

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Thursday, June 18, 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	2,258,341	120,541
California	165,324	5,320
Los Angeles County	78,227 .34% increase over 6/17	3,027
LA County Hospitalizations	1,429 .63% increase over 6/17	
Claremont	72	1
Hotspots (Top 2) – Note – California is #3		
New York	406,953	31,091
New Jersey	170,982	12,927

New York Times article – [A College Reality Check](#)

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- Great Britain's contact tracing program is not going well. The system, staffed by thousands of poorly trained, low-paid workers, was rushed out of the gate on May 28 before it was ready, according to interviews with more than a dozen contact tracers, public health officials and local government leaders.
- In the almost three weeks since it began, some contact tracers have failed to reach a single person. And some call handlers, scattered in offices and homes far from the people they speak with, have mistakenly tried to send patients in England to testing sites across the sea in Northern Ireland.
- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey will now allow local governments to set their own mask policies. This was done in response to rising cases and the mayors of Phoenix and Tucson urging him to let them mandate masks.
- Vice President Mike Pence argued in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece that concern over a "second wave" of the coronavirus was "overblown" and that "we are winning the fight against the invisible enemy." Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the government's top epidemiologist, also said that the country was not in a "second wave," but for a very different reason: He warned that the nation was still in the first wave.
- With the entire college football season in doubt just over two months before its scheduled start, four games involving historically black colleges and universities became the first Division I matches to be canceled because of the pandemic. Southern University and Jackson State each canceled its first two

games, including a pair of neutral-site contests: Southern vs. Tennessee State in Detroit on Sept. 5 and Jackson State vs. Tennessee State a week later in Memphis.

- New York City is on track to enter the next phase of reopening: under the state's plan, outdoor dining, some in-store shopping, hair salons, barbershops, and some offices in the city would be allowed to reopen in the second phase, with social distancing and restrictions on capacity. Playgrounds will also reopen then.
- A proposal from the Australian National University and the University of Canberra is one of several plans being presented to Australia's federal government by universities and states seeking travel exemptions that aim to be a model for others.
- Under the latest plan, the universities would ask around 350 students to fly to a hub destination, such as Singapore, where they would connect to a charter flight hired by the universities.
- Upon arrival, the students would be quarantined in a hotel for 14 days and tested for Covid-19 at the beginning and end of their stay. The government of the capital territory, which has approved the plan, would take responsibility for managing the quarantine period and clearing the students for a return to campus.
- Students with clear practical requirements or research projects that need to be finished would be given priority at first, but university officials said the goal was to create a process that could be broadened over time.
- According to Dr. Fauci, the NFL season may not be feasible. "Unless players are essentially in a bubble — insulated from the community and ... tested nearly every day — it would be very hard to see how football is able to be played this fall" said Fauci.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- USC is anticipating football at the Coliseum but in limited capacity. Season ticket holders can opt out without penalty. Those who choose to attend may not be seated where they're expecting. They may not have as many seats as expected, either. After receiving their tickets, fans will still be allowed to opt out.
- Masks will be required for the entire duration of the game. But the rest of the game-day experience, from concessions to restrooms to elevators to just about everything else, remains a significant logistical concern. In an email, USC noted only that all Coliseum amenities "will adapt to follow social distancing guidelines and capacity will be limited."
- Tailgating outside the stadium, along with other pregame traditions like the Trojan Walk and band walk, will be significantly limited or removed per USC officials when discussing fall football season.
- Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all Californians to wear face coverings while in public or high-risk settings, including when shopping, taking public transit or seeking medical care, following growing concerns that an increase in coronavirus cases has been caused by residents failing to voluntarily take that precaution. The specific list includes:
 - Indoor public spaces
 - Outdoor public spaces when impossible to stay 6 feet away from others
 - While getting health care services, including at pharmacies, hospitals, laboratories, dental offices, blood banks and veterinary clinics
 - At work while interacting with the public or co-workers, and while walking through common areas
 - While waiting for, driving or riding on public transit or in a private taxi or ride-share vehicle

- “Simply put, we are seeing too many people with faces uncovered — putting at risk the real progress we have made in fighting the disease,” said Newsom. “California’s strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if people act safely and follow health recommendations. That means wearing a face covering, washing your hands and practicing physical distancing.”
- A recent study from Germany found that face masks reduced the daily growth rate of reported infections by around 40%. Another study, published recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, concluded that “wearing of face masks in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent interhuman transmission.”
- California reported 4,291 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, a new single-day record and the first time the state has broken the 4,000 barrier since the pandemic began.

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

- 36 new deaths and 1,051 new cases reported today.
- There are 1,429 people who are currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are in the ICU and 22% are on ventilators.
- More than 868,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 and had the results reported to county health officials. Of those tests, 8% have been positive.
- A modified Health Officer Order and directives for the reopening of additional businesses is being issued today with an effective date of June 19. The Health Officer Order will allow for the following sectors to reopen once they implement the required protocols for infection control and distancing:
 - Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities and racetracks with no spectators
 - Personal care services including: esthetician, skin care and cosmetology services; electrology; nail salons; body art professionals, tattoo parlors, microblading and permanent make-up; and piercing shops; and massage therapy
 - Bars, wineries, breweries and tasting rooms
- The Health Officer Order contains protocols for all businesses that are permitted to reopen 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. Some employees may be required to wear face shields.

Higher Education Updates

University of California – Berkeley

- Limited in-person classes this fall for those students who wish to come to campus. The in-person classes will be restricted to a small number of people, as dictated by factors including public health guidance and building density guidelines.
- Instruction in large courses will be offered by remote means. However, some smaller discussion groups that are part of larger courses or other activities may be offered in person.
- Students will not be required to take in-person classes or be present on campus for the smaller discussion sections.
- Plan to house up to 6,500 students in our on-campus residence halls in single and double rooms. We will stagger student arrival to residence halls and undergraduate apartments beginning in early August to

avoid the typical crowded move-in experience. We will reserve space at one of our housing complexes for quarantine and isolation purposes. Students moving into residence halls will likely be required to undergo COVID-19 testing immediately prior to returning to campus and/or upon arrival to campus and will be expected to isolate for 7-10 days after arriving on campus.