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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director was joined by Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness to provide updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing, reporting and vaccination planning 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](#) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 243,661 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 1,721.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,198,483 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 20.7%.
- The Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 1,874 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,715 confirmed; 159 suspected).

- The Governor convened a team – including the Division of Emergency Management, the Nevada National Guard and the State Immunization Team – to review what is working right now, current challenges, and what can be done as a State, to solve any issues moving forward, and to correct the course mid-stream.
- In March, there were challenges in getting large-scale testing sites set up and running, the state is experiencing some of the same issues now. Logistical experts – with the help from our State Immunization team are working to solve the issues.
- The Governor is committed to using every resource available to work through any challenges and that’s what the team is doing now.
- The team anticipated challenges with vaccine planning and distribution with no national playbook, but Nevada has come together time and time again to identify challenges and to work through them together.
- More information about planning and changes will be available next week. The State is committed to providing Nevadans all the information they need as it becomes available.

Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness

- As of Jan. 7, 49,736 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been logged into the NV WebIZ system. That includes 4,301 second doses for those who were first vaccinated in early December.
- Tier 1 has progressed smoothly, and local partners are looking to ensure everyone in that group who wants a vaccine is able to receive it.

- The team understands the public wants more information on how to access this vaccine and when it will be available to them. The State is committed to using every communication tool available when vaccine becomes more widespread and available in communities.
- The team cannot commit to concrete timelines at this point – that's why the State so far has refrained from using any dates.
- The state receives weekly allocations from the federal government. The allocations are fluctuating week to week, and deliveries may come in on different dates each week.
- It is difficult to project timelines and schedule vaccine administrations when allocations are only given for one week at a time. The State is working with partners in other States and they are experiencing difficulties as well. The team has asked for more predictability from the federal government.
- When allocations set a month, or even two weeks in advance, the state will be able to create more stable and predictable timelines for Nevadans.
- The team is working to update the COVID-19 vaccination playbook based on the latest information from the federal government and the evolving process. More information about the prioritization of how this information will flow will be discussed by the Governor and the team next week.
- The State is committed to following an equitable plan and making sure the allocation of vaccine is maximized. We do not want to waste a single dose of the vaccine that comes into Nevada.

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