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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 11-20-2020**

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 129,714 cases, an increase of 1,839 new cases since yesterday.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.5%, or 1,854 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,478,163 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 15.8%.

- Nevada’s COVID-19 hospitalizations remained flat over the past 24-hours with a total of 1,283 hospitalized patients. (This includes 1,144 confirmed COVID-19 patients and 139 suspected.)
  - The northern part of the state experienced their first significant decline in weeks.
  - The southern area of the state experienced increases, but not of the magnitude seen in previous days.
  - It is still too early to determine with any degree of certainty but, these are encouraging signs that the public is taking “Stay at Home 2.0” seriously.
  
- Statewide traditional case investigation and contact tracing efforts are ongoing, and Nevadans are encouraged to download the COVID Trace app to their smartphone to supplement those efforts.
  - Since the beginning of COVID in the state through today, a total of 31,282 cases have been identified because of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 24.1% of the total cases reported to date.
  
- Surge staffing effort updates will be provided on a weekly basis. The following updates reflect through the week ending Nov. 15, 2020.
  - As of last night, surge staff have logged a total of 197,236 calls to close contacts.
    - For the period of Nov. 9-15, surge staffed logged a total of 17,560 calls.
  - Related to text messaging of close contacts, a total of 28,341 text messages were sent.
    - Of this, 10,364 were unique outbound communications
    - The peak response rate was 87% on Nov. 9 of 87%
  
- There are now, 98,309 downloads of the COVID Trace App.

- A total of 37 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 32 related exposure notifications were sent as a result of those cases.
- CDC and Nevada recommend a symptom-based strategy to end self-isolation for cases.
  - The symptom-based strategy for patients with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immunocompromised or persons with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were able to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:
    - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared: and
    - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
    - Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
    - For patients who are not severely immunocompromised and who were asymptomatic throughout their infection, self-isolation and transmission-based precautions may be discontinued when at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test.

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