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MAT Members,

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Thank you,

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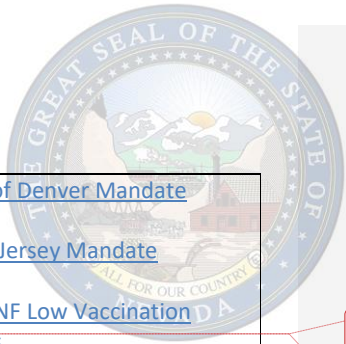
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Governor’s COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team Recommendation Summary (August 3, 2021)

Members: Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Dr. Trudy Larson, Dr. Brian Labus, Dr. Paul Sierzenski, Dr. Shadaba Asad



TOPIC:	RECOMMENDATION:	
<p>Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations for Those Who Work with Vulnerable Populations</p>	<p>Recommend the Governor, mandate all employees who reside in the State of Nevada who work with and serve vulnerable populations to become fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination to their employer. If employee is unvaccinated due to religious or medical exemptions, must be tested weekly for COVID-19 and show proof of negative PCR test.</p> <p>Recommend the Governor, require all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) faculty and students to become fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination, prior to the start of the fall semester 2021. If NSHE faculty or student is unvaccinated due to religious or medical exemptions, must be tested weekly for COVID-19 and show proof of negative PCR test.</p>	<p>City of Denver Mandate</p> <p>New Jersey Mandate</p> <p>NV SNF Low Vaccination Rates</p> <p>CDC Fully Vaccinated Definition</p>
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Commented [JPF1]: Do we need to define this further and specify if we are referring to all licensed facilities and healthcare providers? I believe the MAT’s intent was to keep broad.

Commented [JPF2R1]: Dr. Asad mentioned if an individual has documented adverse reaction to the vaccine, would they be required to test weekly. Can you confirm?

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We have a follow up meeting Thursday morning to finalize recommendations. The group uniformly supports vaccine mandates. They are still fleshing out mass gathering recommendations.

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Subject: Medical Advisory Team Recommendations
Attachments: COVID-19 Recommendations Summary FINAL 08052021.pdf
Importance: High

Attached are the recommendations from Medical Advisory Team unanimously agreed upon today. The reference to “existing pathways” for mandates refers to utilizing the authority of the State Board of Health.

Let me know if you need additional information or clarification on items. Richard

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Subject: RE: MAT Recommendations
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Good morning, please see attached final recommendations made by the MAT.

Thank you all for your time.

Best regards,

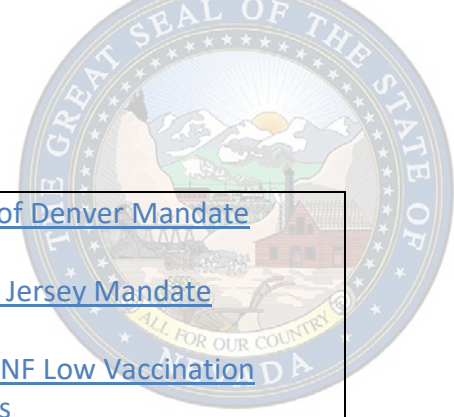
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- Public health officials have already begun discussions with the appropriate partners, including those at NSHE, to explore implementation on a timeline that would consider how long it takes to complete full vaccination with the upcoming academic calendar.
- I want to assure those returning to campuses in the coming weeks that this will have NO impact on your ability to return to classes this semester. If this is the direction taken, health officials will work with NSHE and higher ed partners to make sure any timeline is fair and reasonable.

Second, I am asking the Medical Advisory Team for a vaccination recommendation regarding those who work with vulnerable populations, like those in institutional settings, those working with the homeless community and those working in our healthcare system.

- These recommendations will help guide conversations and actions we can take moving forward. I am not afraid to take bold action and I look forward to reviewing the guidance and working with officials and partners to implement as necessary.

- More updates will be provided as we review recommendations and begin conversations with impacted parties and local officials.

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Governor Sisolak provides updates on COVID-19 in Nevada, seeks recommendations from Medical Advisory Team

LAS VEGAS, NV – Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak provided an update on the State's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada and outlined three requests he has sent to his Medical Advisory Team.

"Unless we increase our vaccination rates quickly, the virus will have time to mutate, the unvaccinated will continue to fill our hospitals and place unnecessary strain on our ability to treat all patients, and our economic progress will be threatened," **Gov. Sisolak said.** "That's why we're masking – to slow the spread as more Nevadans, as soon as possible, roll up their sleeves and get their shots."

The Governor outlined three requests he has already sent to the medical advisory team.

First, he is asking medical advisors to look at vaccination requirements for all students attending in-person classes at public colleges and universities under the Nevada

System of Higher Education.

If the medical advisory team recommends required vaccinations for students, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health will bring forward proposed regulations to the State Board of Health for consideration.

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The Governor's request will have NO impact on the ability of students to return to classes this semester. If this is the direction taken, health officials will work with NSHE and higher education partners to make sure any timeline is fair and reasonable.

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When the recommendations come back, the State will work with local officials, event managers, and operators of the state's largest venues to discuss how they can best implement safety protocols. The Governor is hopeful the private sector will continue to work with the State to accomplish these goals without a government mandate or a directive.

The full press conference can be found here: [Governor Sisolak provides COVID-19 Update - August 5, 2021](#)

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From: Madeline Burak <[REDACTED]>
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To: Michelle White
Cc: Madeline Burak
Subject: Today's COVID-19 Situation Report
Attachments: Governor Sisolak provides updates on COVID-19 in Nevada, seeks recommendations from Medical Advisory Team .pdf; 8.5.21 Situation Report.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see today's COVID-19 Situation Report [linked here](#) and attached.

Today's in-person press conference with the Governor took the place of the regularly scheduled press call. The regular press call will be moved to tomorrow, Friday at 1:00 PM. To view today's Press Conference please [click here](#) to be directed to our YouTube page.

Today the Governor outlined three requests he has already sent to the Medical Advisory Team:

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3. To look at how Nevada can make large gatherings safer, understanding that the Delta variant is more infections than anything the State has seen before in this pandemic.

I have attached the post-event press release here with more information about today's conference. If you have any questions on this or regarding any of the guidance that has been shared over the last two weeks please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Madeline

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT: FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

PLEASE SHARE

COVID-19 Vaccine Information / Vaccination Resources Available to Nevadans:

Access the website via www.NVCOVIDFighter.org

Call Nevada's vaccine hotline at 1-800-401-0946, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Use the live chat at www.NVCOVIDFighter.org, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

In off-hours, users can send an email via the chat, and representatives will respond when they return.

IT'S VAX NEVADA DAYS!

ICYMI Last night, 204 vaccinated individuals aged 12 and older were selected as winners in the fifth Vax Nevada Days drawing at the Carpenters Union Hall in Las Vegas. Each week of Vax Nevada Days there will be random drawings to pick vaccinated Nevada residents as winners of cash prizes up to \$1,000,000, post-secondary education saving plans, state parks annual passes or fishing licenses. Winners will be announced weekly with the winner of the GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,000,000 announced on August 26, 2021. Vaccinated Nevada residents will have nearly 2,000 opportunities to win. For questions you're welcome to head to www.vaxnevadadays.org or call 1-800-401-0946. **Don't forget to help us spread the word on your organization's social media platform using the hashtag #VaxNevadaDays!** Here's a link to our [Social Media Toolkit](#) with graphics in English and Spanish.



