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Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on the ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting 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](#) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 73,814 cases this is an increase of 277 new cases, 162 or 58.5% were in Clark County, with 96 or 34.7% in Washoe County, and 19 or 7.0% were spread throughout the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 945,646 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 5,781 since yesterday.
- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 10.2%. The daily positivity rate is at 7.3%.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.4%, or 264 new cases per day. For comparison, the growth rate for the 7-day period ending July 31 was 2.3%, or 1,037 new cases per day.
- Nevada has 473 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, September 13, 2020. This includes 389 confirmed patients and 84 suspected patients. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are 68% while intensive care units (ICU) are at an occupancy rate of 60%. About 34% of the ventilators statewide are in use right now for all patients.
- Since the beginning of COVID in our state to today, we have identified a total of 17,504 case as a result of our contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 23.7% of the total cases reported to date.
- Related to our surge staffing efforts, from September 9th to September 13th (Wednesday to Sunday), Deloitte agents logged a total of 5,939 calls as of 8 PM PST on September 13th.
- For the same period, Deloitte's SMS (text) campaign resulted in 8,989 total SMS messages sent, with 3,329 unique outbound communications and a peak response rate of 85% from unique contacts on September 9th.
- Since June 18th, these surge staff have logged a total of 85,895 calls to close contacts.
- Since the start of the surge staffing, 14,760 contact trace reports have been completed, with 11,615 contacts showing no symptoms and 3,145 contacts showing symptoms.

- For the week of September 6th, Deloitte agents completed 1,330 contract trace reports, with 1,080 contacts showing no symptoms and 250 contacts showing symptoms.
- Related to our COVID Trace app, 28,936 downloads as of September 13th.
- As a reminder, it is even more important this year for Nevadans to get their flu shots. So please remember to get an appointment or find a walk-in location to get the vaccination.
- Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed an emergency regulation to support widespread immunization efforts to help the State prepare for a potential COVID-19 vaccine.
- The regulation, approved and requested by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, authorizes pharmaceutical technicians with appropriate training to administer immunizations under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.
- This emergency regulation will allow pharmacies to meet the increased demand for vaccine services and increase the State's capacity to expediently treat Nevada's population when a viable COVID-19 vaccine is developed and deployed.

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