "Red Zone" counties are based on both the total number of known cases and a high-test positivity rate (over 8%), which suggests the caseload is likely even higher than currently estimated.
- Nevada is in the orange zone for test positivity, indicating a rate between 8.0% and 10%, with the 13th highest rate in the country.



NV Situation Report: State Data

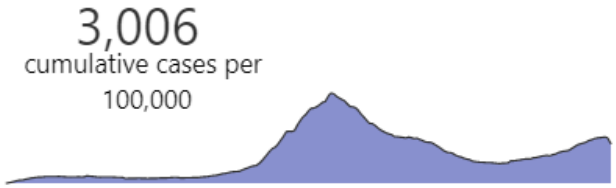
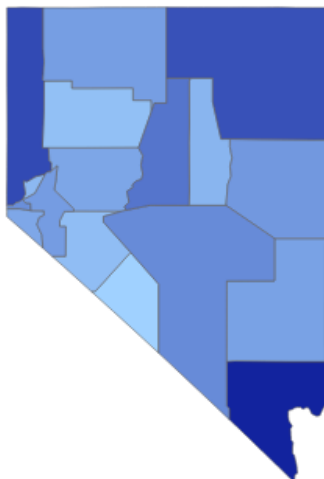
Cases

571
14-day rolling average
cases daily

511
cases per 100,000
over the last 30 days

97,479
cumulative cases

3,006
cumulative cases per
100,000



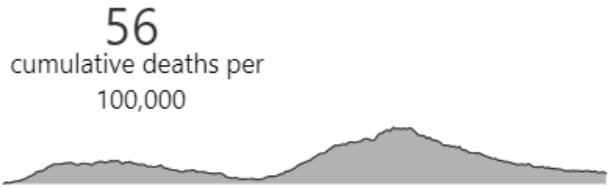
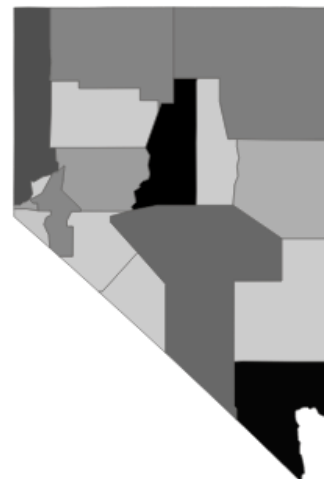
Deaths

4
14-day rolling average
deaths daily

5
deaths per 100,000
over the last 30 days

1,766
cumulative deaths

56
cumulative deaths per
100,000

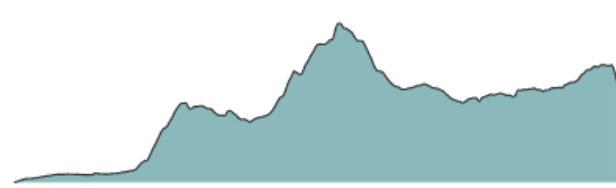
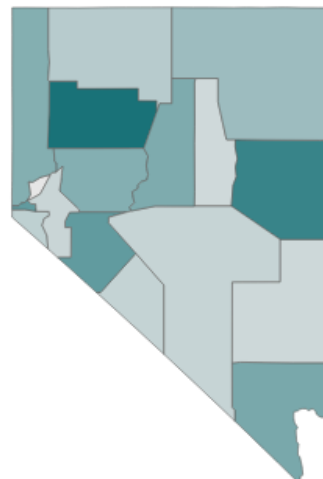