KEY POINTS:

- Today Nevada surpassed 6,000 deaths related to COVID-19.

- Hospitalizations have surpassed last summer's levels and continue to grow, though at slowing rates. Hospitalization rates lag a few weeks behind cases.

COVID-19 RESPONSE MEDIA UPDATE – FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

Today, Candice McDaniel, Deputy Director of Programs for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts during a call with members of the media.

MEDICAL ADVISORY TEAM (MAT) RECOMMENDATIONS

As the COVID response has progressed and things have changed the State continues to consider all options and look at available resources to protect the health of our communities.

As Governor Sisolak discussed yesterday, he asked the Medical Advisory Team (MAT) to meet recently to discuss three topics:

1. Vaccination for higher education students;
2. Recommendations for those who work with vulnerable populations; and
3. Review of how to make large gatherings safer

When it comes to vaccination of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) students, the MAT is in agreement with the unanimous recommendation from the NSHE COVID-19 Task Force to require vaccinations. This is the first step in a layered recommendation process. The next step is to work with stakeholders and NSHE leaders to review timelines so regulations can be developed by the State Immunization Team and ultimately brought forward to the State Board of Health.

The State Board of Health is the final decider for passing school vaccine mandates by approving regulations drafted by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

The Governor recently announced that all State employees would either need to be vaccinated, or be tested for COVID-19 each week.

NSHE employees are subject to the State of Nevada employee policy requiring proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing.

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VACCINATION

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At this time there is not evidence that pushing out the second dose makes it less effective.

Second, even if you had COVID-19 you should still get the vaccine. If you were ill recently, or have questions or a medical condition, you should speak to a trusted health care professional.

At this time, it is not known how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called “natural immunity,” varies from person to person.

As of yesterday, 91,061 individuals ages 12 to 17 have been vaccinated.

Recently Elko County teens have seen an increase in vaccination, 44% of their vaccines in July were in the 12-18 year old age group.

Finally, when it comes to vaccination efforts being conducted by federal, state, local and community partners the State is seeing initial signs of success.

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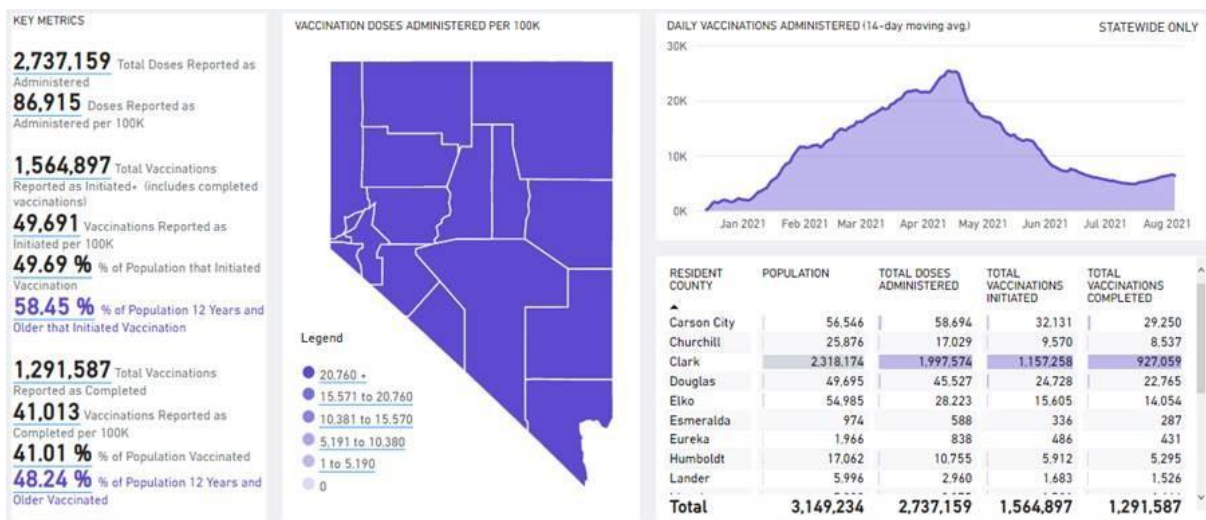
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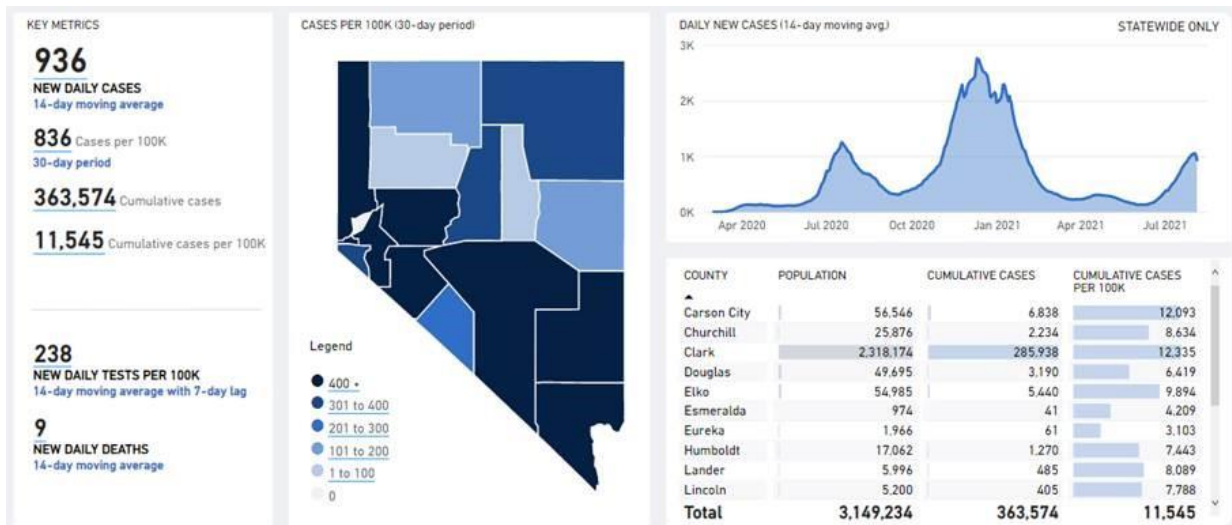
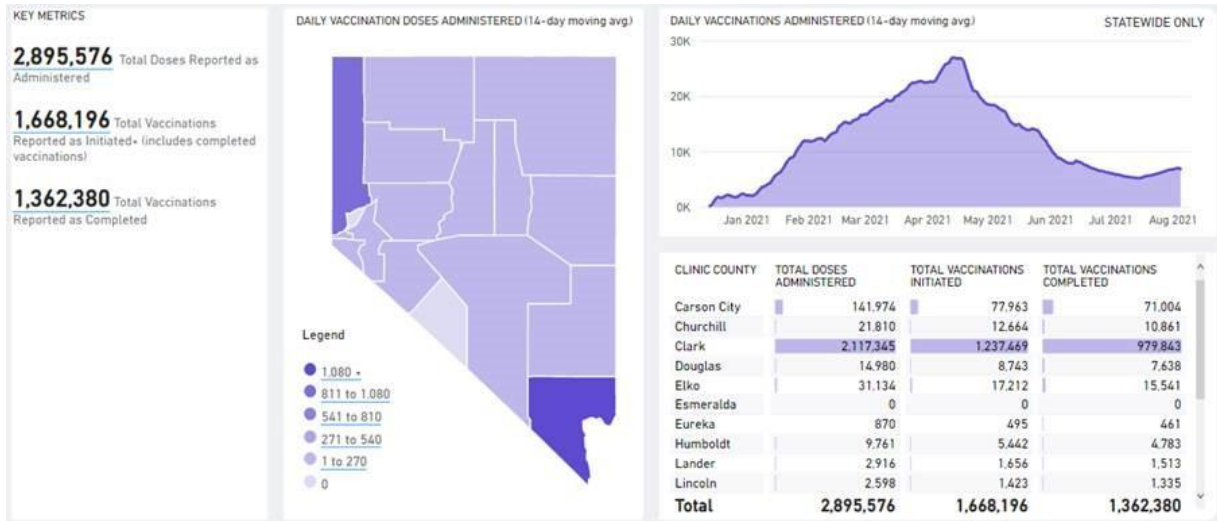
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BY COUNTY



