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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 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:

- The updated information from the county criteria tracker will be released every Monday moving forward.
- Here are some changes from last week:
 - Lyon County is no longer flagged.
 - Humboldt County has been added for elevated transmission risk due to a low average number of tests per day being (74.5 tests per day per 100,000) and high test positivity (8.4%).
 - As last week's report on September 28, their positivity rate was 3.6%, and their average tests per day was 69.9.

- Washoe County remains flagged due to high case rate (412.2 per 100,000) and high test positivity (8.4%).
 - As last week's report on September 28, Washoe County's test positivity rate was at 7.8%, and their case rate was 397.2 per 100,000.
 - This is Washoe's second week being flagged at the elevated risk level. This means they will be expected to present an assessment and action plan during this week's COVID-19 Management and Mitigation Task Force.
- Clark also saw small increases in cases per capita (319.4 per 100,000) and test positivity (6.9%) for the first time in quite a while, but has not crossed the threshold into having an elevated risk.
- As of today, Nevada has logged 82,437 cases, an increase of 337 new cases. Three hundred or 89% were in Clark County, 23 or 6.8% were in Washoe County, and 14 or 4.2% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,089,057 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 6,736 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 9.8%. The daily positivity rate is 8.5%.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.6%, or 464 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 approximately 441 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 4, 2020. This number is an approximate as multiple hospitals throughout the state failed to report over the weekend. This number includes 306 confirmed patients and 135 suspected patients. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 66%, ICU occupancy rate is at 54% and ventilator use is at 31% statewide again for all patients.
 - For context last Tuesday, total hospitalizations were at 452; 332 confirmed cases, 120 suspected cases.
- Since the beginning of COVID in our state to today, we have identified a total of 20,736 case as a result of our contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 25.2% of the total cases reported to date.
- Related to our surge staffing efforts, from September 28 to October 4, our agents logged a total of 8,508 calls.
- Related to our text messaging to close contacts, last week the campaign resulted in 10,556+ total SMS messages sent, with at least 3,856 unique outbound communications and a peak response rate of 87% from unique contacts on September 28.
- Since June 18, these surge staff have logged a total of 108,682 calls to close contacts.
- As you know, one of our goals for disease investigation is to attempt to contact each close contact within 24 hours of identifying them as a contact. From September 27 to October 3, 99% of the 3,169 individual exposures identified were contacted within 24 hours of the report sent to the surge staff agency.

- Related to our COVID Trace app, 42,803 downloads as of last night.

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