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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:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 83,347 cases, an increase of 431 new cases. 303 or 70.3% were in Clark County, 97 or 22.5% were in Washoe County, and 31 or 7.2% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,093,978 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 1,066 since yesterday.
- The State has identified an unusually low number of new labs in the last 24 hours. As a result, the State talked to different labs and identified that part of the issue was the decrease in testing due to the end of the surge testing event.

- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 9.7%. The daily positivity rate is 9.3%.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.6%, or 481 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.
- It is important to note that the State has seen a consistent increase in new cases from specimens collected as of September 8th. The task force and health departments will continue to monitor these trends to ascertain the reasons for the increase and to work on slowing the spread.
- Nevada has approximately 495 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 6, 2020. This number includes 346 confirmed patients and 149 suspected patients. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 72%, ICU occupancy rate is at 61% and ventilator use is at 32% statewide again for all patients.
 - For context, last Tuesday, total hospitalizations were at 452; 332 confirmed cases and 120 suspected cases.
- Nevada remains within the plateau range but is experiencing a climb in hospitalization that is driven primarily by suspected cases.
- Hospitals throughout the state continue to have available capacity to treat all patients and all causes requiring care.
- Statewide relative demand remains low with 10% of hospitalized patients having or being suspected of having COVID-19.

- Since the beginning of COVID in Nevada to today, the State has identified a total of 21,106 cases as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This represents 25.3% of the total cases reported to date.
- Related to Nevada's surge staffing efforts, agents have logged a total of 1,667 calls for Oct. 6, as of 8 p.m. PST.
- In regard to the text messaging of close contacts, as of yesterday at 8 p.m., there were a total of 1,941 total text message exchanges, with 734 unique outbound communications and a 79% response rate from unique contacts.
- Since June 18, surge staff has logged a total of 111,109 calls to close contacts.
- As of last night, the COVID Trace app has been downloaded 43,765 times. The contact tracing team has now had 2 cases identified through the app. As a result, up to 10 exposure notifications have been sent so far.

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