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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director was joined by Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing, reporting and vaccination planning 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](#) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 268,212 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 1,365.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,395,142 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 19.9%.
- The Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 1,549 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,402 confirmed; 147 suspected).

- Based on previous post-holiday trends, it is likely that we have seen the full impact of Christmas gatherings in our case trends and test positivity.
- The impact of New Year's will continue to be present through the end of January. The state is observing a much smaller holiday impact than was anticipated, and it is unlikely there will be additional significant increases caused by the holidays.
- According to the Nevada Hospital Association, Nevada is entering the weekend with a declining trajectory of confirmed COVID-19 cases. If this trend continues, it is possible hospitalized case counts could be below 500 people by late February.
- NHA also reports all cause intensive care use remains elevated within the southern region. Occupancy rates at several facilities are at near capacity, while the overall occupancy rate is at 77%. (41% COVID-19).
- In the northern region, the healthcare system is demonstrating signs of normalization. Northern hospitals report having capacity, including within the ICU. No facilities are reporting staffing shortages and some hospitals have begun demobilizing triage tents.
- As of January 21, 137,021 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to NV WebIZ.
- That includes 20,000 second doses.
- The State of Nevada is receiving limited doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government each week – many vaccination sites are having to scale down because of the limited allocation we are set to receive next week.

- Nevadans should reach out to the seniors they know to ensure they have a plan and understand how to make an appointment to be vaccinated.
- Information on county-by-county pharmacy participation and information on making an appointment is available on [NVCovidFighter.org](https://www.nvcovidfighter.org)

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