

# COVID SITUATION REPORT: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

## KEY POINTS:

- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 21.2% - **the highest 14-day test positivity rate since the start of the pandemic in Nevada.**
- Since the beginning of COVID in the state to today, a total of 36,063 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 22.2% of the total cases reported to date.
- There are now 125,394 downloads of the COVID Trace app.
  - A total of 65 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 44 related exposure notifications have been sent as a result of those cases.
- Last week, the COVID-19 Mitigation & Management Task Force held a meeting.
  - [Click here for the vaccine briefing update provided by the Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services.](#)
  - [Click here for the situation report update provided by the Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Services.](#)



For more information on the latest COVID-19 data and trends in Nevada, [CLICK HERE](#)

## DECEMBER 7 COVID-19 RESPONSE MEDIA UPDATE

Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services were **joined by Tina Dortch, Program Manager of the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity** to provide updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response and discuss the State's minority health and equity program, during a call with members of the media.

- As discussed on today's call, the COVID Response Toolkit will help educate, equip and maximize the service delivery capacity of persons or entities focused on addressing health-related needs across vulnerable communities. Content will be divided into 4 categories: (1) Cultural literacy strategies; (2) outreach and public awareness strategies; (3) contact tracing and emergency response strategies; (4) action planning and reporting strategies.

- On Dec. 14th, NOMHE and the NMHEC will conduct a webinar entitled “CARES Dollars in ACTION.” NOMHE will use the webinar to announce the activation date of our Toolkit and NMHEC will discuss the impact of the #OneCommunity Initiative.
- You can find more information about the NOHME COVID Response Tool Kit by clicking here: <http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/CHA/MH/>

More information from today’s update can be found in the attached Press Bulletin as well as on <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>.

**FIRST COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION IN NEVADA:** The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services received official notice from the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the state’s December COVID-19 vaccine allocation. Please see the attached press release with more information about the first distribution. I have also shared a graphic below that details the recipients of the first shipment of vaccinations. More information on Tier 1 individuals can be found in the [Nevada COVID-19 Vaccination Program Playbook](#).

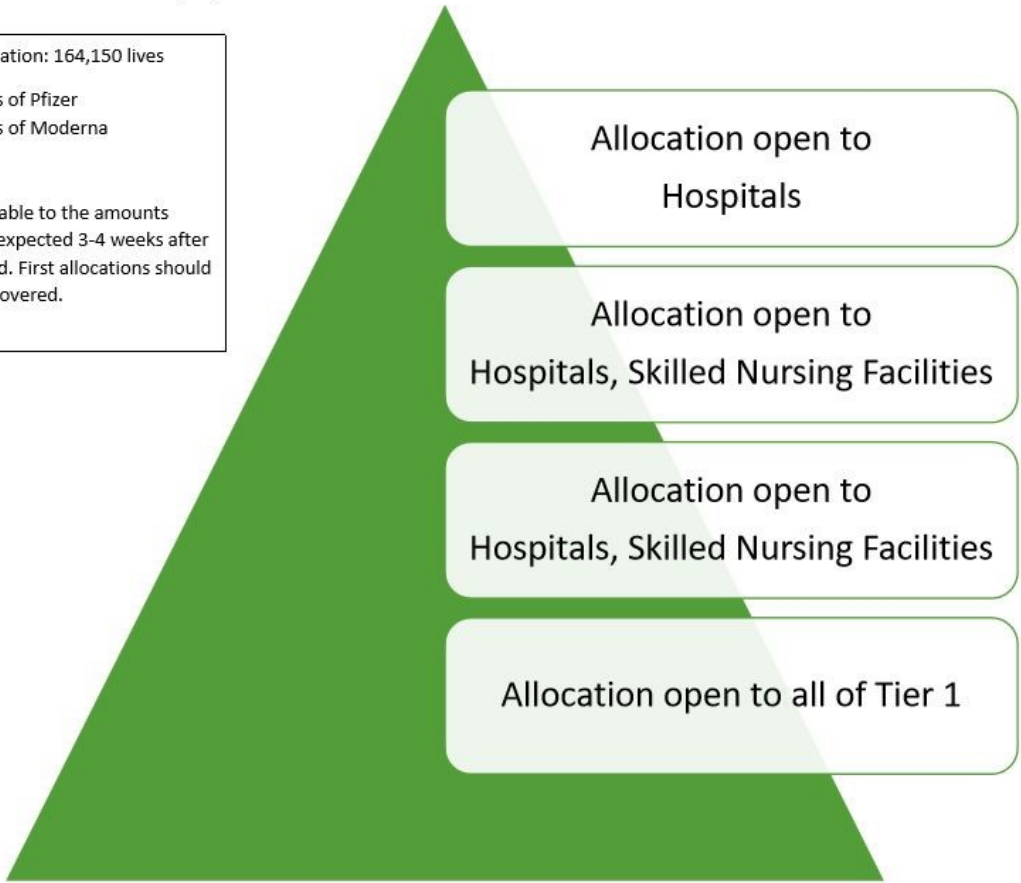
Additionally, on Friday, Nevada Health Response sent out this update regarding the first anticipated shipment of vaccines from the federal government: [CLICK HERE](#).

