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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-11-2020**

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 57,520 cases, an increase of 548 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 495 or 90.3% were in Clark County, with 43 or 7.8% in Washoe County. The remaining 10 or 1.8% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 712,619 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 4,158 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.5%. The daily positivity rate is at 13.3%.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.4%, or 763 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.

- Nevada is seeing stabilization in the number of new cases being diagnosed daily, as well as decreases in hospitalizations and stabilization in the test positivity rate.
- Nevada recorded an additional 18 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- Nevada has 971 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 10, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 71% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 61%. About 39% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- From the first case of COVID in our state to yesterday, Nevada has identified a total of 8,977 cases as a result of contact tracing. This represents 15.6% of the total cases reported to date.
- Numbers related to the State's surge staffing providing contact tracing for close contacts identified in SNHD, WCHD, and CCHHS:
  - Deloitte agents logged a total of 919 calls as of 8 PM PST on 8/10. Of these calls, there were 97 inbound calls received and 822 outbound calls made.
  - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,703 total SMS messages sent, with 619 unique outbound communications and an 84% response rate from unique contacts.
  - Total Calls Logged To-Date: 42,584 (starting 6/18)

- The COVID response team would like to highlight an opportunity through the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition (NMHEC). The Coalition has received CARES funding to assess the impact of COVID-19 in at-risk communities (further defined below) with high infection rates and to develop and conduct education and outreach in these communities about COVID-19, contact tracing, case investigation, and vaccine readiness/preparedness. The coalition anticipates funding 7-10 awards with a ceiling of \$10,000. The funding period is from September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
  
- Some things of note about the coalition and funding:
  - This Request For Proposal (RFP) requires that education and outreach efforts include conducting focus groups, participation in the review and development of educational material for cultural responsiveness, and dissemination of educational material.
  - To be eligible, those seeking funding must recruit members of the community within zip codes with the highest infection rates and represent at least one of the following at-risk communities:
    - African American
    - Asian American
    - Pacific Islander
    - Latino
    - LGBTQ
    - Native American
    - Deaf and Blind
  
- For more information, please reach out to the coalition, <https://nmhec.org/>.

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