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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 10-9-2020**

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](https://www.nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

**SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 84,593 cases, an increase of 766 new cases. 609 or 79.5% were in Clark County, 110 or 14.4% were in Washoe County, and 47 or 6.1% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,119,083 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19, an increase of 17,916 since yesterday.
- This number was unusually high for a few reasons:
  - State officials have identified a new laboratory – called SANDS Inc – that is now reporting into the State system. That new lab accounts for a portion of the increase of the labs reported today.

- A DHHS examination of the labs reported today shows that many of the specimens were collected within the last week, although a number of the specimen collection dates go back into mid-September.
    - Labs are expected to report results to the State's electronic reporting system within 24 hours.
    - DPBH is currently working with the reporting labs to determine the cause of the delay in reporting in order to determine what corrective actions should be taken.
  - Additionally, a large volume of labs were received yesterday in association with the State's ongoing testing efforts in the Nevada Department of Corrections.
  - Also, a portion of labs received are related to testing within the NFL.
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- The cumulative test positivity rate is at 9.7%. The daily positivity rate is 10.4%.
  - For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 0.6%, or 487 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 approximately 502 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of yesterday, October 8, 2020. This number includes 353 confirmed patients and 149 suspected patients. Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 74%, ICU occupancy rate is at 59% and ventilator use is at 32% statewide again for all patients.
  - Since the beginning of COVID to today, the State has identified a total of 21,319 case as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This represents 25.4% of the total cases reported to date.

- Related to surge staffing efforts, agents logged a total of 1,305 calls for October 8, as of 8 p.m. PST.
- In regards to the text messaging of close contacts, there were a total of 2,122 total text message exchanges, with 778 unique outbound communications and an 83% response rate from unique contacts.
- Since June 18, surge staff have logged a total of 113,797 calls to close contacts.
- As of last night, the COVID Trace app has been downloaded 44,898 times.

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