Testing

255
tests/day per 100,000
over the last 14 days

10.1%
test positivity rate
over the last 14 days

1,227,689
cumulative tests

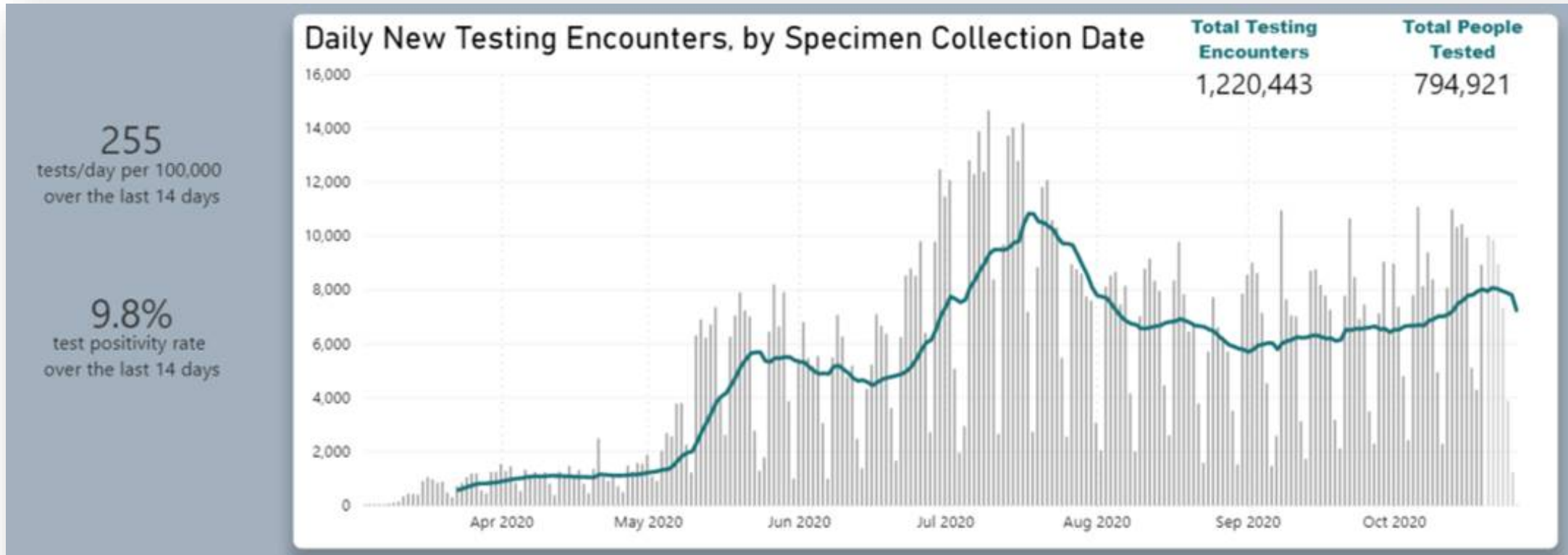




NV Situation Report: Testing

Testing Goal (CDC):

Minimum of 2% of Nevada's population per month
(approx. over 60,600 tests/month over 2,200 tests/day)





