Nevadans reminded of COVID-19 resources; cases expected to rise through May

Carson City, NV – Today, the Nevada Health Response is reminding all Nevadans to take steps to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 and prevent spread at spring gatherings like prom, graduation and other events. Additionally, the State wants to remind Nevadans of the resources available for vaccines, testing and treatment for COVID-19.

"As we move into spring and a time for many gatherings and celebrations we encourage all Nevadans to consider their health and the health of others as we know COVID-19 is present in Nevada communities," **said State Epidemiologist Melissa Peek-Bullock.** "Vaccination can protect you from COVID-19 and a layered strategy of masking, hand washing and social distancing can further protect against the virus. If you test positive for COVID-19 we have treatment available."

COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses are available in locations statewide and can protect against serious infection. Additionally, pre-exposure medication or oral antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments are available to those that are eligible soon after infection occurs.

As of May 9, the 14-day moving average of cases, confirmed and probable, has increased from 267 to 354, or 33% from the same time last week. The 7-day moving average of hospitalizations, confirmed and suspected, has

increased 21% (from 120 to 145). Data on [Nevada's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) is updated each Wednesday.

"While we do see our case numbers increasing, it is not unexpected and our health care infrastructure is in good shape," **said State Biostatistician Kyra Morgan.** "We recommend those who have symptoms or may have been exposed to test for COVID-19 and stay home if you are sick."

The following resources are available to Nevadans to help mitigate the risk of COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated against COVID-19.** Learn about the vaccines, and where and how to get your vaccine appointment at [NVCOVIDFighter.org](#) or call the vaccine hotline at 800-401-0946.
- **Get tested if you are exposed or have symptoms.** If you have symptoms or know that you have been exposed to COVID-19, get tested to prevent disease spread. Learn more about testing clinics, or free at-home tests available for pickup: https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/find-covid-19-testing-in-nevada/
- **Learn about therapeutics.** COVID-19 treatment appointments can be made through Nevada's hotline at 800-401-0946. The hotline can help determine if you are eligible for oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody treatments after infection or for pre-exposure medication to increase immune response if you were to be infected in the future. The pre-screening can also be done online at [NevadaCOVIDTreatment.com](#).

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