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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-21-2020**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Nevada during a daily 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.healthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 64,433 cases, an increase of 849 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 726 or 85.5% were in Clark County, with 72 or 8.5% in Washoe County, and 51 or 6.0% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 795,264 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 8,920 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 10.5%. The daily positivity rate is at 8.7%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.1%, or 669 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending July 31 was 2.3%, or 1,037 new cases per day.
- Nevada recorded an additional 13 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- As a reminder, it is important to look at the data trends and not single day numbers.
- From the first case of COVID-19 in the state to yesterday, Nevada has identified a total of 11,344 cases as a result of contact tracing. This represents 17.6% of the total cases reported to date.
- Numbers related to the State's surge staffing, providing contact tracing for close contacts identified in SNHD, WCHD, and CCHHS:
  - Deloitte agents logged a total of 1,420 calls as of 8 PM last night.
  - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,215 total text messages sent yesterday. This resulted in 662 unique outbound communications with a response rate of 81%.
  - Total Calls Logged To-Date: 55,106 (starting 6/18)

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