NV Situation Report: Cases

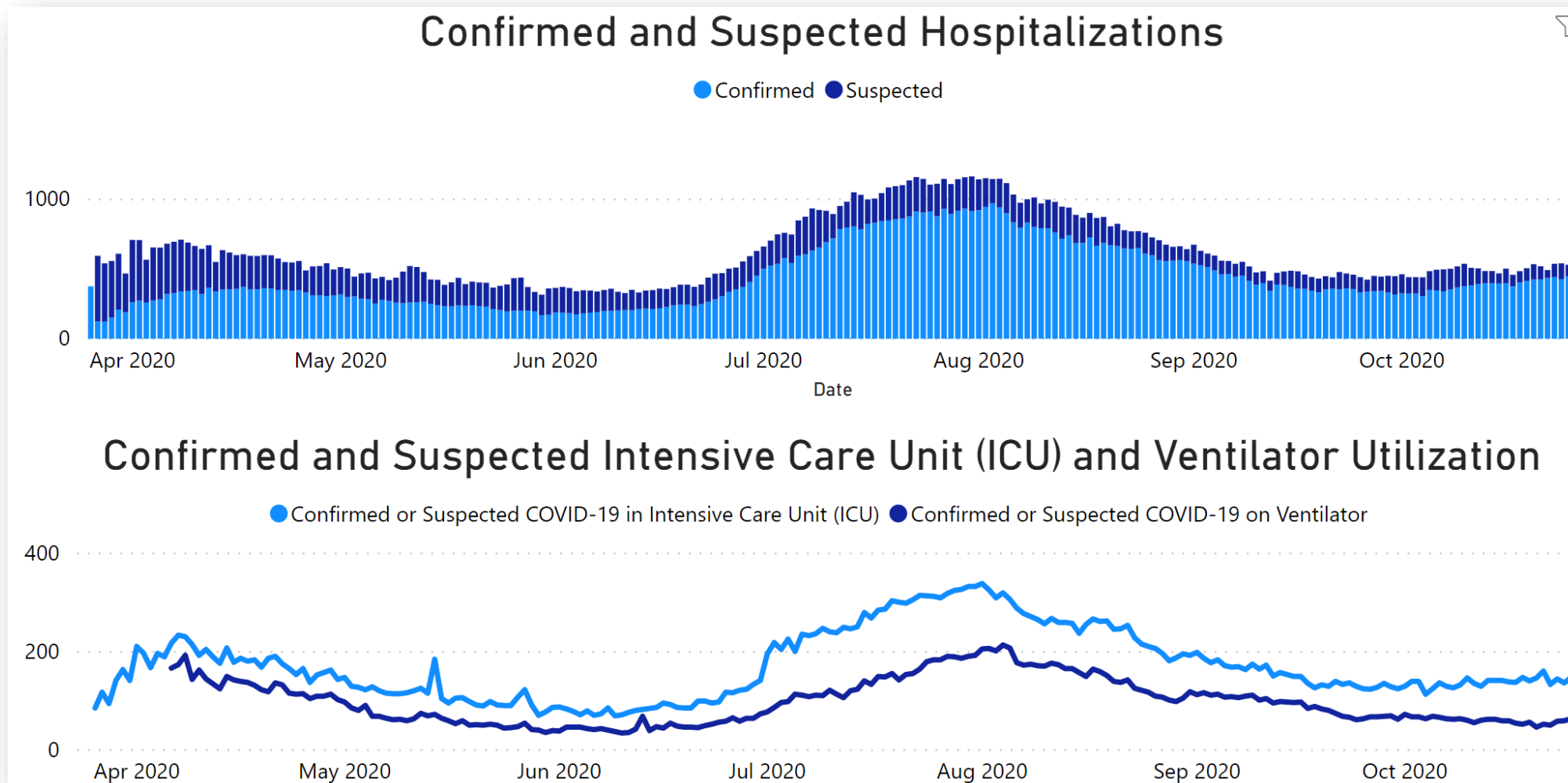
- The number of newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases in Nevada began to significantly increase at the end of September.
- Based on current caseload and the best available data on trends, the infection rate in Nevada appears to be over 1, which means the outbreak will continue to spread unless there are changes.
- The 14-day test positivity rate has continued to climb to almost 10%.

