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COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 3-8-2021

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness.

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 296,393 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 263.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,776,608 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 6.5%.
- The Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) reports Nevada is continuing to see a downward trajectory in hospitalizations.
- The NHA is also reporting there are currently 343 COVID-19 hospitalizations (271 confirmed; 72 suspected).

- According to the NHA, Nevada COVID-19 hospitalizations remain in decline and Nevada hospitals have a significant amount of intensive care space and ventilators available for immediate (all-cause) use.
- As of March 7, 801,215 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered and reported to Nevada WebIZ.
- This morning the CDC issued guidelines for those who have been fully vaccinated, and state officials are reviewing this updated guidance.
- At this time Nevadans should continue to wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart from others and avoid crowded public spaces.
- In the information provided by the CDC it is noted that we know the vaccines are effective at preventing illness, but we are learning how well it will keep people from spreading the virus.
- The vaccination call center is available to take calls 7 days a week and can help Nevadans register for vaccination or note interest through the wait lists.
- There were more than 76,400 calls received in the first 5 weeks.
- Feb. 22 through Feb. 28, the call center received 22,612 calls with an average speed to answer of just over 3 minutes. The average length of call was just under 8 minutes.
- Information on appointment booking can also be found at <u>NVCOVIDFighter.org</u>.