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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 7-15-2020**

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 30,468 cases, an increase of 849 cases since yesterday.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 457,522 PCR tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 5,140 since yesterday.
- For the 7-day period ending on July 14th, cases are growing at a rate of 3.3 percent, or 881 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending June 30 was 3.9 percent, or 644 new cases per day. The growth rate for the 7-day period ending May 31 was 1.4 percent, or 116 new cases per day.

- The cumulative test positivity rate is 8.4 percent. The daily positivity rate is 21.6 percent.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 79 percent while Intensive care units are at an occupancy rate of 77 percent.. About 38 percent of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Today, the State made changes to the Nevada Health Response dashboard, which will now be updated mid-morning moving forward allowing more time to gather information. The dashboard has an improved look including new information, like the executive summary tab that shows key metrics all in one place. Additionally, the county data has been expanded to include positivity rate and other county-level details.
- Since the State's first case of COVID through yesterday, we have identified 5,634 new COVID cases (29,619) as a result of contact tracing. This represents 19 percent of the total to date.
- 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 17, they had logged 819 call. 129 of those calls were inbound and 690 were outbound. They also sent 795 text messages.
- 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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