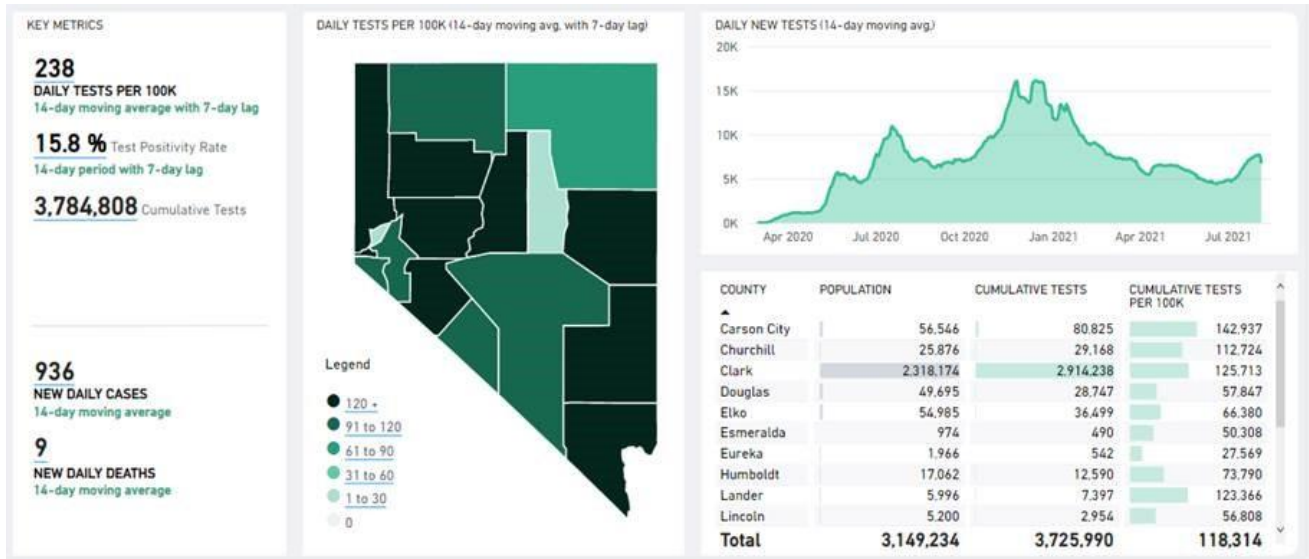
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STATEWIDE CASES

363,574 total cases logged to date statewide

- **Cases Since Yesterday:** 1,299 new cases
 - 956 or approx. 73.6% were in Clark County.
 - 228 or approx. 17.6% were in Washoe County.
 - 115 or approx. 8.8% were spread throughout the rest of the State.

The 14-day rolling average of daily cases is 936



STATEWIDE TESTING & POSITIVITY RATES

3,784,808 total molecular tests completed to date statewide

1,785,849 total people tested

Nevada is reporting 26 additional COVID-19 deaths.

- Statewide Test Positivity Rate (over last 14 days): 15.8%. ([Click here](#))
 - Clark: 16.7%
 - Washoe 13.8%
 - Remaining Counties: [Click here](#)

HOSPITALIZATIONS

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

Hospitalization data below is current as of August 6, 2021.

- Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are now at 1,230 – (1,123 confirmed; 107 suspected).
- Statewide Hospital Occupancy Rates are at 13%
- Statewide Ventilator Use is at 35%, for all patients

Region	PPE	Supplies	Vents	Staffing	% of Patients in the hospital with COVID	% of Patients in the ICUs With COVID	Hosp. Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)	ICU Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)
NORTH	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
SOUTH	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
RURAL	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green

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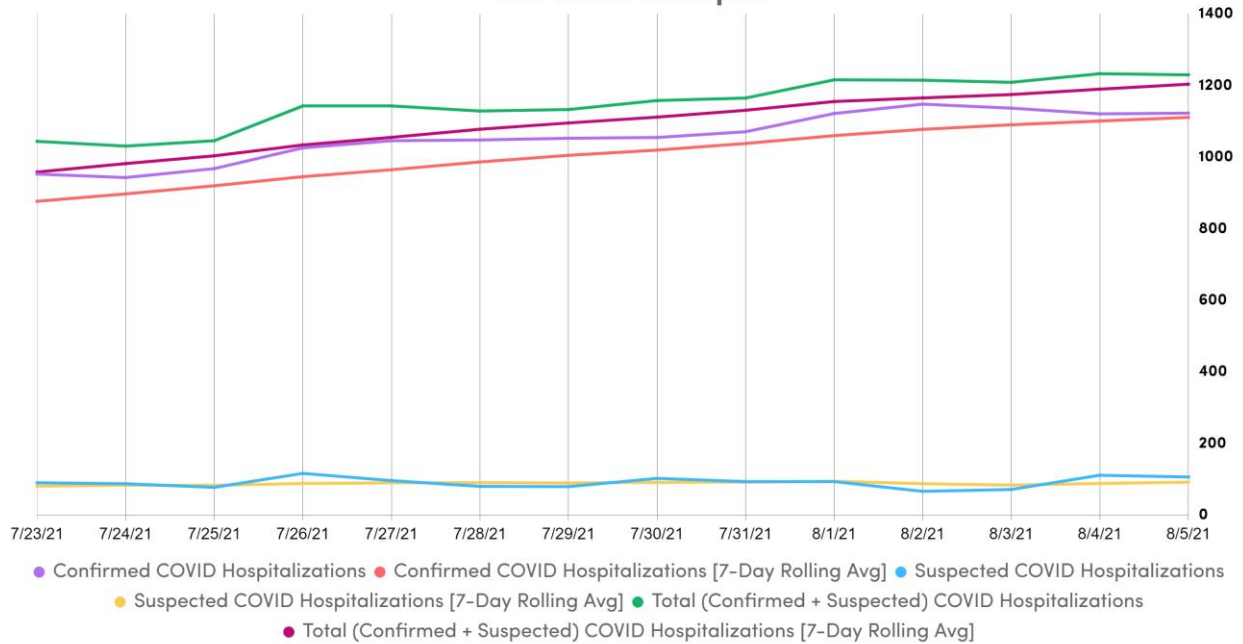
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Two Week Timespan



