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Carson City, NV — Today, Governor Steve Sisolak was joined by Caleb Cage, the Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, to provide updates on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Nevada during a 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 66,010 cases, an increase of 409 cases since yesterday. Of these new cases, 332 or 81.2% were in Clark County, with 55 or 13.5% in Washoe County, and 22 or 5.4% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 814,793 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 5,110 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 10.6%. The daily positivity rate is at 11.4%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.9%, or 578 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 3 deaths today. Please keep in mind that the death rates the State is seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- Again, please note the importance of looking at the data trends and not just the single day numbers.
- Nevada has 771 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 23, 2020. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 73% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 63%. About 35% 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 12,173 cases as a result of contact tracing. This represents 18.4% of the total cases reported 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.
 - From 8/17 to 8/23, Deloitte agents logged a total of 8,390 calls as of 8 PM PST on August 23.

- Deloitte’s SMS (text) campaign resulted in 10,815 total SMS messages sent, with 4,922 unique outbound communications and an average response rate of 79% from unique contacts.
- Total Calls Logged To-Date: 58,758 (starting 6/18).
- The new **COVID Trace Nevada** smartphone app launched today and is available for immediate download and use.
- This app is a collaboration between the private sector COVID-19 Response, Relief and Recovery Task Force and the public sector through the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The launch of the app provides an additional tool to help supplement the State's traditional contact tracing efforts.
- This app is free to all Nevadans and visitors. The use of this app is completely voluntary as it requires a user opt-in. The app creates a secure environment that both protects people’s privacy and alerts those that may have come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Both the private sector task force as well as DPBH are going to continue to work to help educate businesses, Nevadans and visitors on this new tool.
- For more information on COVID Trace, visit <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/covidtrace>.

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