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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 10-2-2020**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting 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](https://www.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 81,182 cases, an increase of 772 new cases. 663 or 85.9% were in Clark County, 79 or 10.2% were in Washoe County, and 30 or 3.9% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,068,802 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 10,560 since yesterday.
- Labs were not received from UMC on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The issue was identified quickly yesterday and resolved, which resulted in a larger number of labs from UMC yesterday (2 days worth). They account for over 5,400 of the 10,560 tests recorded today.

- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 9.8%. The daily positivity rate is 9.9%.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.6%, or 490 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 has 463 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 1, 2020. This includes 326 confirmed patients and 137 suspected patients. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 72%, ICU occupancy rate is at 60% and ventilator use is at 31% statewide again for all patients.
- The hospital critical infrastructure remains in good condition throughout the State, although the State is seeing some individual facilities incurring elevated general ward and ICU occupancies predominantly in Clark County.
  - **Northern Region:** 6% of hospitalized patients have COVID-19, 16% of ICU patients and account for 3% of ventilators used.
  - **Rural Region:** 11% of hospitalized patients have COVID-19, 13% of ICU patients and account for 0% of ventilators used.
  - **Southern Region:** 11% of hospitalized patients have COVID-19, 21% of ICU patients and account for 9% of ventilators used.
  - **Statewide:** 10% of hospitalized patients have COVID-19, 21% of ICU patients and account for 8% of ventilators used.
- Since the beginning of COVID-19 in Nevada to today, the State has identified a total of 20,375 cases as a result contact tracing efforts Statewide. This continues to represent 25.1% of the total cases reported to date.

- Surge staffing agents logged a total of 1,292 calls as of 8 PM PST on October 1st.
- For the State's text messaging of close contacts, yesterday there were a total of 1,794 total text messages sent, with 651 unique outbound communications and an 84% response rate from unique contacts.
- Since the start of our COVID-19 surge staffing on June 18th, the team has logged a total of 105,307 calls.
- The COVID Trace app has been downloaded 41,433 times as of yesterday.

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