NORTHERN COUNTIES

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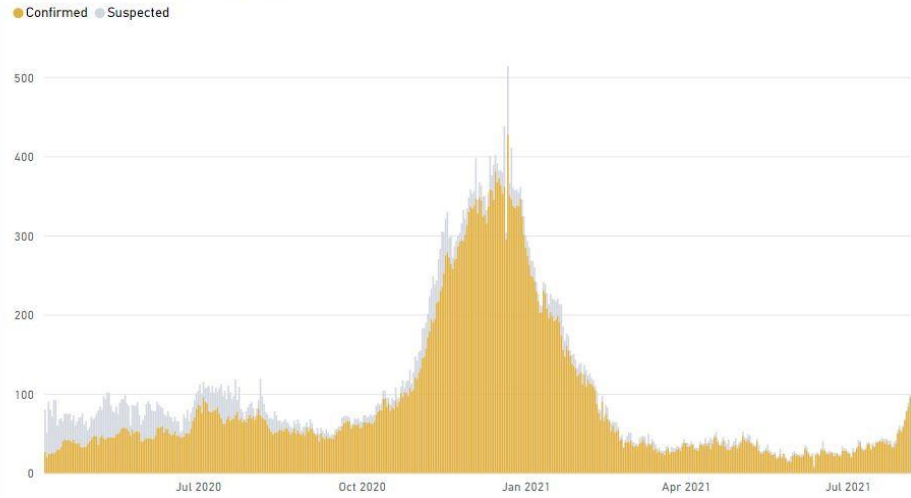
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HOSPITALIZATIONS
For the most recent day

95 Confirmed

4 Suspected

Day	Confirmed (% change)	Confirmed + Suspected (% change)
08/05/21	13.1% ▲	11.2% ▲
08/04/21	7.7% ▲	12.7% ▲
08/03/21	16.4% ▲	16.2% ▲
08/02/21	15.5% ▲	13.3% ▲
08/01/21	11.5% ▲	11.1% ▲
07/31/21	-5.5% ▼	-10.0% ▼
07/30/21	10.0% ▲	11.1% ▲
07/29/21	35.1% ▲	28.6% ▲
07/28/21	12.1% ▲	7.7% ▲
07/27/21	3.1% ▲	14.7% ▲
07/26/21	-13.5% ▼	-17.1% ▼

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS



SOUTHERN COUNTIES

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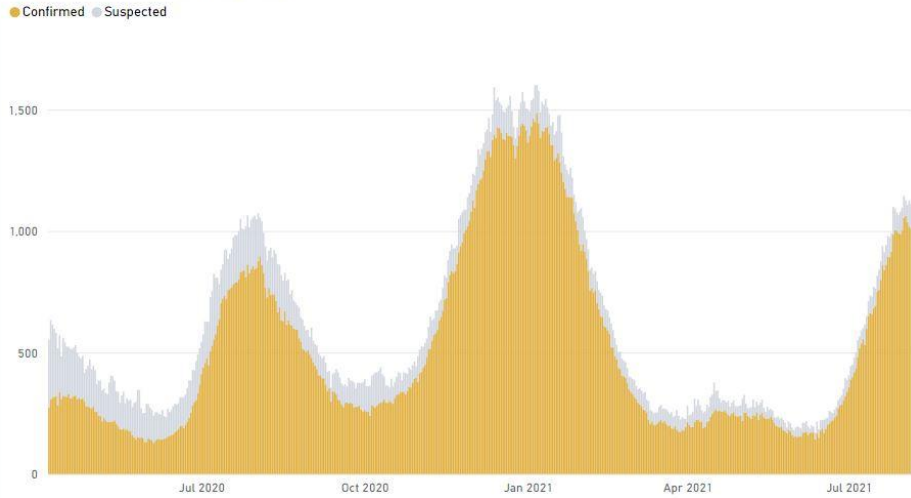
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HOSPITALIZATIONS
For the most recent day

1,011 Confirmed

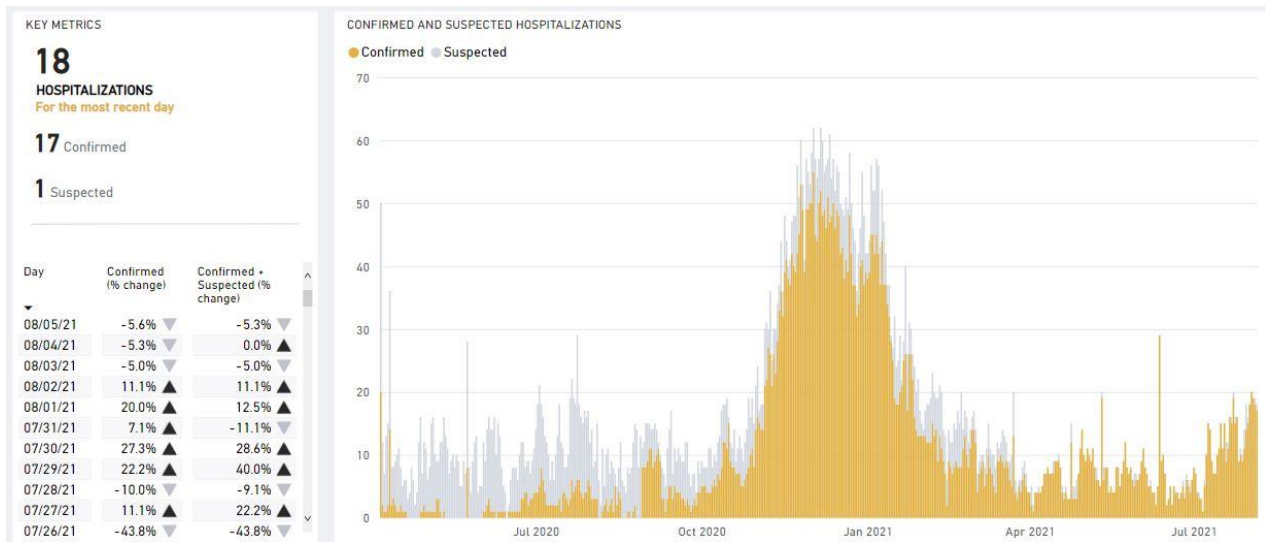
102 Suspected

Day	Confirmed (% change)	Confirmed + Suspected (% change)
08/05/21	-0.8% ▼	-1.1% ▼
08/04/21	-1.6% ▼	1.5% ▲
08/03/21	-2.4% ▼	-1.7% ▼
08/02/21	0.7% ▲	-1.7% ▼
08/01/21	5.0% ▲	4.7% ▲
07/31/21	1.8% ▲	1.4% ▲
07/30/21	-0.6% ▼	1.4% ▲
07/29/21	-1.0% ▼	-1.1% ▼
07/28/21	-0.1% ▼	-1.5% ▼
07/27/21	1.8% ▲	-0.6% ▼
07/26/21	7.7% ▲	11.2% ▲

CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS



RURAL COUNTIES



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**NEVADA
HEALTH
RESPONSE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 6, 2021

Meghin Delaney

Communications Director

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COVID-19 Press Bulletin for August 6, 2021

Carson City, NV — Today, Candice McDaniel, Deputy Director of Programs for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services provided updates on Nevada’s ongoing COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts 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:

- Nevada is currently experiencing a surge in cases and hospitalizations similar to last summer’s levels.
- Cases have not reached the same levels as last year, but are very close.
- Hospitalizations have surpassed last summer’s levels and continue to grow, though at slowing rates. Hospitalization rates lag a few weeks behind cases.
- Efforts to mitigate this surge include the vaccine campaign, mask mandate in high transmission counties, K-12 masking, state employee vaccination and testing along with local governments and private sector businesses taking similar actions.

MAT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- As the Governor discussed yesterday, vaccines are the way out of this pandemic and the State is encouraging everyone who has been waiting, to get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- It is free and available in so many locations now.
- The goal is to remove all barriers and make sure there is vaccine for everyone who wants it.
- As the COVID response has progressed and things have changed the State continues to consider all options and look at available resources to protect the health of our communities.
- As Governor Sisolak discussed yesterday, he asked the Medical Advisory Team (MAT) to meet recently to discuss three topics:
 - vaccination for higher education students;
 - recommendations for those who work with vulnerable populations; and
 - review of how to make large gatherings safer
- When it comes to vaccination of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) students, the MAT is in agreement with the unanimous recommendation from the NSHE COVID-19 Task Force to require vaccinations. This is the first step in a layered recommendation process. The next step is to work with stakeholders and NSHE leaders to review timelines so regulations can be developed by the State Immunization Team and ultimately brought forward to the State Board of Health.
- The State Board of Health is the final decider for passing school vaccine mandates by approving regulations drafted by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- The Governor recently announced that all State employees would either need to be vaccinated, or be tested for COVID-19 each week.
- NSHE employees are subject to the State of Nevada employee policy requiring proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing.
- The State will be providing updates related to the other requests made to the MAT as there is more information to share.

VACCINATION:

- If you received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine it is so important to get both shots.
- This will provide the full protection against the virus.
- Even if you got your first dose but never made it back for your second shot, it is never too late to get your second dose and you will not need to start the vaccination series over.
- At this time there is not evidence that pushing out the second dose makes it less effective.
- Second, even if you had COVID-19 you should still get the vaccine.
- If you were ill recently, or have questions or a medical condition, you should speak to a trusted health care professional.
- At this time, it is not known how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19.
- The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called "natural immunity," varies from person to person.
- As of yesterday, 91,061 individuals ages 12 to 17 have been vaccinated.
- Recently Elko County teens have seen an increase in vaccination, 44% of their vaccines in July were in the 12-18 year old age group.
- Finally, when it comes to vaccination efforts being conducted by federal, state, local and community partners the State is seeing initial signs of success.
- In addition to the overall increase in vaccinations, preliminary data on the efforts in targeted Southern Nevada zip codes where canvassing and outreach efforts have been conducted is showing an increase in those zip codes compared to zip codes where no canvassing has occurred.

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Shannon Litz

From: Madeline Burak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 4:43 PM
To: Michelle White
Cc: Madeline Burak
Subject: Today's COVID-19 Situation Report
Attachments: Governor Sisolak provides updates on COVID-19 in Nevada, seeks recommendations from Medical Advisory Team .pdf; 8.5.21 Situation Report.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see today's COVID-19 Situation Report [linked here](#) and attached.

Today's in-person press conference with the Governor took the place of the regularly scheduled press call. The regular press call will be moved to tomorrow, Friday at 1:00 PM. To view today's Press Conference please [click here](#) to be directed to our YouTube page.

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3. To look at how Nevada can make large gatherings safer, understanding that the Delta variant is more infections than anything the State has seen before in this pandemic.

I have attached the post-event press release here with more information about today's conference. If you have any questions on this or regarding any of the guidance that has been shared over the last two weeks please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Madeline

Madeline S. Burak
Director of Community Outreach & Constituent Affairs
Office of Governor Steve Sisolak





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August 5, 2021

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**Governor Sisolak provides updates on COVID-19 in Nevada,
seeks recommendations from Medical Advisory Team**

LAS VEGAS, NV – Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak provided an update on the State’s efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada and outlined three requests he has sent to his Medical Advisory Team.

“Unless we increase our vaccination rates quickly, the virus will have time to mutate, the unvaccinated will continue to fill our hospitals and place unnecessary strain on our ability to treat all patients, and our economic progress will be threatened,” **Gov. Sisolak said.** “That’s why we’re masking – to slow the spread as more Nevadans, as soon as possible, roll up their sleeves and get their shots.”

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Public health officials have already begun discussions with the appropriate partners, including those at NSHE, to explore implementation on a timeline

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The full press conference can be found here: [Governor Sisolak provides COVID-19 Update - August 5, 2021](#)

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT: THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

PLEASE SHARE

COVID-19 Vaccine Information / Vaccination Resources Available to Nevadans:

Access the website via www.NVCOVIDFighter.org

Call Nevada's vaccine hotline at 1-800-401-0946, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Use the live chat at www.NVCOVIDFighter.org, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

In off-hours, users can send an email via the chat, and representatives will respond when they return.

IT'S VAX NEVADA DAYS!

ICYMI Last Thursday, 226 vaccinated individuals aged 12 and older were selected as winners in the fourth Vax Nevada Days drawing at Hometown Health in South Reno. **Tonight, don't miss the fifth drawing taking place at the Las Vegas Carpenters Union at 6:00 PM. The event will be streamed on the Nevada Health Response YouTube Channel.** Each week of Vax Nevada Days there will be random drawings to pick vaccinated Nevada residents as winners of cash prizes up to \$1,000,000, post-secondary education saving plans, state parks annual passes or fishing licenses. Winners will be announced weekly with the winner of the GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,000,000 announced on August 26, 2021. Vaccinated Nevada residents will have nearly 2,000 opportunities to win. For questions you're welcome to head to www.vaxnevadadays.org or call 1-800-401-0946. **Don't forget to help us spread the word on your organization's social media platform using the hashtag #VaxNevadaDays!** Here's a link to our [Social Media Toolkit](#) with graphics in English and Spanish.



