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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:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 273,873 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 1,144.
- The state has completed a total of 2,445,386 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 18.6%.
- The Nevada Hospital Associate reports there are currently 1,400 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,307 confirmed; 93 suspected)

- More information on hospitalization trends can be found on the [Nevada Hospital Association](#) website.
- The Governor sent a letter to acting Health and Human Services Secretary Norris Cochran regarding the State's federal allocation of the COVID-19 vaccine. According to publicly available federal data, Nevada has received the second-lowest number of vaccine doses per capita among all U.S. states so far.
- Federal partners and state officials have been able to confirm all available first doses have been ordered and second doses are being ordered as needed.
- As of January 26, 194,930 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to NV WebIZ.
- The federal government announced yesterday many states will be seeing an increase in allocation numbers for both Moderna and Pfizer. So far, the ordering system has shown the increase available for Moderna and are awaiting the system to update with the increased ordering ability for Pfizer.
- The federal government said that States should be able to see allocations for up to three weeks at a time. This aligns with State calls for more predictability from the federal government. This change is not reflected in the order system yet.
- This will help greatly in the planning purposes and operations on the ground.
- The mass vaccination operations that we are setting up need the predictability to keep going. It doesn't make sense to open for a few

days, then close for a few because we run out of vaccines. If we have more predictability, we can help smooth those out.

- The State and counties are closely tracking when people are due for a second doses and ordering each week exactly the number of second doses needed for both the Moderna and the Pfizer product.
- Those second doses are allocated and earmarked for Nevada and are sitting on the shelves waiting for us to order them. For Nevada, it makes much more sense to have Moderna and Pfizer handle the storage for those second doses until we are ready to order and use them. They are the experts at the ultra-cold handling and storage and when the second doses are stored with the developers, there are fewer concerns with temperature excursions or other handling issues.
- Officials also provided an update about the doses currently allocated to specific pharmacy partners that are working within a contract with the federal government for long-term care and skilled nursing facilities in Nevada. That rollout is being done in a “strike force” effort, as opposed to mass vaccination sites.
- This helps protect the State’s most vulnerable populations but moves at a slower pace than mass vaccination events. Yesterday, the State got verbal confirmation that states can begin to repurpose doses allocated to the federal pharmacy partners if they are not needed in that effort.
- The long-term care and skilled nursing facilities will continue to vaccinate residents and staff held within the 670 identified facilities and uphold the structure of three offered visits.

- The State will continue to ensure that all the vulnerable populations living in these facilities are accounted for and that doses are available for them through the strike force effort, but repurposing doses will help the State provide more doses to the senior and workforce populations as part of the State's playbook.
- Information on county-by-county pharmacy participation and how to make an appointment is available on [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://www.nvcoVIDfighter.org).

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