



**NEVADA
HEALTH
RESPONSE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 17, 2020

Meghin Delaney

Communications Director

CONTACT: pressroom@nvhealthresponse.nv.gov

COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 7-17-2020

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.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 33,295 cases, an increase of 1,380 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 1,263 or 90% were in Clark County and 85 were in Washoe County, 6%.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 472,989 PCR tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 7,307 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 8.9 %. The daily positivity rate is 25.8%.

- For the 7-day period ending on July 16, cases are growing at a rate of 3.7%, or 1,055 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending June 30 was 3.9%, or 844 new cases per day. The growth rate for the 7-day period ending May 31 was 1.4%, or 116 new cases per day.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 73% while Intensive Care Units (ICU's) are at an occupancy rate of 83%. About 39% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- The State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry, Division of Industrial Relations released guidance from July 16, 2020 that noted follow up visits have been conducted at 192 businesses where Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials found that 93% of those locations are now in compliance.
- New Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance reports that symptoms occur on average 5 to 6 days after exposure. However, the range is anywhere from 2 to 14 days. Another report found that 97.5% of cases reported symptoms 11.5 days after exposure. Given this reporting, on or around Wednesday of this week, any exposure that occurred over the 4th of July weekend that would result in a symptomatic case should be present. It might take a few days to get tested, then a few days to get the result. The State can expect an increase in cases as a result of the July 4th exposures starting at the end of this weekend through next week.

- Since the State's first case of COVID-19 through yesterday, we have identified 5,779 new COVID-19 cases (33,295) as a result of contact tracing. This represents 18% 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 16, they had logged 1,039 calls. 143 of those calls were inbound and 896 were outbound. They also sent 1,085 text messages, with 598 unique outbound and a 69% response rate from unique contacts.
- 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.

###