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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Karissa Loper, Deputy Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts in Nevada 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.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 310,235 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 257.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 3,088,154 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 5.7%.
- Today, the Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 380 COVID-19 hospitalizations (287 confirmed; 93 suspected).

- Today it was announced that the State's COVID-19 Dashboard will no longer be updated on the weekend.
- Going forward the Dashboard will be updated Monday through Friday to remain consistent with Local Health Authorities and partners who are discontinuing providing data updates to the State on weekends.
- To provide the most accurate data, the Office of Analytics will update the COVID-19 Dashboard weekdays, so the Monday and Tuesday updates may be higher than has been seen recently since they will include data from the weekend.
- The trends tab on the Dashboard and the average metrics continue to be the most reliable view of the data as it accounts for reporting delays or other daily data anomalies.
- As of April 15, 1,636,217 COVID-19 vaccine doses (By Resident County) were administered and reported to Nevada WebIZ.
- 41.5% of the population 16 and older has initiated vaccination and 26.8% of the population 16 and older has completed vaccination.
- The use of the Janssen vaccine has been paused.
- The Mobile Vaccination Units (MVU) in Nevada have switched vaccinations to the two-dose Pfizer vaccine for all future planned clinics.
- The mobile units will continue to provide vaccines through walk-up registration and the Pfizer vaccine is available to all Nevadans 16 and older on a first-come, first-served basis.

- The MVUs will be returning to each community 21 days following their first visit to provide the second doses of the Pfizer vaccine.
- Nevadans are encouraged to check out [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://nvcovidfighter.org) or call 1-800-401-0946 for the latest information on appointment availability in their county.
- The State remains flexible to unknown and changing circumstances.
- On Wednesday, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, decided to continue the pause to collect and review more data before making a recommendation on the Janssen product.
- The ACIP will meet again next Friday, April 23rd beginning at 11 a.m. eastern time.
- The pause of the Janssen product will not stop our efforts to keep moving forward to vaccinate Nevadans with Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.
- The state is confident in the CDC and FDA vaccine safety reviews. The pause shows the federal government is being diligent in this process and that vaccine safety is of the utmost importance.
- DHHS is now aware the Nevada case is an 18 year old woman who was vaccinated in Clark County.

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