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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 12-16-2020**

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 194,098 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 2,138.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.4%, or 2,538 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,885,929 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 20.7%.

- According to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), there are currently 2,008 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,857 confirmed; 151 suspected)
  - NHA has reported, for the second time in the last three days, **Nevada** has had 2,000+ people hospitalized with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.
- On Tuesday, the [Nevada State Immunization Program distributed the first doses of the Pfizer vaccine](#) to Nevada's rural counties.
  - Each county has developed a vaccination plan to begin the process of vaccinating our frontline health care workers.
- Since the beginning of COVID, in the state, to today, a total of 40,519 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 20.9% of the total cases reported to date.
- A total of 250,610 calls have been logged since mid-June. The following surge staff updates reflect the period for Dec. 7-Dec. 13.
  - A total of 11,858 calls were logged.
  - A total of 16,482 text messages were sent to close contacts
    - Of those, 6,056 were unique contacts
    - The peak response rate was 91% on Dec. 7
- There are now 229,420 downloads/activations of the COVID Trace App and ENX combined as of last night.
  - A total of 100 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 65 related exposure notifications were sent as a result of those cases.

- Nevada's Minority Health and Equity Coalition is seeking testimonials from members of the community for their #OneCommunity "Share Your Story" Campaign.
  - All testimonials are due by Dec. 18 and can be submitted by visiting the [Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition website](#), and click the "Share Your Story" option.
- There are only 14 days left to enroll in health insurance through [Nevada Health Link](#) if you want coverage to begin on Jan. 1, 2021. Open enrollment continues through Jan.15, 2021.

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