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COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 2-5-2021

Carson City, NV — Today, Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services and Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness, provided updates on Nevada’s ongoing COVID-19 response, testing, reporting and vaccination efforts 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 282,493 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 812.

• Nevada has now completed a total of 2,531,886 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.

• The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 16.3%.

• The Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) reports Nevada is continuing to see a downward trajectory in hospitalizations.
- The NHA is also reporting there are currently 1,072 COVID-19 hospitalizations (956 confirmed; 116 suspected).

- The COVID-19 vaccine call center is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week and can be reached at 1-800-401-0946.

- Through the call center, Nevadans can access county-specific updates and information as more Nevadans become eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

- This is the same information available on NVCOVIDFighter.org and it is encouraged that those who can make an appointment online, continue to do so. Reach out to the seniors and other Nevadans who may need assistance with this process.

- The call center can assist the individual book an appointment if they are eligible and one is available. They can also fill out the vaccine interest form if they are not yet eligible or there is no open appointment.

- The call center has bilingual staff that speak English and Spanish and also can access the language line for other languages as needed.

- The call center is off to a good start. There has been an increased volume since Wednesday.

- As a reminder, the CDC published guidance on safer ways to watch the Super Bowl.

- Gathering virtually or with the people from your household is the safest way to celebrate the Super Bowl this year. If you do have a small gathering with people who don’t live with you, outdoors is safer
than indoors and ensure you remain masked and social distance from one another.

- As of February 4, 319,025 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to NV WebIZ.

- More than 56,000 second doses have been administered.

- The State of Nevada is receiving limited first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government each week – many vaccination sites are having to scale down because of the limited allocation coming to the state.

- Doses of vaccine are allocated on a weekly basis and we encourage Nevadans to go to NVCOVIDFighter.org for appointment availability.

- Second doses for those who have received first doses are available from the federal government based on the date of vaccination and the minimum intervals for both the Moderna and Pfizer products. Vaccinators are able to order second doses as needed.

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