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**COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 1-20-2021**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director was joined by Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness, to provide 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:**

- The following information is from the County Criteria Tracker as of Jan. 19. This can be found on the NV Health Response dashboard. All counties in Nevada, with the exception of Storey and White Pine counties, have been flagged for elevated disease transmission.
  - All flagged counties met the criteria of a high case rate per 100,000.
  - All flagged counties had a high-test positivity rate.
  - Storey was the only county flagged for a low average number of tests per day per 100,000.

- As of today, Nevada has logged 265,143 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 1,495.
- The state has completed a total of 2,362,512 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 20.5%.
- An additional 71 new deaths were reported today. This is the highest increase in deaths the state has seen and a stark reminder of how deadly this virus can be.
- Deaths tend to trend behind cases by 4-6 weeks so these may relate to cases identified in early and mid-December during a peak of new cases. More deaths are also typically reported to the Department of Health and Human Services mid-week.
- The Nevada Hospital Association reports there are currently 1,727 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,502 confirmed; 225 suspected)
- More information on hospitalization trends can be found on the [Nevada Hospital Association](#) website.
- As of January 19, 116,041 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to NV WebIZ.
- Starting this week, part of Nevada's allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses will be provided to pharmacies that have agreed to assist in the vaccine distribution process starting with those 70 and older.
- The Nevada State Immunization Program and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy have worked with retail pharmacies throughout the state

to open appointments for senior COVID-19 vaccination as supply is available.

- The State of Nevada is receiving limited doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government each week – 36,825 first doses were allocated to Nevada for next week.
- Doses of vaccine are allocated on a weekly basis and Nevadans are encouraged to go to [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://www.nvcovidfighter.org) for appointment availability and more information.
- Nevadans are encouraged to reach out to the seniors they know and ensure they have a plan and understand how to make an appointment to be vaccinated when they are eligible and doses are available.

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