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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Thursday, June 4, 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	1,924,051	110,173
California	122,808	4,484
Los Angeles County	59,650 2.43% increase over 6/3	2,531
Claremont	56	0
Hotspots (Top 3)		
New York	383,899	30,281
New Jersey	164,519	12,006
Illinois	124,759	5,736

Federal Government/White House/National Coverage

- The virus is surging in low and middle income countries across the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and South Asia.
- The overuse of antibiotics early in the pandemic could spur resistance to lifesaving drugs.
- U.S. orders states to report demographic data, after disproportionate effects of the virus. All laboratories — as well as nonlaboratory facilities offering on-site testing and in-home testing — will be required to send demographic data to state or local public health departments based on the individual's residence, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.
- The authors of a sensational paper that last month reported dismal findings about the use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19 patients have retracted their report after the data that it was based on was called into question. The Lancet paper, which was purportedly based on data from a huge, privately held registry of patient records from hundreds of hospitals around the world, had concluded that the anti-malaria drugs were associated with dramatically higher rates of heart arrhythmias and deaths in Covid-19 patients.
- The database belonged to a company called Surgisphere, which is owned by Dr. Sapan Desai, one of the four co-authors.
- Dr. Redfield (head of CDC) told House lawmakers on Thursday that the federal government and state health departments needed to dramatically increase the number of tracers working to identify who those infected by the coronavirus had come in contact with, saying that up to 100,000 would be needed by September.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

1:00 p.m.

- A new poll finds that most Californians surveyed support the current statewide restrictions to stem the spread of the coronavirus, or want tougher safeguards, and remain fearful about contracting COVID-19 and landing in the hospital.
- The Public Policy Institute of California poll released Wednesday night also found that 69% of likely voters in the state approved of Gov. Gavin Newsom's handling of the coronavirus crisis, and 65% gave him high marks for the overall job he's doing as governor.
- The PPIC poll, which was conducted between May 17 and May 26, found that 58% of California adults were worried about contracting the virus and having to be hospitalized. More than 70% of those polled said they support keeping current restrictions in place or increasing them, compared to the 28% who wanted fewer restrictions in place.
- All but six of California's 58 counties have been allowed to loosen their coronavirus restrictions.

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

1:00 p.m.

- 44 new deaths and 1,469 new cases reported today.
- More than 659,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 and had the results reported to county health officials. Of those tests, 8% have been positive.
- As of today, 6,766 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (11% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,457 people who are currently hospitalized, 30% of these people are in the ICU and 21% are on ventilators.
- State Assembly and Senate leaders are proposing to NOT cut \$770 million to UC and CSU systems assuming that Congress will come through with an aid package.