Nevada State Immunization Program  
 COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation  
 December Allocation Confirmed by Department of Defense

December total allocation: 164,150 lives

- 91,650 doses of Pfizer
- 72,500 doses of Moderna

\*Second doses equitable to the amounts indicated above are expected 3-4 weeks after initial doses delivered. First allocations should be considered lives covered.



**EXTENSION OF THE NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD TITLE 32:** Last week (12/3) the Governor's Office received notification from the White House on the extension of Title 32 for the National Guard deployment through March 31 (see excerpt below).

*"Today, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum on the Extension of the Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery. The Memorandum provides **75 percent Federal cost through March 31, 2021**, continuing the Federal government's historic support of the National Guard and Governors to effectively respond to COVID-19."*

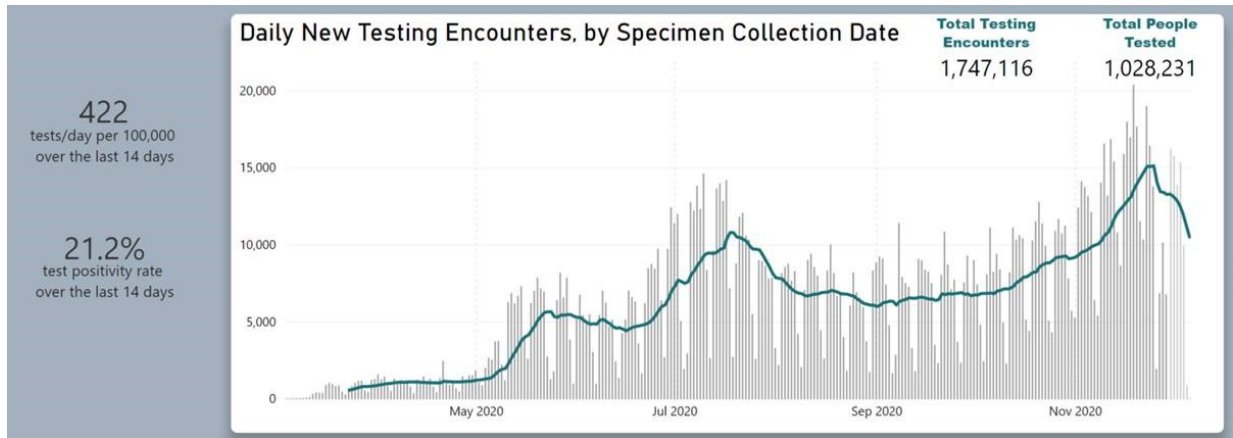
**REVISED CDC GUIDELINES ON QUARANTINE TIME:** Last week the CDC released revised guidance about the shortening of the quarantine period for those who were exposed to COVID-19.

- Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance regarding the shortening of the quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. Following the CDC's update, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services issued a Technical Bulletin to reflect new guidance. **Please review the Technical Bulletin attached to this email for more information and then share it with your networks, teams and employees.**
- Individuals may now resume normal activity after 7 days if they tested negative starting on day 5 of the quarantine or after 10 days if they remain asymptomatic and testing is not available.
- When testing is not available, individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 and remain asymptomatic must be quarantined for 10 days from the time of their most recent exposure. This includes, but is not limited to, at home quarantine, in a hotel or dormitory room, or in a group quarantine facility.

## STATEWIDE CASES

**170,587** total cases logged to date statewide

- Cases Since Yesterday: 2,448 new cases
  - 1,608 or approx. 65.7% were in Clark County.
  - 346 or approx. 14.1% were in Washoe County.
  - 494 or approx. 20.2% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.6%, or **2,631** new cases per day -- nearly double the seven-day case average between July 15 and July 21

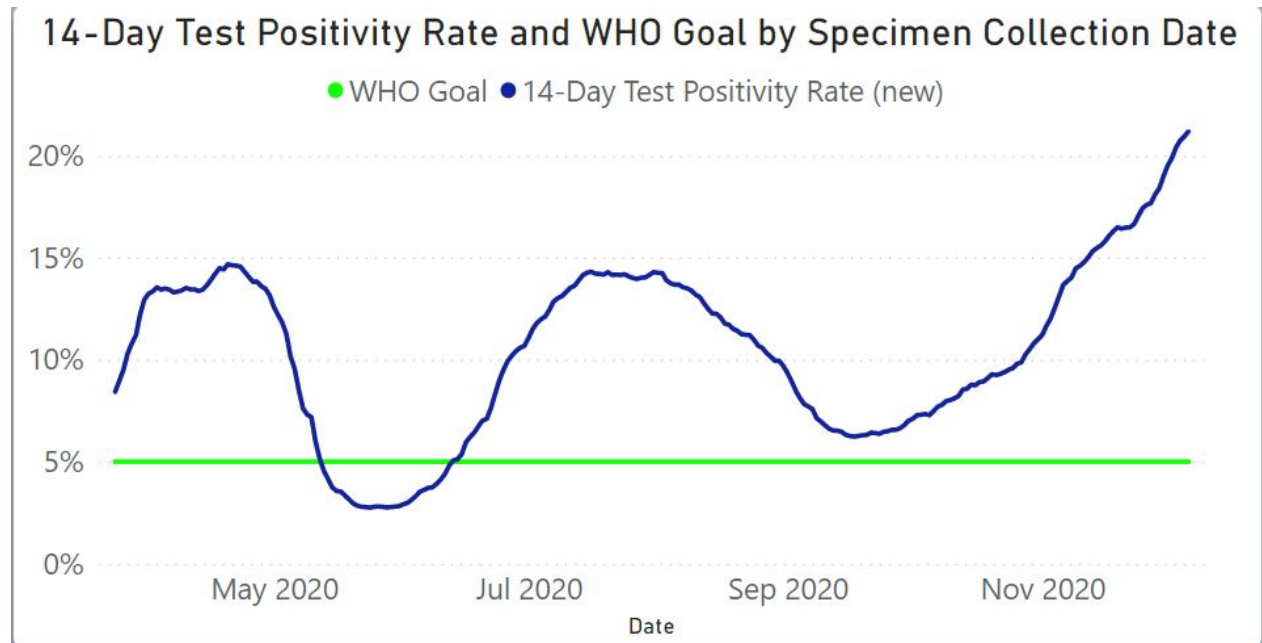


## STATEWIDE TESTING & POSITIVITY RATES

1,747,116 total molecular tests completed to date statewide

1,028,231 total people tested to date statewide

- Statewide Test Positivity Rate (over last 14 days): 21.2% -- - the highest 14-day test positivity rate since the start of the pandemic in Nevada ([Click here](#))
  - Clark: 17.3%
  - Washoe 21.2%
  - Remaining Counties: [Click here](#)
  - **Nevada is reporting 4 additional deaths.**



