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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-4-2020**

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](#) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 52,179 cases, an increase of 980 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 931 or 95.0% were in Clark County, with 26 or 2.7% in Washoe County. The remaining 23 or 2.3% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 647,677 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 6,012 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.2%. The daily positivity rate is at 16.2%.
- In regards to the information provided, a few changes were made to the dashboard as of this morning (8/4).

- The daily positivity rate and number of tests per 1,000 per week are reported on a 5-day lag (4 day lag from specimen collection to report + 1 day for dashboard updates) and based on the date the sample was collected (specimen collection date). The cumulative positivity rate is cumulative through the most recent specimen collection date with data available.
- As of today, August 4, 2020, the test positivity rate is calculated as the number of laboratory positive molecular tests divided by the number of molecular tests administered. The 7-day moving average is an average of the daily test positivity rate over a 7-day period. The number of laboratory positive molecular tests does not match confirmed cases due to ongoing investigations and confirmatory or otherwise repeat testing.
- When available, laboratory data are attributed to the date the sample was collected (specimen collection date). If unavailable, it is attributed to the date reported to State public health. Because these data are based on the date the sample was collected, the most recent date available may be a few days ago in order to account for the time it takes for a sample to be tested, resulted, and reported to State public health. Numbers may change retroactively as results are reported.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 2.2%, or 1,035 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. The growth rate for the 7-day period ending June 30 was 3.9%, or 644 new cases per day. The growth rate for the 7-day period ending May 31 was 1.4%, or 116 new cases per day.

- Data continues to suggest a slowing of growth rates related to both new cases and hospitalizations.
- Nevada recorded an additional 15 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations have ranged from 1100-1165 during the past 14-day period. While the highest number of total hospitalizations was 1165 on 31 July, confirmed hospitalized COVID-19 cases reached a new high (n=972) on August 3, 2020.
- Nevada has 1,146 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 3, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 75% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 72%. About 45% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- For more information on the plan released last night by the Governor titled " Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal" can be found on [NV Health Response](#).
- Since the State's first case of COVID-19 through yesterday, 7,652 new COVID-19 cases (52,179) have been identified as a result of contact tracing. This represents 14.7% of the total to date.
- Contact tracers through the State's contract with Deloitte are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week in Clark County, to complement state and county efforts. Deloitte contact tracers are now providing surge capacity to Southern Nevada Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services, and Washoe County Health District
  - Deloitte agents logged a total of 641 calls as of 8 PM PST on August 3. Of these calls, there were 92 inbound calls received

(with 86 handled calls and 6 abandoned) and 549 outbound calls made.

- Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,020 total SMS messages sent, with 548 unique outbound communications and an average response rate of 83% from unique contacts.
- Total calls logged to date (6/18 start date): 36,297
- Given the increase in numbers it is extremely important to social distance, wear a face covering, not socialize in big groups, and maintain general hygiene and cleanliness.

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