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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Karissa Loper, 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 319,714 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 216.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 3,278,276 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 5.4%.
- Today, the Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 308 COVID-19 hospitalizations (256 confirmed; 52 suspected)

- A COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 10 a.m. This task force meeting will be focused on vaccination efforts in the state.
- As of May 11, 2,048,620 COVID-19 vaccine doses (By Resident County) were administered and reported to Nevada WebIZ.
- More than 47% of the population 16 and older has initiated vaccination and 37.4% of the population 16 and older has completed vaccination.
- On Monday, the Food and Drug Administration expanded the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to now include those ages 12 years and older.
- The Pfizer vaccine was originally authorized for ages 16 years and older.
- Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is meeting to review and provide recommendations on the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for this younger population.
- The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup that Nevada participates in will also meet tonight to review the ACIP's recommendation.
- Following these meetings, updated guidance and information about administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to adolescents will be provided to Nevada's vaccinators.

- The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) is prepared for the State to begin vaccination for this age group once the reviews are complete and the recommendations are final.
- NSIP continues to work with all our partners to shift the vaccination strategy as doses administered has declined.
- The program is supporting and encouraging the addition of walk-in vaccine availability across all vaccinators and the use of pop-up clinics in strategic locations, such as at churches, retail centers, and community centers.
- As always, Nevadans are encouraged to check out [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://www.nvcoVIDfighter.org) or call 1-800-401-0946 for the latest information on appointment and walk in availability.

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