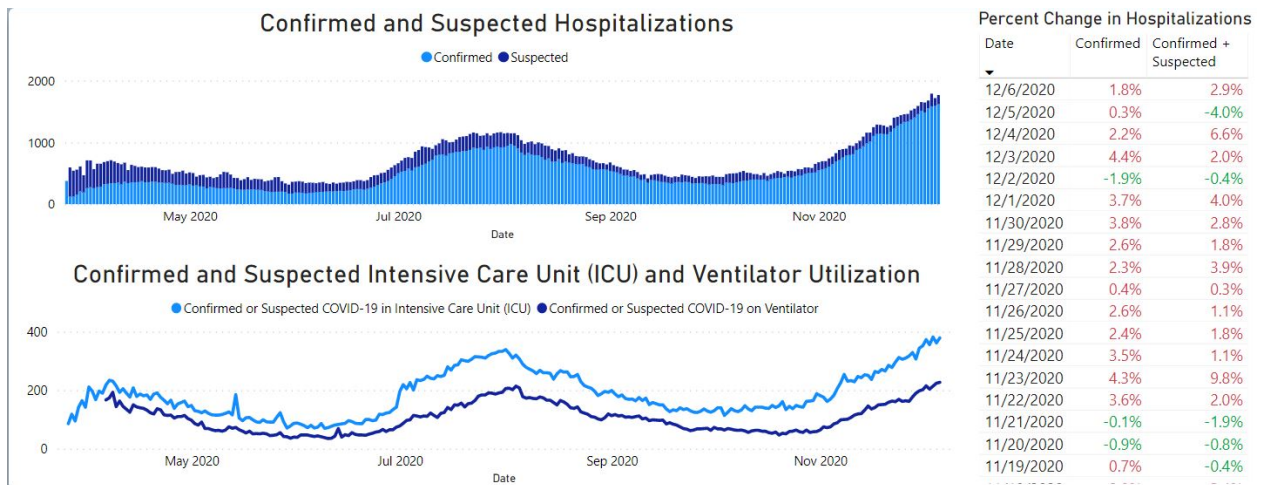
## HOSPITALIZATIONS

- According to the Nevada Hospital Association, Nevada continues to be in the midst of an increasing COVID-19 (hospitalization) curve and is experiencing rising numbers of people requiring intensive care and mechanical ventilation.
- In the past month (6 Nov. through 6 Dec.) hospitalized patients with COVID-19 have increased more than 230% (692 to 1617) and the need for mechanical ventilation has increased in excess of 250% with cases rising from 89 to 227 during this timeframe.
- The relative demand being placed on hospitals is now near 32% (% of hospitalized patients with COVID-19) and the Intensive Care burden is near 36% (percent of patients in the ICU with COVID-19).

