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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 7-14-2020**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provides 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.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 29,619 cases, an increase of 1,104 cases since yesterday. This includes more than 400 cases from Southern Nevada that were delayed in reporting.
- Labs nationwide are dealing with a high volume of tests, with 9,245 tests reported yesterday. The Division of Public and Behavioral Health requires that laboratory data must be reported within 24 hours. The State will continue to work with the labs on turnaround time.

- For the 7-day period ending on July 13, cases are growing at a rate of 3.2%, or 833 new cases per day. For comparison: 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.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 8.2 percent, and the seven-day moving average is 13.4 percent.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 77% with 16% of those identified as COVID-19 patients. Intensive care units are at an occupancy rate of 77% with 35% of those identified as COVID-19 confirmed or suspected patients. About 36% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Contact tracers through the State's contract with Deloitte are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, to complement state and county efforts. As of 8 p.m. July 13, they had logged 758 outbound calls and send 1,093 text messages, with a 74 percent response rates. Additional case investigators and contact tracers will be onboarded in the next couple of weeks.
- It is probable that many of the new cases in this recent surge are from the Fourth of July weekend. However, since contract tracing can only begin once a positive test result is returned, it will take some time to confirm this, but the State are working on it.
- Given the increase in numbers it is extremely important to social distance, wear a mask, not socialize in big groups, and maintain general hygiene and cleanliness.

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