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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, and vaccination efforts during a call 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.

Reminder, there will not be a call with members of the media on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 299,471 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 235.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,839,480 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 5.7%.
- The Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) reports Nevada is continuing to see a downward trajectory in hospitalizations.

- The NHA is also reporting there are currently 305 COVID-19 hospitalizations (241 confirmed; 64 suspected).
- The past few days have been some of the lowest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations we have seen since the Nevada Hospital Association started tracking this indicator almost a year ago.
- The COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force has scheduled a number of meetings this week in order to discuss the statewide transfer to local authority scheduled to occur on May 1.
- The Task Force will meet with county managers, emergency managers, public health officials and elected officials to have an initial conversation to gather information on specific county planning efforts, offer feedback and identify state resource needs.
- The meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, Wednesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 18. Meetings will begin at 10 a.m. each day.
- The meetings can be found live on the [NV Health Response YouTube channel](#).
- As of March 14, 958,994 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered and reported to Nevada WebIZ.
- Counties continue to progress through the prioritization lanes, making more and more Nevadans eligible every week.
- Last week the federal government announced that additional health centers across the country were invited to participate in the Health

Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program to accelerate the delivery of vaccines to underserved communities and disproportionately affected populations.

- Invited health centers include those that serve low income and minority patients or provide services in rural and frontier communities.
- Several Nevada health centers have been invited to join this program and we look forward to more providers having the opportunity to provide vaccination in Nevada communities.
- Nevadans are encouraged to check out [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://www.nvcoVIDfighter.org) or call 1-800-401-0946 for the latest information on vaccine eligibility and appointment availability in their county.

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