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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 Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting during a 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.

Director Cage also provided a [summary of enhancements to the COVID-19 Dashboard](#) that the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Analytics released on October 15, 2020.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 88,685 cases, an increase of 716 new cases.
 - 583 or approx. 81.4% were in Clark County
 - 76 or approx. 10.6% were in Washoe County; and
 - 57 or approx. 8.0% were spread throughout the rest of the State.

- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,115,805 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 8.4%.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 73%
 - ICU occupancy rate is at 57%
 - Ventilator use is at 30% statewide, for all patients.
- Nevada has approximately 469 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 15, 2020.
 - This number includes 396 confirmed patients.
 - There are 73 suspected patients.
- Statewide contact tracing efforts are ongoing, and Nevadans are encouraged to download the COVID Trace app to their smartphone.
 - Since the beginning of COVID, in the state, through today, a total of 22,595 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts. This now represents 25.5% of the total cases reported to date.
 - Since June 18, 2020 surge staff have logged a total of 123,635 calls to close contacts.
 - Agents logged a total of 1,782 calls as of 8 p.m. PST on October 15.
 - Related to text messaging of close contacts, the campaign resulted in 2,587 total text message exchanges, with 930 unique outbound communications and an 85% response rate from unique contacts.
 - There are now over 50,000 downloads of the COVID Trace app, as of last night.

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