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Carson City, NV — This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items related to Nevada's COVID-19 response. 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 92,064 cases, an increase of 565 new cases.
 - 356 or approx. 63% were in Clark County.
 - 143 or approx. 25.3% were in Washoe County.
 - 66 or approx. 11.7% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.8%, or 679 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,165,414 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19. That is an increase of 9,385 tests.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 9.3%.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 76%.

- ICU occupancy rate is at 61%.
 - Ventilator use is at 21 % statewide, for all patients.
- There have been increases in confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, however, the hospital infrastructure remains in good condition, with the relative demand placed on hospitals by COVID-19 patients being 10%, overall.
 - Nevada has approximately 535 total hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 20, 2020.
 - This number includes 425 confirmed patients.
 - There are 110 suspected patients.
- The number of COVID-19 patients requiring ICU level care has remained essentially flat during the month of October.
- The number of ventilators required to treat COVID-19 patients continues to have a declining trendline.

On Oct. 15 Nevada Health Response updated the state's COVID-19 Dashboard to better follow trends of the virus in Nevada communities. The update to the Dashboard by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Analytics includes enhanced information related to trends and moving averages and a transition to a "testing encounters" methodology to account for people who receive both a rapid and PCR test on the same day.

The COVID Tracking Project, a volunteer organization, has been collecting COVID data from U.S. states and territories and this information is then used by Johns Hopkins University of Medicine. Following the state's update to the COVID-19 Dashboard we found that the data presented by these two entities was inaccurate.

DHHS contacted the COVID Tracking Project to bring this concern to their attention and Johns Hopkins has now posted a statement on the Nevada page of their site indicating the data is being evaluated to ensure accuracy. The State appreciates this partnership and the organizations who are working to share case data with the public nationwide.

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