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**COVID-19 Daily Press Bulletin for 8-31-2020**

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, testing and reporting 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 69,228 cases this is an increase of 320 new cases, 267 or 83.4% were in Clark County, with 30 or 9.4% in Washoe County, and 23 or 7.2% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 854,785 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 4,250 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 10.5%. The daily positivity rate is at 9.1%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.7%, or 460 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 we are seeing correspond to cases diagnosed up to 5 weeks ago.
- Nevada has 664 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, August 30, 2020. This includes 565 confirmed patients and 99 suspected patients. The State has not seen confirmed numbers this low since early July and the number of suspected cases is the lowest since the State began tracking daily COVID-19 hospitalizations. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 71% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 60%. About 35% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- The healthcare infrastructure within Nevada is in good condition and the downward trajectory of COVID-19 hospitalizations continues.
- The State has identified a total of 13,966 total cases to date as a result of our contact tracing efforts. This represents a total of 20.2% of the cases 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 8/24 to 8/30 , Deloitte agents logged a total of 9,342 calls as of 8 PM PST on August 30.
- Deloitte's SMS campaign resulted in 11,535 total SMS messages sent, with 4,990 unique outbound communications and a peak response rate of 82% from unique contacts on 8/27.
- Total Calls Logged To-Date: 68,100 (starting 6/18).
- The COVID Tr/ace app fully launched for Google and Apple products last Monday, 8/24. Major marketing and press will occur this week to ensure early adoption is maximized.
- As of 8 AM on 8/31/20: 17,735 total downloads
  - 12,571 iPhone downloads
  - 5,164 Android downloads
- If anyone has questions or challenges in downloading the app, you can email [help@covidtrace.com](mailto:help@covidtrace.com) or find additional information [HERE](#).