COVID-19 RESPONSE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR SISOLAK

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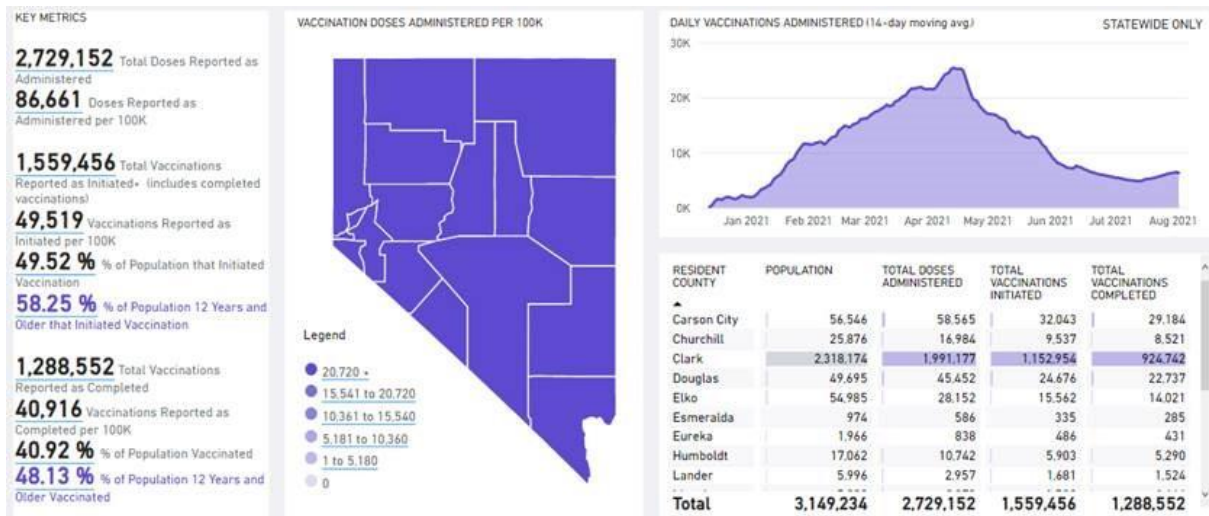
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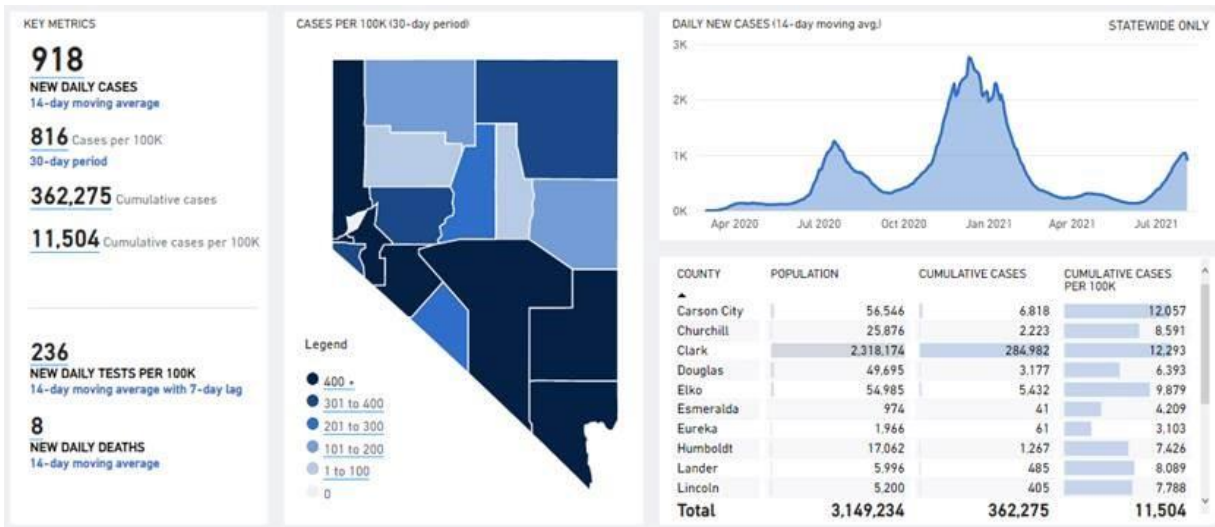
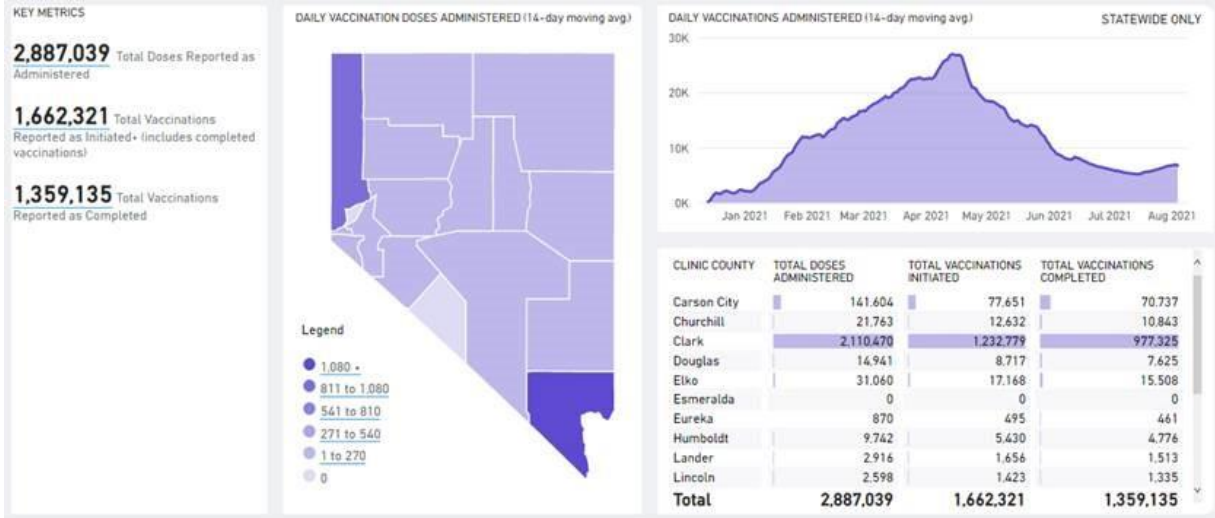
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BY COUNTY



