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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provides updates on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Nevada during a daily 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.healthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 31,915 cases, an increase of 1,447 cases since yesterday.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 465,682 PCR tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 8,161 since yesterday.
- For the 7-day period ending on July 15, cases are growing at a rate of 3.6%, or 1,002 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending June 30 was 3.9%, or 644 new cases per day.

The growth rate for the 7-day period ending May 31 was 1.4%, or 116 new cases per day.

- The cumulative test positivity rate is 8.6%. The daily positivity rate is 24.3%.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 77% while Intensive care units are at an occupancy rate of 84%. About 40% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- We also have 10 COVID-19 patients from outside of Nevada (i.e., another state) in our ICUs.
- The Nevada Health Response dashboard has a slightly new look and includes some new information, which we hope will be helpful for reporters and the public, including a new Executive Summary.
- Since the State's first case of COVID through yesterday, we have identified 5,748 new COVID cases (31,915) as a result of contact tracing. This represents 18% of the total to date.
- Contact tracers through the State's contract with Deloitte are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, to complement state and county efforts. As of 8 p.m. July 15, they had logged 856 calls. 106 of those calls were inbound and 750 were outbound. They also sent 1,071 text messages, with 589 unique outbound and a 71% response rate from

unique contacts.

- Per Dr. Pandori, the State of Nevada's Chief of testing, the State remains at a comfortable level of testing supplies and we do not anticipate a shortage in the near future nor a breakdown in the supply. This is due to multiple different technologies (3) in which the State is able to perform tests.
- Given the increase in numbers it is extremely important to social distance, wear a mask, not socialize in big groups, and maintain general hygiene and cleanliness.

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