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## **COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-6-2020**

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 53,557 cases, an increase of 729 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 621 or 85.2% were in Clark County, with 78 or 10.7% in Washoe County. The remaining 30 or 4.1% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 666,990 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 16,369 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.3%. The daily positivity rate is at 16.5%.
- In order to ensure that DHSS can obtain a steady and consistent stream of electronic laboratory reports, the State asked their vendor, Inductive Health, for a forensic analysis of the root cause of any these

issues over the last 3 weeks. This is why there was a large spike in testing numbers.

- Inductive Health was able to identify the issues causing the delay in consumption and feel that the fix they put in place will remediate any ongoing issues.
- As announced earlier this week, the State modified the lab positivity data, both statewide and for the county criteria, to address this reporting consumption issue to control for anomalies should the State experience them in the future. However, the State is hopeful that the issue has been addressed via this analysis and subsequent fix.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.9%, or 962 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 10 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- Nevada has 1,117 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 5, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 77% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 71%. About 44% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.

- Since the State's first case of COVID-19 through yesterday, 8,059 new COVID-19 cases (53,557) have been identified as a result of contact tracing. This represents 15% 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 1,015 calls as of 8 PM PST on August 5. Of these calls, there were 104 inbound calls received and 911 outbound calls made.
  - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,444 total SMS messages sent, with 535 unique outbound communications and an 81% response rate from unique contacts.
- Total Calls Logged To-Date: 37,913 (starting 6/18)
- 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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