

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Wednesday, May 27, 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

| Location | Confirmed/Reported Cases | Deaths |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| United States | 1,741,700 | 101,828 |
| California | 100,830 | 3,941 |
| Los Angeles County | 48,700 1.84% increase over 5/26 | 2,195 |
| Claremont | 38 | 0 |
| Hotspots (Top 3) | | |
| New York | 374,656 | 29,535 |
| New Jersey | 157,624 | 11,340 |
| Illinois | 114,306 | 5,083 |

Good sources for tracking data and updated a couple of times of day:

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-coronavirus-cases-tracking-outbreak/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Federal Government/White House/National Coverage

- Just over four months after the government confirmed the first known case, more than 100,000 people who had the coronavirus have died in the United States, according to a New York Times tally - far higher than in any other nation in the world.
- Walt Disney World will reopen on July 11 with mandatory face masks for all visitors and employees. Disney said its approach to reopening would include increased use of plexiglass barriers and contactless payment systems. All visitors will need a reservation. Temperature checks will be conducted at entrances. Disney also said its parades, fireworks displays and character meet-and-greets would be suspended because of crowd control concerns.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

1:00 p.m.

- Dr. Sara Cody, health officer for Santa Clara County who was the architect of the first shelter-in-place order in the nation is criticizing California's increasingly fast pace of reopening. Specifically, gatherings of up to 100 people are troubling to her.
- At least 47 of California's 58 counties have filed their county variance attestations to prove that they meet the criteria to reopen more quickly than the rest of the state, per Gov Newsom. The Governor has been in talks with leaders in Los Angeles County about the possibility of allowing some areas there to reopen more quickly than others.

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

1:00 p.m.

- 53 new deaths and 933 new cases reported today.
- More than 574,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 and had the results reported to county health officials. Of those tests, 8% have been positive.
- The new Health Officer Order issued yesterday, called Safer at Work and in the Community, allows for the reopening of houses of worship, office worksites, in-store shopping at retail establishments, including indoor malls and shopping centers, flea markets, swap meets and drive-in movie theaters.
- Houses of worship can operate at 25% capacity or with a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower, and retail establishments can operate at 50% capacity.
- Pools, hot tubs and saunas that are in a multi-unit residence or part of a homeowners' association can also open.
- Political protests with limited numbers of participants are also allowed.
- This Order aligns the County with the State's Orders.
- Everyone must continue to follow distancing and infection control protocols and wear a clean cloth face covering that securely covers both your nose and mouth when in contact with other people not in your household.
- Public and private gatherings of any number of people outside of a single household unit are still not permitted except for public protests and faith-bases services as described in the Order.
- The Health Officer Order continues to require specific higher-risk businesses to remain closed and prohibit dining in at restaurants. Restaurants are still allowed to serve food to customer via delivery, take-out or drive-thru.
- Dr. Barbara Ferrer shared the following "cardinal rules" as we continue to reopen:
 - Keep wearing face coverings in public
 - Maintain six feet of distance
 - Anyone who is showing symptoms or who tests positive should self-isolate for at least 10 days
 - Anyone who had contact with someone known to be infected should self-quarantine for 14 days (the incubation period of the virus)
- Dr. Ferrer also shared the following reminder scenario of what could happen if the above is not followed:
 - "If there are 2 million more people going to offices, stores and houses of worship now, and even 2% are infected with COVID-19, we would have 40,000 people moving about that are capable of spreading this virus. And if each infected person transmits to even just one other person, there could be 80,000 people infected

over a couple of weeks. And if we assume that 5% of people who are infected with COVID-19 may need to be hospitalized, that would be 4,000 additional folks that would need a hospital bed without taking a lot of care to make sure infected people do not infect others, we could easily get to a place where the hospitals are overwhelmed.”

- A task force of school district leaders from around Los Angeles County released a framework for reopening campuses. The guidelines for K-12 are not orders and it is up to the individual districts to move forward.
- Of interest is the instruction framework: the framework offers three options: face-to-face (either one-on-one, or in a socially distanced classroom), hybrid learning (a mix of face-to-face and distance learning) and continuing with distance learning.