Daily New Cases, by Specimen Collection Date





Hospitalizations



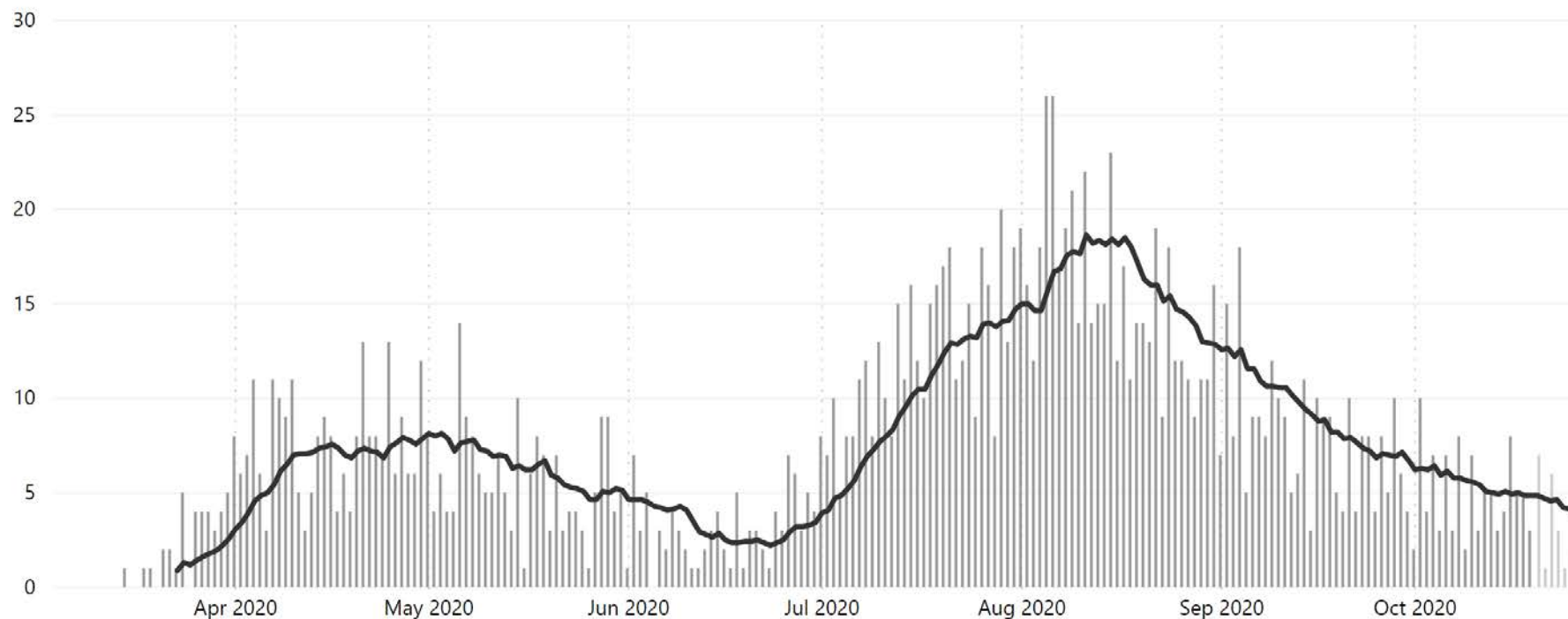


Mortality

4
14-day moving average
deaths daily

4
deaths per 100,000
over the last 30 days

Daily Deaths





Hospital Capacity

- Worst Case Scenario: Crisis Standards of Care
 - That means rationing of health care resources that favors those who have a higher chance of survival.
 - Nevada is not surging or applying crisis standards of care at this time.
- Currently, there are 462 confirmed cases hospitalized and an additional 103 suspected cases. For a combined 565 individuals are hospitalized for COVID-19.
- The need for intensive care therapies and mechanical ventilation continues to slowly decline among COVID-19 patients.
- Recent reports of high hospital occupancy rates are due to all-cause hospitalizations. COVID-19 accounts for approximately 10% of this burden.



Disease Investigation

- Nevada remains at a rate of 1 in 4 cases identified through contact tracing efforts where the exposure case is known.
- To supplement traditional disease investigation, DHHS supported the development of an exposure-based notification tool – COVID Trace.
 - Over 56,000 downloads to date
 - 10 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 15 exposure notifications were released.
- Surge staffing remains in place but could lessen greatly when the Coronavirus Relief Funds end on December 30.



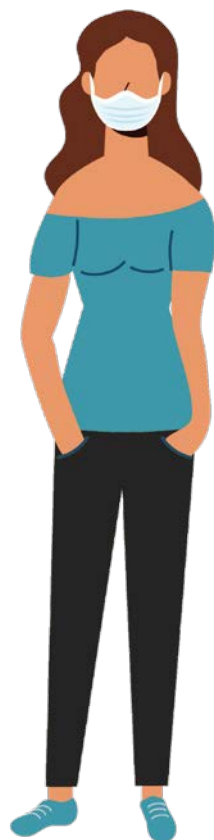
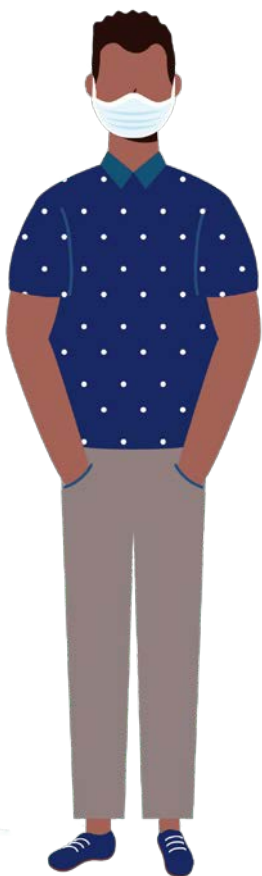
County Data



