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**COVID-19 Dashboard updated to include antigen tests, probable cases**

Carson City, NV — Today, [Nevada's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) has been updated to include COVID-19 antigen test results and probable cases.

A COVID-19 case is considered "confirmed" with a positive Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT) molecular test. A case is considered "probable" when a person has a positive antigen test result.

In addition to the previously-published confirmed COVID-19 cases, probable cases will provide the State with a more comprehensive picture of COVID-19 in Nevada counties.

Most COVID-19 antigen tests are point-of-care tests that display results within 15 minutes, while the majority of molecular tests are sent to a laboratory and may take multiple days to receive results. Molecular tests are considered the gold-standard of confirmatory tests for COVID-19.

As the pandemic has progressed, antigen tests, also commonly called rapid or point-of-care tests, are being used at higher rates in many settings including schools and correctional facilities. With the addition of antigen tests to Dashboard data, the State's positivity rate and tests per 100,000 will be calculated using both testing methods.

Through these updates to Nevada's COVID-19 Dashboard, no previously published data will be removed and viewers can review confirmed cases separate from probable cases.

Additionally, molecular and antigen tests will be compiled separately to provide information on how many tests are being done in the State.

As of Sept. 30, more than 4.3 million molecular COVID-19 tests have been recorded in Nevada.

Additionally, as has occurred throughout the State's COVID-19 response, data is reviewed and updates are made to the Dashboard to be transparent and provide needed information. Today, the vaccination tab of the Dashboard has been updated to account for vaccine doses that need to be removed from the system as well as doses administered out-of-state to Nevadans that will be added to the Nevada resident tab. This data will be reviewed and incorporated on an ongoing basis moving forward.

Other updates to the Dashboard include a change to the vaccination age groups on the demographics page. Currently vaccination is only available for those age 12 and older and the page has been changed to more clearly show those vaccinated in the younger age group.

Third dose or booster vaccinations are not incorporated in this Dashboard update.

***Reminder:*** Updates to the Dashboard are applied incrementally and it may take up to an hour for all data to display.

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