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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 63,028 cases, an increase of 389 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 277 or 71.2% were in Clark County, with 105 or 27.0% in Washoe County. The remaining 7 or 1.8% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 769,298 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 6,584 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 10.7%. The daily positivity rate is at 12.5%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.2%, or 711 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 32 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- This reduction in cases serves as a reminder of the importance of looking at the data trends overall and not just single day numbers.
- Nevada has 867 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 18, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 74% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 64%. 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, we have identified a total of 10,951 cases as a result of contact tracing. This represents 17.4% 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 983 calls as of 8 PM last night.
 - Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 1,989 total text messages sent yesterday. This resulted in 752 unique outbound communications with a response rate of 76%.
 - Total Calls Logged To-Date: 52,502 (starting 6/18)

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