Tuesday, May 19, 2020

This is a summary of today’s events based on various media briefings by federal, state, county and city officials.

**Cases – Reported as of Summary Time**

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Confirmed/Reported Cases</th>
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<td>California</td>
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<td>Claremont</td>
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**Hotspots (Top 3)**

- New York: 362,608
- New Jersey: 151,014
- Illinois: 98,030

Good sources for tracking data and updated a couple of times of day:
https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/
https://covid19.ca.gov/

**Federal Government/White House/National Coverage**

- The budget office projected that gross domestic product would contract by 11 percent in the second quarter and the jobless rate would hit 15 percent, with industries such as travel, hospitality and retail bearing the brunt of the losses. The recovery is expected to be gradual and by the end of next year, the agency expects the unemployment rate to be 8.6 percent.
- Trump administration extended border closures to Canada and Mexico until June 22.

**State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage**

12:00 p.m.

- Over the past week, the state has averaged 1,783 new cases and 72.6 new deaths per day.
- Roughly 79% of the dead were 65 or older. At least 1,143 were living at a nursing home.

**L.A. Department of Public Health/County of Los Angeles**

1:00 p.m.

- 76 new deaths and 1,183 new cases reported today.
• More than 359,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 and had the results reported to county health officials. Of those tests, 9% have been positive.
• 1,549 individuals are currently hospitalized; 5,914 total ever hospitalized.
• The ongoing serology study from USC and L.A. County’s Public Health Department was published Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Assn.
  o A new study suggests that substantially more people have been infected by the coronavirus than what Los Angeles County’s confirmed case count shows
  o The study tested 865 people for coronavirus antibodies during the second week of April, when roughly 8,430 cases of the virus had been confirmed in L.A. County. The findings suggest that the prevalence of antibodies among residents was 4.65%, an estimate that implies about 367,000 adults had been infected by the virus at the time. The preliminary findings reported last month estimated that 4.1% of county residents had contracted the virus.
  o The study indicates that the county has a long way to go before herd immunity is established. Neeraj Sood, the study’s lead author, also said the findings suggest that contact tracing methods to track and limit the spread of the virus could be challenging.
• The County Economic Resilience Task Force has a goal of reopening by July 4; L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis said any decisions made will be driven by public health and data.
• L.A. County has yet to qualify for a variance to move further into the second stage of reopening businesses, as defined by the state. The state threshold for a testing positivity rate is 8% for more than a week — the county has just recently gotten down to a 9% rate, per Dr. Ferrer, LA County Public Health Director.

Higher Education Status by School

• Eloy Ortiz Oakley, the chancellor of California’s community college system said many of the system’s 115 colleges will be fully online in the fall.
• The University of Notre Dame said it would resume in-person classes on Aug. 10. Classes will begin two weeks earlier than usual so students can complete a full semester by Thanksgiving, the university said. Notre Dame hopes that skipping a traditional fall break will reduce the likelihood that students will bring the virus back to its campus.
• University of Kentucky planning efforts include fever checkpoints at the entrances to academic buildings, one-way paths across the grassy quad, face masks required in classrooms and dining halls and a dormitory turned quarantine facility for any students exposed to the coronavirus.