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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 1-13-2021**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting during a teleconference with members of the media.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the [Nevada Health Response](https://www.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 253,985 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 1,759.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,268,691 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 21.5%
- Today's decreased case total is a result of delayed laboratory reporting. The problem is being resolved, but numbers may seem low today and will increase more than normal when the data is received.

- The Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 1,784 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,690 confirmed; 94 suspected)
- The NHA reports hospital occupancy rates are in the 82%-85% range with ICU occupancy at 74% statewide (82% in the southern region).
- More information on hospitalization trends can be found on the [Nevada Hospital Association](#) website.

**Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services**

- Related to the COVID Trace app, there were 425,131 downloads as of last night. 186 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis with 157 related exposure notifications sent as a result of those cases.

**Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (updates provided by Julia Peek on behalf of the lab)**

- The Nevada State Public Health Laboratory is sequencing samples of positive cases every day. For the B.1.1.7 variant (aka "UK") the State Lab also uses PCR to screen.
- The lab has screened more than 800 sequences, or PRC tests, for the UK variant and has not yet detected this strain.
- The lab has screened more than 100 specimens since January 1, 2021 for the South African variant and has not yet detected this strain.
- The lab is working with entities in the State, including Clark County, to expand capabilities to conduct these screenings as well, though NSPHL's surveillance has included specimens collected from across the State so far.

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