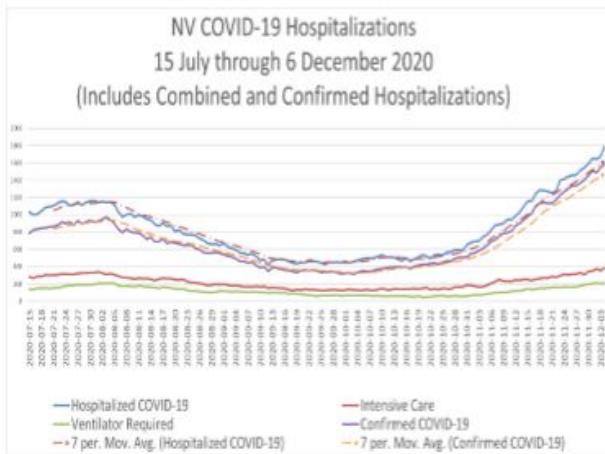
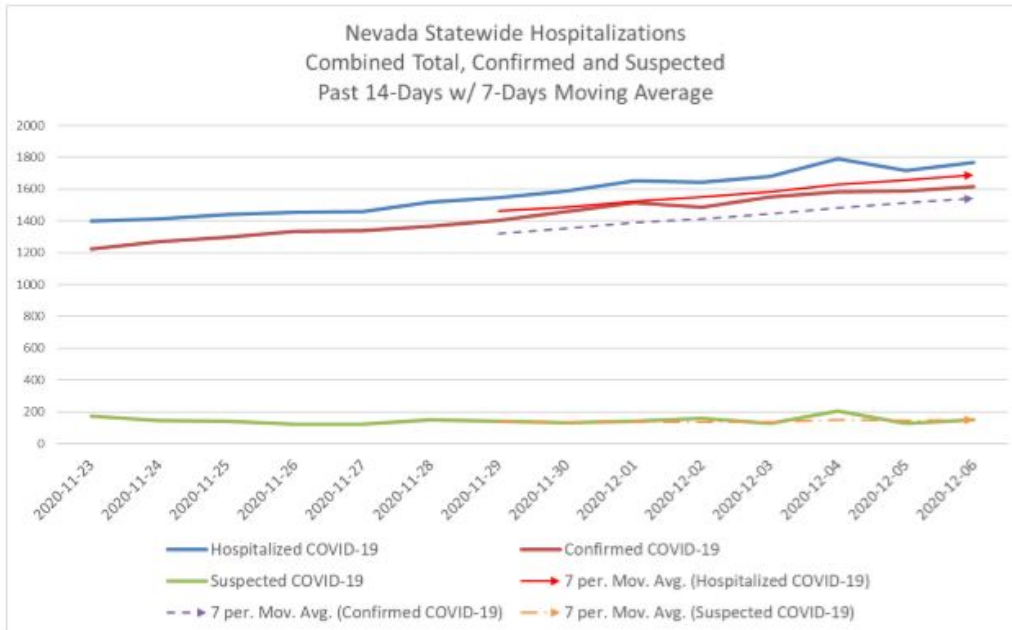
More information on hospitalization trends can be found on the [Nevada Hospital Association](#) website.

**Hospitalization data below is current as of December 6, 2020.**

- Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are now at 1,767 – (1,617 confirmed; 150 suspected). **This is the highest number of hospitalizations experienced in Nevada since the start of the pandemic.**
- Statewide Hospital Occupancy Rates are at 82%
- Statewide Ventilator Use is at 40%, for all patients
- Based on overall hospitalizations, current COVID loading in the infrastructure has increased over the last 2 weeks



### 6 December 2020 Statewide Data Set



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Unlike earlier increases in the hospitalization curve, hospitals are reporting sufficient levels of personal protective equipment and, access to COVID-19 testing is significantly improved. New therapeutics also are available including antibody infusions and a vaccine should be forthcoming within days to weeks.

## COUNTY TRACKER DATA WEEK TO WEEK

The County Criteria Tracker is released every Monday and can be found on the NV Health Response dashboard. For the second week in a row, all counties in Nevada, with the exception of Storey County, have been flagged for elevated disease transmission. All flagged counties are experiencing high test positivity rates and high cases per 100,000. Lincoln was the only county flagged for low testing, with an average number of 60 tests per day per 100,000.

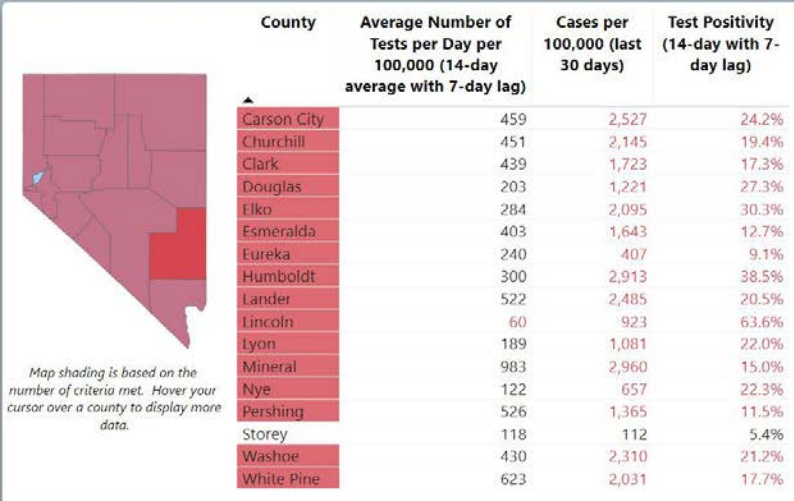
Data as of 12/7/2020

**County Tracker:** Nevada's counties are diverse in so many ways and have been impacted by COVID-19 differently. In order to ensure that each county is assessed for elevated disease transmission this tracker will be updated daily. Monday snapshots are used for discussion in COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force meetings. **A county is flagged for elevated disease transmission if it meets two of the three criteria:**

