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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 176,334 cases, an increase of 3,053 new cases since yesterday.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.7%, or 2,763 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,773,401 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 22.3%.

- There are currently 1,811 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,667 confirmed; 144 suspected)
 - Nevada's hospitalizations continued a modest climb driven by cases in the south.
 - Northern Nevada has seen the COVID hospitalization curve stall the past few days. This is encouraging but, it remains too early to determine if this is a trend change or if the decline will continue.
- Related to case investigation and contact tracing efforts statewide, DHHS issued guidance to local public health partners that summarizes several recommendations provided by the CDC. (**A more detailed summary of these recommendations is included as a supplemental attachment**)
 - Each county can assess which pieces of the guidance, if any, they will implement locally, and for what duration of time.
- The first set of guidance is related to an abbreviated case investigation.
 - Counties will only need to collect an agreed upon minimum variables for cases.
 - This will allow the case investigation to be greatly shortened in duration and allow investigators to reach more cases within the same amount of time.
- Next, the guidance outlines the CDC's direction on the prioritization of case investigations during times of high disease burden and community spread.
- There are now more than 132,000 downloads of the COVID Trace app.

- A total of 75 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 49 related exposure notifications have been sent as a result of those cases.

Tim Robb, analyst for DPBH and lead for exposure notification tools on behalf of the state, discussed the [EN Express \(ENX\) tool, which will be available Dec. 10](#), as well as how it is used to complement the COVID Trace app.

- Nevada is the first jurisdiction to launch both ENX and have an application using the technology.
 - ENX will be available in all Apple devices and COVID Trace will also continue to be available in both the iOS App Store and Android's Google Play Store.
- These tools accelerate how quickly people are notified of a possible COVID-19 exposure, giving individuals the information needed to make responsible decisions around quarantine and testing.
- Using COVID Trace and ENX is voluntary and free. These tools were developed with privacy and security at their foundation, and the Division is dedicated to ensuring the system keeps all users anonymous. It does not use device location to detect exposures and does not share your identity with other users.
- For more information, visit nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/covidtrace/

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