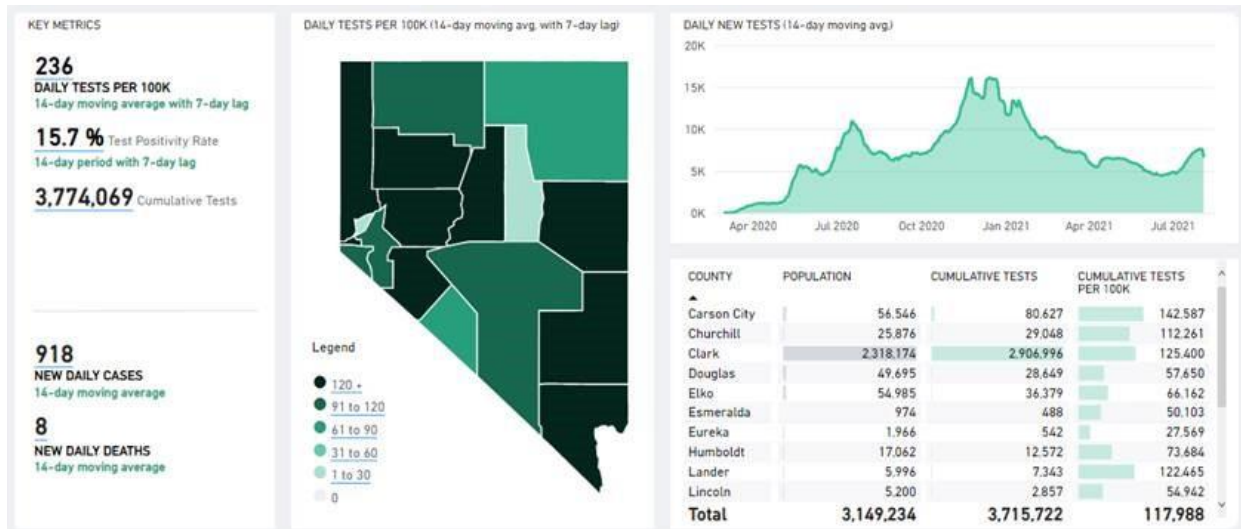
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STATEWIDE CASES

362,275 total cases logged to date statewide

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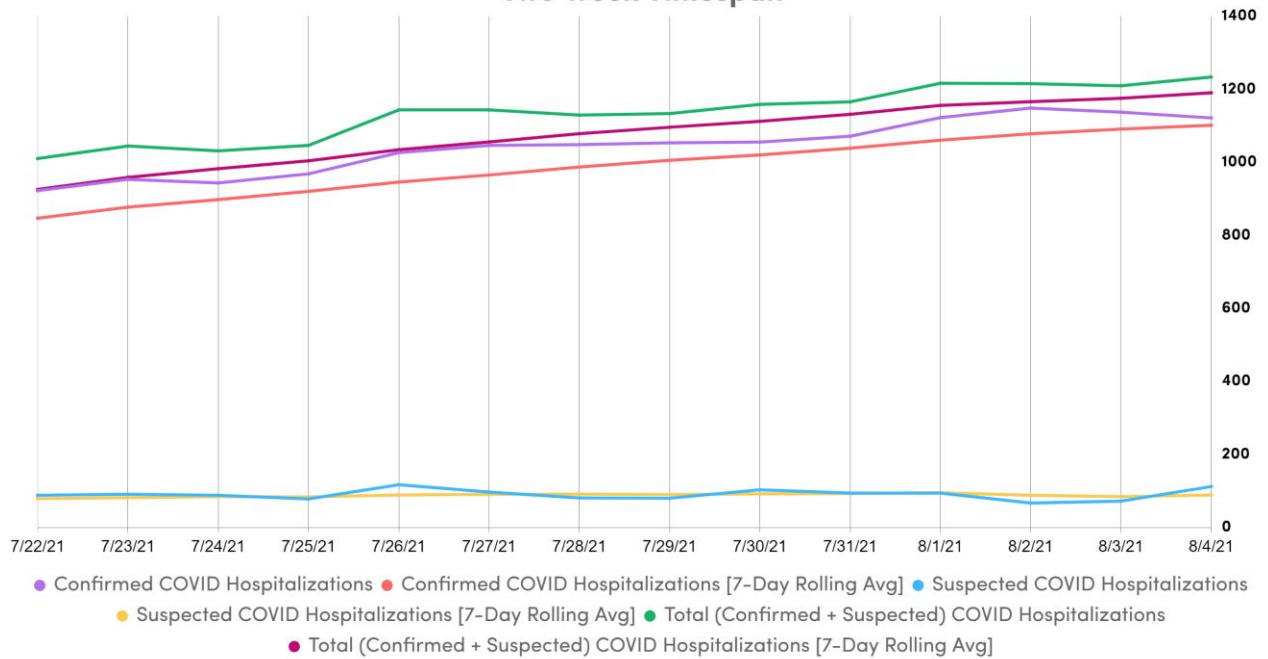
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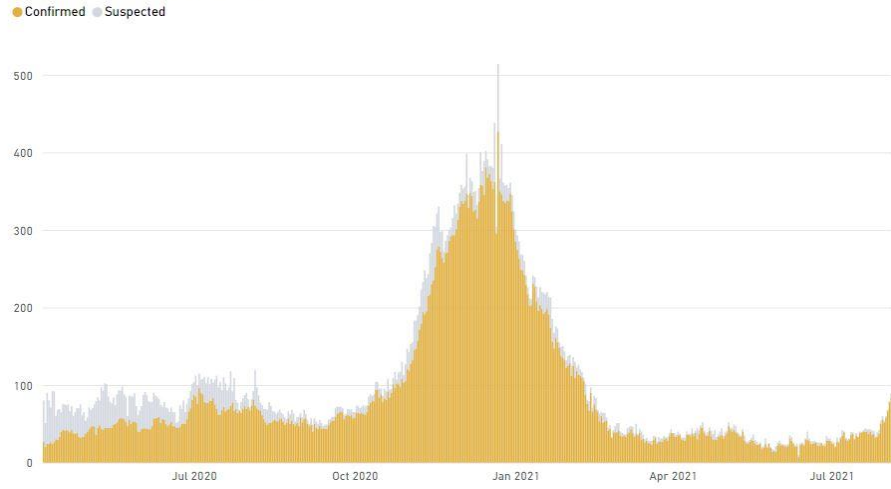
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HOSPITALIZATIONS
For the most recent day

84 Confirmed

5 Suspected

Day	Confirmed (% change)	Confirmed + Suspected (% change)
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08/03/21	16.4% ▲	16.2% ▲
08/02/21	15.5% ▲	13.3% ▲
08/01/21	11.5% ▲	11.1% ▲
07/31/21	-5.5% ▼	-10.0% ▼
07/30/21	10.0% ▲	11.1% ▲
07/29/21	35.1% ▲	28.6% ▲
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07/26/21	-13.5% ▼	-17.1% ▼
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CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS



SOUTHERN COUNTIES

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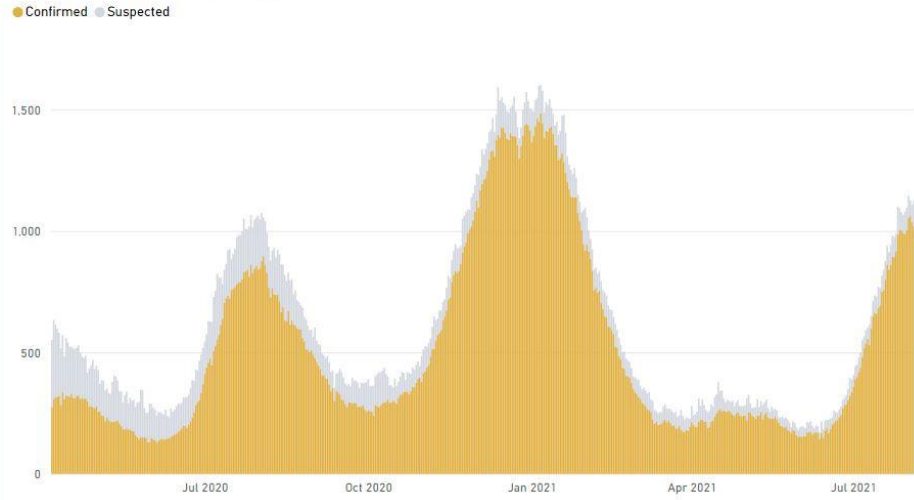
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HOSPITALIZATIONS
For the most recent day

