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COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 4-19-2021

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Karissa Loper, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness were joined by Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford to provide updates on Nevada’s ongoing COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts in Nevada during a call 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.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 310,933 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 277.

- Nevada has now completed a total of 3,110,565 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.

- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 5.9%.

- Today, the Nevada Hospital Association is reporting there are currently 404 COVID-19 hospitalizations (311 confirmed; 93 suspected).
• The State’s COVID-19 Dashboard is no longer being updated on weekends, meaning we expect Monday and Tuesday numbers to be higher than we have recently seen as staff works to confirm information from the weekend.

• The trends tab on the Dashboard and the average metrics continues to be the most reliable view of the data as it accounts for reporting delays or other daily data anomalies.

• The COVID-19 vaccination page on the Dashboard includes information on all vaccines administered, and also metrics specific to those who provided a Nevada address when being vaccinated.

• A full address is not required for vaccination and many Nevadans may have been vaccinated without providing a complete address.

• Of the more than 1.6 million total doses administered in Nevada, 57,747 doses were administered to individuals with addresses other than Nevada with 21,655 of those does administered to someone with an unknown state.

• Nevada’s initial vaccine allocation was prioritized for the immunization of our medical and critical infrastructure workers, and this includes those who work in Nevada but may live in nearby states.

• Nevada also has the benefit of many traveling workers who support various industries in our state while maintaining an out-of-state address and were vaccinated through the essential workforce lane.

• The state is actively working to break down any barriers to accessing a COVID-19 vaccine in Nevada, and we recognize individuals may not
have Nevada identification or be comfortable providing that information. Everyone deserves access to this life saving vaccine.

- As of April 18, 1,690,704 COVID-19 vaccine doses (By Resident County) were administered and reported to Nevada WebIZ.

- 42% of the population 16 and older has initiated vaccination and 28% of the population 16 and older has completed vaccination.

- The Mobile Vaccination Units or MVUs continue to make their way across the state, vaccinating people in our rural and tribal communities.

- Yesterday, the MVU on the Northern route started its event in Winnemucca and they will be there until 8 p.m. tonight. They will then travel to Battle Mountain to administer doses on April 21st from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- On the Southern route, the team finished their day in Round Mountain yesterday and today are on route to Alamo, where they will be administering vaccinations from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow, April 20.

- These are first come, first serve events and the mobile units are now stocked with the Pfizer vaccine, which is available to any Nevadan 16 and older.

- As always, Nevadans are encouraged to check out NVCOVIDFighter.org or call 1-800-401-0946 for the latest information on appointment availability in their county.
Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford

- We commonly see fake vaccine scams, but we also see scams involving the creation and sale of fake vaccination cards.

- These fake cards unlawfully state that you have been vaccinated when you have not. Online marketplaces and social media platforms are being used to advertise and sell these blank or fraudulently completed COVID-19 vaccine cards. Scammers even copy the CDC logo to make the fraudulent card appear legitimate. These deceptive cards threaten the health of our communities, delay our ability to protect from the virus, and violate many state laws.

- Providers who are lawfully authorized to administer the vaccine will give you a legitimate vaccination card on site. These cards will include your full name, date of birth, and patient number information.

- Making and selling fake vaccination cards is illegal. Know that Nevada law takes this conduct seriously and there could be criminal penalties. Every Nevadan is urged to be cautious of any advertising or sale of vaccination cards, as these are likely scams. And if you encounter a fake vaccine card, please file a complaint with the Attorney General’s Office by visiting AG.NV.GOV.

- For those of you Nevadans who have been vaccinated and have your legitimate vaccine card, be careful about posting your card on social media. Being vaccinated is exciting, but be aware that if you post your vaccine card, you’re also posting information that compromises your identity. Even the place where you were vaccinated should be kept private, particularly on social media platforms.

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