County	Average Number of Tests per Day per 100,000 (14-day average with 7-day lag)	Cases per 100,000 (last 30 days)	Test Positivity (14-day with 7-day lag)
Carson City	359	555	8.1%
Churchill	309	290	3.7%
Clark	248	490	9.2%
Douglas	109	197	6.9%
Elko	247	513	10.3%
Esmeralda	66	0	0.0%
Eureka	33	0	0.0%
Humboldt	109	211	12.3%
Lander	387	517	6.2%
Lincoln	184	346	13.4%
Lyon	124	276	8.2%
Mineral	160	241	7.8%
Nye	62	170	10.6%
Pershing	566	86	0.9%
Storey	48	67	3.3%
Washoe	296	612	9.1%
White Pine	244	406	5.5%



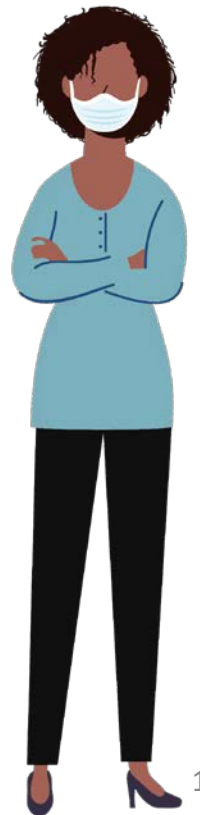
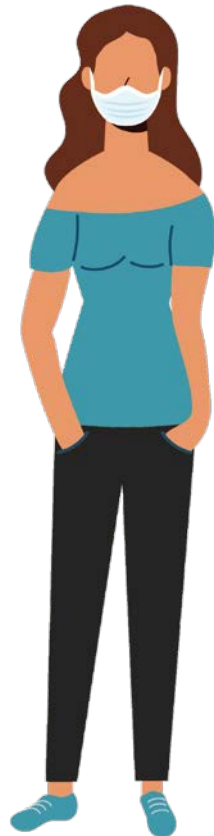
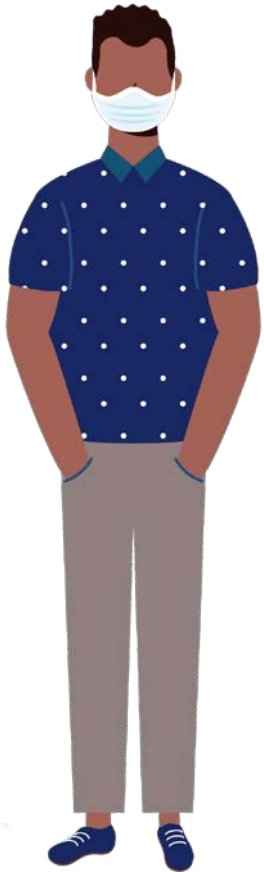
The Great Balancing Act





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Mitigation: Next Steps





Call to Action

REMAIN VIGILANT

- Wearing masks properly
- Social distancing
- Sanitization
- Avoid crowds, especially in indoor settings
- Continue testing
- Download the COVID Trace App
- Support traditional contact tracing efforts

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS

- Necessary activities (work, school, medical, familial, etc.)
- Leisurely activities

IF INFECTED OR EXPOSED

- Isolate & quarantine as directed

GET YOUR FLU SHOT



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Social Service Supports



- Nevada Resilience Project
- Promotion, prevention, early intervention.
- Resilience Ambassadors are working with agencies to provide coping strategies and stress management.

www.nevadaresilienceproject.com



Social Service Supports

- In addition to protections offered by the CDC, resources are available through state and local government.
- Rent and Mortgage Payment Assistance available through Nevada Housing Division at housing.nv.gov/
- Rental Mediation Program – The Nevada Supreme Court adopted a new eviction mediation program to help landlords and tenants resolve disputes. homemnv.org/renter-connect/
- **Home Means Nevada Inc** offers a portal to access assistance for homeowners at www.homemnv.org/