1. **Average number of tests per day (per 100,000) < 100.** The average number of molecular tests conducted in the most recent complete two week period in a county, divided by the number of people living in the county. This number is then multiplied by 100,000 to control for varying populations in counties. Due to reporting delay, this is reported over a 14-day period with a 7-day lag. Counties that average fewer than 100 tests per day will meet this criterion.

2. **Cases (per 100,000) > 200.** The total number of cases diagnosed and reported over a 30-day period divided by the number of people living in the county. This number is then multiplied by 100,000 to control for varying populations in counties. Counties with a case rate greater than 200 per 100,000 will meet this criterion.

3. **Cases (per 100,000) > 50 AND testing positivity > 8.0%.** The total number of positive molecular tests divided by the total number of molecular tests conducted. This number is then multiplied by 100 to get a percentage. Due to reporting delay (which may be different between positive and negative tests), this is reported over a 14-day period with a 7-day lag. Counties with a test positivity > 8.0% paired with case rate greater than 50 per 100,000 will meet this criterion.



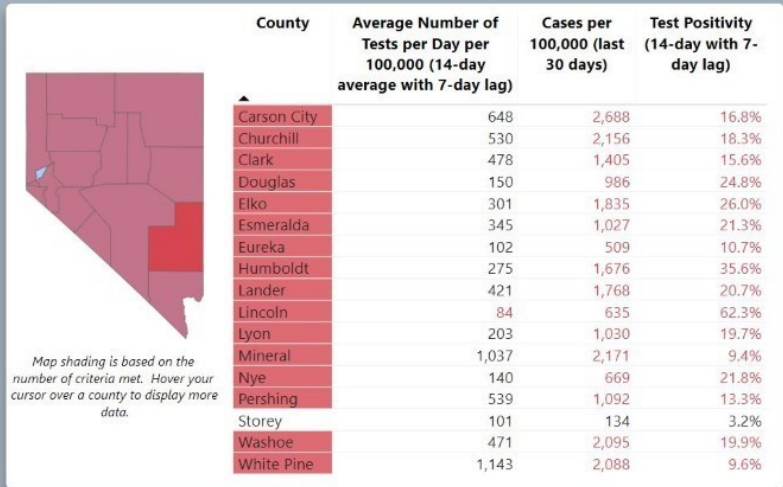
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## NEVADA STATEWIDE PAUSE

- As shared at [the Press Conference on November 22nd](#), the changes put in place under Directive 035 went into effect on Tuesday, November 24 and will remain in effect for at least three weeks.
- Attached to this email are several documents and graphics with more detailed information for each sector type that you are encouraged to share throughout your networks. These graphics have been translated into Spanish as well to help amplify your efforts.
- As a reminder every business, venue and gathering space must follow all social distancing requirements and are required to post their capacity limit under COVID-19 directives and guidelines at all public entrances pursuant to Emergency Directive 033, Section 8.

- **To assist you in this effort below are links to the signage documents that you can download and print to use in your businesses.**

[Capacity Signage – Landscape](#)

[Capacidad Limitada Signage – Landscape](#)

[Capacity Signage – Portrait](#)

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[All signage](#)

- Additionally all signage can be downloaded on the NV Health Response website under "[Directive 033](#)" guidance.

## HELPFUL DASHBOARDS

**Nevada Influenza Vaccination Dashboard – [Click Here](#)**

**COVID-19 Dashboard – [Click Here](#)**

**Nevada OSHA Enforcement Dashboard – [Click Here](#)**