Friday, May 29, 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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Hotspots (Top 3)
- New York: 377,795, 29,747
- New Jersey: 160,303, 11,534
- Illinois: 117,455, 5,270

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

- President Trump said that the United States will terminate its relationship with the World Health Organization, after weeks of accusing the Chinese government of trying to cover up the severity of the spread of coronavirus in the country.
- When experts recommend wearing masks, staying at least six feet away from others, washing your hands frequently and avoiding crowded spaces, what they’re really saying is: Try to minimize the amount of virus you encounter.
- A few viral particles cannot make you sick — the immune system would vanquish the intruders before they could. But how much virus is needed for an infection to take root? What is the minimum effective dose? A precise answer is impossible, because it’s difficult to capture the moment of infection.

CDC – COVID-19 Stakeholder Call Institutes of Higher Education (IHE)
1:00 p.m.
Participants include: Dr. Grant Baldwin, Co-Lead, Community Intervention and At-Risk Task Force; Anu Pejavara, MPH – Institutes of Higher Education Lead, Community Guidance Team Community Intervention and At-Risk Task Force; Dr. Jennifer Murphy, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Team Lead Community Intervention and At-Risk Task Force.

Note - considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which IHEs must comply.

IHE General Settings:
- Lowest Risk: Faculty and students engage in virtual-only learning options, activities, and events.
- More Risk: Small in-person classes, activities, and events. Individuals remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects (e.g., hybrid virtual and in-person class structures or staggered/rotated scheduling to accommodate smaller class sizes).
- Highest Risk: Full-sized in-person classes, activities, and events. Students are not spaced apart, share classroom materials or supplies, and mix between classes and activities.

IHE On-Campus Housing Settings
- Lowest Risk: Residence halls are closed, where feasible.
- More Risk: Residence halls are open at lower capacity and shared spaces are closed (e.g., kitchens, common areas).
- Highest Risk: Residence halls are open at full capacity including shared spaces (e.g., kitchens, common areas).

Promote behaviors that reduce spread
- Stay home or self-isolate when sick, tested positive or exposed per CDC guidelines
- Once back on campus, educate students, faculty, and staff on when they should stay home or self-isolate in their living quarters.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (cough and sneeze)
- Cloth face coverings – should be social norm, no opting out
- Hygiene supplies
- Signs and messages on prevention

Maintain healthy environments
- Clean and disinfect
- Develop a schedule
- Keep personal items clean
- Discourage shared items
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors.
- Encourage use of personal water vs. fountains
- Modify layouts – 6’ apart, tape off seating, host smaller classes in larger classes; distance learning

Maintaining healthy operations
- Offer options for faculty and staff at higher risk for severe illness (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) that limit their exposure risk (e.g., telework and modified job responsibilities).
- Offer learning options for students at risks
- Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 6 feet between people if events are held. Limit group size to the extent possible.
• Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as possible – especially with individuals who are not from the local geographic area.
• Encourage telework for as many faculty and staff as possible, especially employees at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
• Replace in-person meetings with video- or tele-conference calls whenever possible.
• Provide student support services virtually, as feasible.
• When possible, use flexible work or learning sites (e.g., telework, virtual learning) and flexible work or learning hours (e.g., staggered shifts or classes) to help establish policies and practices for social distancing (maintaining distance of approximately 6 feet) between people, especially if social distancing is recommended by state and local health authorities.
• Put systems in place for having students, faculty and staff report to the IHE if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with health information sharing regulations for COVID-19.
• Notify faculty, staff, students, families, and the public of IHE closures and any restrictions in place to limit COVID-19 exposure (e.g., limited hours of operation).

Questions/Answers
• Testing – no protocols for schools testing across student body; coming up with protocol for testing if student does test positive. No universal testings for return for campus.
• Should have daily symptom checks by all.
• Regarding activity rooms and exercise room, recommend closing or limiting access.
• Shared dining rooms and kitchens should also have restricted access, limit the number of people accessing at once. Use disposable items as much as possible.
• If spread on surfaces is limited, is it still important to clean surfaces? CDC guidance has not changed. Still much to be learned, still guiding all to keep things cleaned and disinfecting.
• Frequency of cleaning is based on level of use.
• What should be the process for a confirmed COVID-19 case?
  o Encourage notification to institution and self-isolation for confirmed case (with separate bathroom)
  o Recommends COVID Coordinators – individuals that track cases and coordinate with health officials, manage cases. Designate an administrator or office to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
  o Close off area where confirmed case was located (not entire building but area). Ventilate and wait for 24 hours before cleaning the area.
• Regarding when a campus or buildings should be closed in the event of an outbreak; need to coordinate with local health officials. A variety of scenarios could impact the length of time and area to close.
• Specific modifications for dining halls include restricting volume, extra cleaning, physical barriers, disposable products.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage
1:00 p.m.
The state is allowing counties now to move into phase three at their own pace, but local public health officers will decide on the appropriate timing to reopen different sectors of the economy, per Governor Gavin Newsom.

Phase four includes concerts, stadiums, festivals, and large conventions — Newsom said that the state isn't there yet, and no guidance has been provided for moving into that phase.

"No one will go forward to concerts, no one will be allowed to move forward with large venues like conventions and festivals, until we are in a much better position than we are today," Newsom said.

There are three steps as the state and counties monitor COVID-19, according to Newsom:

- Step 1: Active monitoring: Seeing where there are flare-ups of coronavirus
- Step 2: Targeted engagement: Working with local areas to get those flare-ups under control
- Step 3: Reinstitute interventions: If things get out of control, the state will direct local health directors to bring back increased stay-at-home orders

There are now more than 50,000 tests per day being conducted in California, with up to 67,000 people tested in one day being the highest they've hit so far. There have been 1,835,478 tests conducted so far, with a 61.9% increase in the past 14 days.

The state is planning to be able to contact people as part of contact tracing for 3,600 new cases per day. There were 2,189 new cases in the past day. The state redirected 3,000 county employees to be part of those tracers, with plans for 10,000 to be trained by July 1.

L.A. Department of Public Health/County of Los Angeles
1:00 p.m.

- 50 new deaths and 1,824 new cases reported today. Some of the new cases reported are from a backlog of test results.
- More than 564,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 and had the results reported to county health officials. Of those tests, 8% have been positive.
- Now that the variance has been granted by the State, Public Health will be amending the current Health Officer Order, Safer at Work and in the Community, to allow for restaurants and hair salons to reopen only with the proper distancing and infection control protocols in place. All businesses must adhere to distancing and infection control protocols that provide safety for employees, customers and the County's most vulnerable residents before reopening. These protocols were developed to guide reopening and are available online. Inspectors will continue to monitor for compliance and ensure that all adhere to the Health Officer Order. Higher-risk businesses remain closed.
- Residents must continue to practice physical distancing, wear cloth face coverings and follow public health guidelines in place.
- Restaurant occupancy capacity will be limited to 60% for the next three weeks.
- Still closed are:
  - Gyms and fitness centers
  - Beach piers
  - Indoor entertainment venues including arcades, bowling alleys, movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert halls, stadiums, arenas, theme parks, gaming facilities and festivals
  - Indoor museums, galleries and zoos