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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.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 194,098 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 2,138.

- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.4%, or 2,538 new cases per day.

- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,885,929 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.

- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 20.7%.
• According to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), there are currently 2,008 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,857 confirmed; 151 suspected)
  o NHA has reported, for the second time in the last three days, Nevada has had 2,000+ people hospitalized with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

• On Tuesday, the Nevada State Immunization Program distributed the first doses of the Pfizer vaccine to Nevada’s rural counties.
  o Each county has developed a vaccination plan to begin the process of vaccinating our frontline health care workers.

• Since the beginning of COVID, in the state, to today, a total of 40,519 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 20.9% of the total cases reported to date.

• A total of 250,610 calls have been logged since mid-June. The following surge staff updates reflect the period for Dec. 7-Dec. 13.
  o A total of 11,858 calls were logged.
  o A total of 16,482 text messages were sent to close contacts
    ▪ Of those, 6,056 were unique contacts
    ▪ The peak response rate was 91% on Dec. 7

• There are now 229,420 downloads/activations of the COVID Trace App and ENX combined as of last night.
  o A total of 100 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 65 related exposure notifications were sent as a result of those cases.
• Nevada’s Minority Health and Equity Coalition is seeking testimonials from members of the community for their #OneCommunity “Share Your Story” Campaign.
  o All testimonials are due by Dec. 18 and can be submitted by visiting the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition website, and click the “Share Your Story” option.

• There are only 14 days left to enroll in health insurance through Nevada Health Link if you want coverage to begin on Jan. 1, 2021. Open enrollment continues through Jan.15, 2021.

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