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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.healthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

Please note there will be no call on Friday, Nov. 27. The next call will be Monday, Nov. 30.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 142,239 cases, an increase of 3,159 new cases since yesterday.
 - Carson City Health and Human Services' quad-county region made the decision to report all positive cases received in the past week. Meaning, they are reporting all positives prior to contact and case investigation, to relieve the backlogged Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) queue. This drastically affected numbers being reported today.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.8%, or 2,394 new cases per day.
 - Of all COVID-19 cases in Nevada: 10% occurred in just the last 7 days.
 - 25% occurred in the month of November and
 - 48% occurred since September

- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,574,257 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
 - To add some context, one Nevadan is tested for COVID-19 every 8 seconds.

- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 16.5%.
 - Approximately every 1 minute, someone in Nevada is diagnosed with COVID-19.

- Sadly, putting these numbers into reality, approximately every two hours, one Nevadan dies from COVID-19.

- Nevada continues to experience exponential increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations in the metropolitan areas.
 - Currently there are 1,414 people hospitalized with COVID throughout the state. That's approximately, nine Southwest 737-700s completely full.
 - The majority of hospitalized COVID-19 patients are adults.
 - Currently, only seven of the hospitalized patients are pediatrics. There are four kids in the northern region and three in the southern area of the state.
 - Approximately, 15-20% of all emergency room visits are now related to COVID-19 chief complaints.
 - Hospitals are now receiving new monoclonal antibody therapeutics that can be administered via an intravenous (IV)

route to some of these patients, keeping them from requiring hospitalization.

- Since the beginning of COVID in the state to today, a total of 33,019 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 23.2% 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. 22, 2020.
 - As of last night, surge staff have logged a total of 210,961 calls to close contacts.
 - For the period of Nov.16-22, a total of 15,365 calls were logged.
 - Related to the text messaging of close contacts, there were a total of 27,531 text messages sent.
 - Of this, 10,048 were unique outbound communications
 - The peak response rate was of 87% Nov. 16.
- There are now 108,930 downloads of the COVID Trace App, as of last night.
 - The efforts of private sector partners promoting the app have been greatly appreciated.
 - Since the Nevada Day outreach, have almost doubled.
 - A total 47 cases had the app at the time of their and 37 related exposure notifications sent as a result of those cases.
- CDC issued new guidance on Nov. 23 related to COVID Disease Investigation. This guidance allows for prioritization by health departments experiencing surge in COVID-19 cases.

- It indicates health departments should prioritize case investigation interviews of people who tested positive for or were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 6 days (based on specimen collection date or symptom onset, if known).
- It notes contact tracing efforts be focused on:
 - household contacts exposed in the past 6 days, and
 - people living, working, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces or other settings (or events) with potential extensive transmission.
 - In some instances, further prioritization may be necessary.
- CDC states people diagnosed with COVID-19 should be strongly encouraged to notify all their household contacts:
 - to immediately self-quarantine; and
 - to seek additional guidance from their health department.

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