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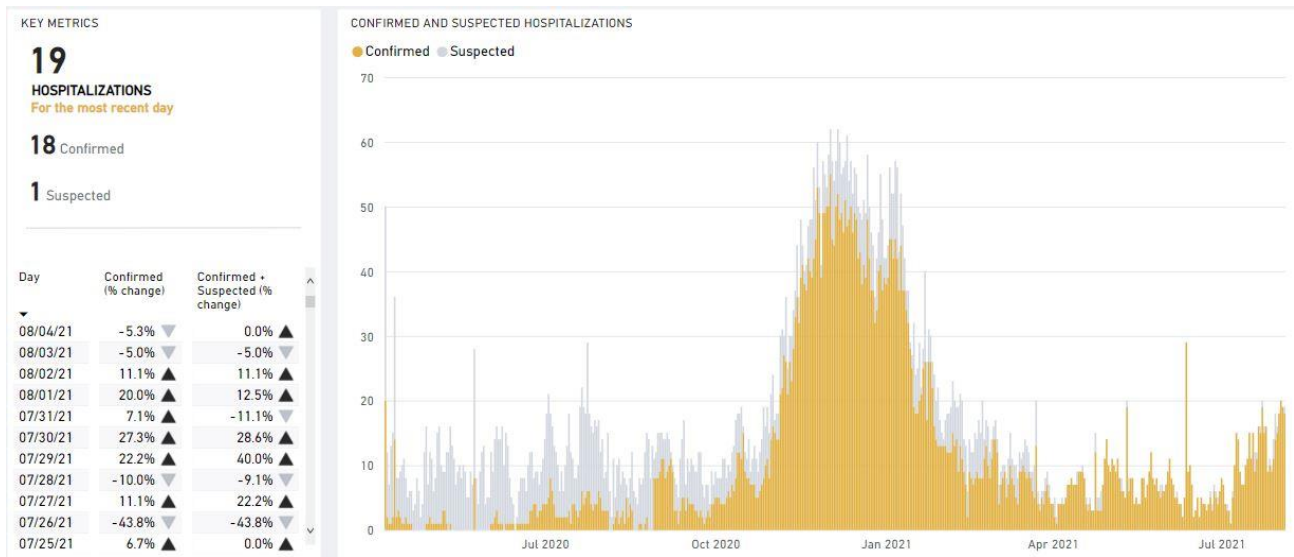
106 Suspected

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08/03/21	-2.4% ▼	-1.7% ▼
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CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED HOSPITALIZATIONS



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Shannon Litz

From: DuAne Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Laura E. Freed; Jennifer Ott; Terry Reynolds; Tyler Klimas; Brad Crowell; Charina De Asis; cadaniels; Superintendent Jhone Ebert; Elisa P. Cafferata; David Bobzien; Susan Brown; Michael Brown; Brian L. Mitchell; Richard Whitley; [REDACTED] Julie Butler; Stacey Montooth; [REDACTED]; George Togliatti; Melanie Young; Swallow, Kristina L.; Brenda Scolari; Katherine Miller; Tony Wasley; Rebecca Feiden; Laura Rich; Heather Korbolic; David W. Fogerson; Michael Visher; Stephanie Mullen; Tina Leiss; Marcie Ryba; Kate Marshall; Fred Dilger; David Hall
Cc: Michelle White; Kevin Benson; RanDee Brems; Jessica Diss; Jordan Hosmer-Henner; Joi Holliday-Sparrow; Meghan A. Delaney
Subject: Press Conference Highlights

In today's address the Governor spoke to the importance of vaccination being the pathway out of the pandemic. Vaccination and masking will be our greatest tools against the Delta variant surge.

"When we rolled back our mask mandate in May, Delta was less than 1% of cases. Today, it's greater than 90% in Nevada and, according to the CDC, vaccinated people exposed to Delta may be as contagious as unvaccinated, but have much less severe symptoms"

This week, the Governor sent a request to his medical advisory team for recommendations in three areas:

First, I am asking my medical advisors to look at vaccination requirements for all students attending in-person classes at our public colleges and universities under the Nevada System of Higher Education. Subsequent to my request to the MAT I was made aware that the NSHE COVID-19 has provided a recommendation unanimously recommends that the COVID-19 be required for anyone attending their institutions.

- Assuming that my medical advisory team is in agreement with those on the NSHE Task Force that believe this is necessary for Nevada's higher education institutions to join the hundreds of colleges and universities around the country in requiring COVID-19 vaccinations, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health will bring forward proposed regulations to the State Board of Health for consideration.
- Public health officials have already begun discussions with the appropriate partners, including those at NSHE, to explore implementation on a timeline that would consider how long it takes to complete full vaccination with the upcoming academic calendar.
- I want to assure those returning to campuses in the coming weeks that this will have NO impact on your ability to return to classes this semester. If this is the direction taken, health officials will work with NSHE and higher ed partners to make sure any timeline is fair and reasonable.

Second, I am asking the Medical Advisory Team for a vaccination recommendation regarding those who work with vulnerable populations, like those in institutional settings, those working with the homeless community and those working in our healthcare system.

- These recommendations will help guide conversations and actions we can take moving forward. I am not afraid to take bold action and I look forward to reviewing the guidance and working with officials and partners to implement as necessary.

- More updates will be provided as we review recommendations and begin conversations with impacted parties and local officials.

Finally, I am asking these medical advisors to look at how we can make large gatherings safer. Nevada is an incredible location for concerts, sporting events and so much more. We have a mask mandate in place, and I implore all Nevadans attending a large gathering to take it seriously and keep their masks on.

- However, understanding that the Delta variant is more infectious than anything we've seen before in this pandemic and having thousands of people in indoor settings – many of whom are unvaccinated, is high risk. That's why I've asked for recommendations on how these venues and large gatherings can do this right and how we protect one another.
- When I get these recommendations back, I will be working with local officials, event managers, and operators of our largest venues to discuss how they can best implement safety protocols. We've all seen private sector leaders step up to help in these efforts, and I'm hopeful they'll continue to work with us to accomplish these goals without a government mandate or a directive.

The Governor stated that as these recommendations come back, you'll be hearing updates from him and state officials. Again- our goal is to avoid rolling back. When adults get vaccinated, they protect those who can't. And because children under 12 are unlikely to become eligible for a few more months, we have an obligation to help protect them and help ensure they have a smooth and successful school year.

DuAne L. Young

Policy Director

Office of Governor Steve Sisolak

