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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 52,828 cases, an increase of 649 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 566 or 87.2% were in Clark County, with 57 or 8.8% in Washoe County. The remaining 26 or 4.0% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 650,621 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 2,944 since yesterday.
- You will notice this is an unusually low number of new tests added to the system. DHHS is continuing to work with the vendor to correct the ongoing system issues, including data backlog.

- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.2%. The daily positivity rate is at 14.3%.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 2.1%, or 1,003 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 28 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- Nevada has 1,148 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 4, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 77% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 67%. About 46% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Since the State's first case of COVID-19 through yesterday, 7,823 new COVID-19 cases (52,179) have been identified as a result of contact tracing. This represents 14.8% of the total to date.
- The Deloitte contact tracers (now providing surge capacity to Southern Nevada Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services, and Washoe County Health District) have been communicating with close contacts 12-hours/day, 7-days per week to complement the same efforts by state, district, county, and tribal staff statewide.

- Deloitte agents logged a total of 601 calls as of 8 PM PST on August 4. Of these calls, there were 64 inbound calls received and 537 outbound calls made.
 - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,008 total SMS messages sent, with 543 unique outbound communications and an 84% response rate from unique contacts.
 - Total Calls Logged To-Date: 36,898 (starting 6/18)
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- 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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