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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Wednesday, June 10, 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	2,061,084	114,980
California	138,167	4,797
Los Angeles County	67,064 1.89% increase over 6/8	2,768
Claremont	66	1
Hotspots (Top 2) – Note – California is #3		
New York	401,278	30,687
New Jersey	167,601	12,464

Federal Government/White House/National Coverage

- Population-wide face mask use could push COVID-19 transmission down to controllable levels for national epidemics and could prevent further waves of the pandemic disease when combined with lockdowns, according to a British study led by scientists at the Britain's Cambridge and Greenwich Universities.
- The research suggests lockdowns alone will not stop the resurgence of the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, but that even homemade masks can dramatically reduce transmission rates if enough people wear them in public. "Our analyses support the immediate and universal adoption of face masks by the public," said Richard Stutt, who co-led the study at Cambridge.
- Governments around the world, including Singapore and New Zealand, have turned to QR codes as part of their coronavirus control efforts. In the U.S., Apple and Google joined forces to create an anonymous, voluntary notification app allowing health authorities to alert those who may have been exposed to the virus.
- In South Korea, the data — visitor's name, phone number, the establishment visited and time of entry — will be encrypted and stored on two separate servers, only to be combined and accessed in the event of an outbreak, authorities said. The information will be deleted after four weeks.
- The Federal Reserve painted a grim view for the economy — unemployment will stay elevated for years, after ending 2020 at 9.3%.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- California Governor Gavin Newsom noted that the state has increased its testing capacity and California is now conducting an average of more than 60,000 tests per day. This comes two months after Newsom said the state only had the ability to test 2,000 people per day.
- Both Disneyland Park and Disney California Adventure will open July 17, pending local and state governmental approvals.
- The park's Downtown Disney shopping district is slated to reopen July 9, with Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa and Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel planning to open July 23. Capacity will be limited, and guests will be asked to make reservations in advance.

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

- 61 new deaths and 1,275 new cases reported today.
- More than 732,000 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, 7,097 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (11% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. There are 1,458 people who are currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are in the ICU and 20% are on ventilators.
- A modified Health Officer Order and directives for the reopening of additional businesses will be issued tomorrow with an effective date of June 12. The Health Officer order will allow for the following sectors to reopen once they implement the required protocols for infection control and distancing:
 - Gyms and fitness facilities
 - Professional sports arenas without live audiences
 - Day camps
 - Museums, galleries, zoos and aquariums
 - Campgrounds, RV parks and outdoor recreation
 - Music, film and television production
 - Hotels for leisure travel
- As with all businesses that are permitted to reopen, the Health Officer Order contains protocols for reopening to ensure it is done as safely as possible for employees, customers and residents. Employees and visitors to these businesses will need to wear a cloth face covering when around other people and practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. It is so important for everyone to follow the directives and to do their part every day to keep everyone as safe as possible. Specific protocols will be released soon.
- A few reporters listening in to today's briefing asked versions of the same question: were county officials moving too fast without a sense of how the reopenings so far will affect the transmission rate? Given the incubation period of the virus, it can take a couple weeks before the viral load is high enough to show up on a test — or lead to symptoms.
 - Dr. Ferrer reiterated that mass gatherings are still prohibited — except for public demonstrations and in houses of worship — and all social distancing and face covering guidelines still apply.
 - She also added "a month ago, we were hovering at about 1,800 people in the hospital every day. Today and for most of this week we've been about... 1,450 people in the hospital every day. So these, again, are signs that, while we have more cases, it's not necessarily resulting in a dramatic increase in

hospitalizations, which again, would be a sign for major concern for us, but we're gonna have to watch the data really carefully going forward."