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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-18-2020**

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

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 62,639 cases, an increase of 672 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 618 or 92.0% were in Clark County, with 39 or 5.8% in Washoe County. The remaining 15 or 2.2% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 762,714 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 3,602 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is 10.7%. The daily positivity rate is at 14.1%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.2%, or 731 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.
- Nevada recorded an additional 25 deaths today.
- Nevada has 903 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 17, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 73% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 62%. About 39% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Overall, the State is on a downward trajectory in the number of hospitalizations, and the health care infrastructure remains in fair condition; good condition in the Washoe/Carson metropolitan statistical area.
- Clark County health care infrastructure remains in fair condition and improving. Hospitals continue to have capacity within the general hospital and intensive care units. There is no stress being exerted on ventilator capacity within the county at this time. Some individual facilities are experiencing higher than normal occupancy rates. However, in the county as a whole, occupancy rates are at 79% in the general hospital, 71% in the intensive care units and 50% of ventilator capacity is in use.
- The relative demand of COVID-19 patients in Clark County within the health care infrastructure has decreased over the past 15 days. COVID-19 patients are occupying 18% of licensed beds, 34% of ICU beds and 21% of the ventilator inventory. This represents a 4-5% reduction in demand from 15 days prior.

- From the first case of COVID in our state to yesterday, we have identified a total of 10,585 cases as a result of contact tracing. This represents 16.9% 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 1,151 calls as of 8 PM last night.
  - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 2,043 total text messages sent yesterday. This resulted in 779 unique outbound communications with a response rate of 77%.
  - Total Calls Logged To-Date: 51,519 (starting 6/18)

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