

# THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Friday, June 19, 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	2,288,106	121,269
California	168,123	5,382
Los Angeles County	79,609 1.77% increase over 6/18	3,027
LA County Hospitalizations	1,446 1.19% increase over 6/18	
Claremont	77	1
<b>Hotspots (Top 2) – Note – California is #3</b>		
New York	409,117	31,151
New Jersey	171,439	12,959

## International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- Florida and South Carolina set repeated highs for daily case totals: Florida reported 3,822 new cases today, bringing its total case count to 90,000. South Carolina reported 1,081 new cases today. It was the seventh time in 11 days that the state broke its single-day case record.
- Texas became the sixth state in the nation to surpass 100,000 cases, according to a New York Times database. Cases there have doubled over the past month.
- Apple on Friday said it was temporarily closing 11 retail stores across four states — Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Arizona — amid the surge in infections.
- The World Health Organization issued a warning on Friday that the coronavirus pandemic is accelerating and noted that Thursday was a record day for new cases — more than 150,000 globally. "The world is in a new and dangerous phase," said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director general of the W.H.O.
- Dr. Tedros said that almost half of the new cases reported on Thursday came from the Americas. Large numbers are also being reported from Africa, South Asia and the Middle East.
- Two Major League Baseball clubs, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Toronto Blue Jays, and a professional hockey team, the Tampa Bay Lightning, shut down their training facilities in Florida this week, after several players and staff members tested positive and others showed symptoms consistent with the virus.
- Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan lifted a virus-related ban on domestic travel. Mr. Abe's government is also in discussions to ease international travel bans for passengers arriving from Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Vietnam.

- Britain reduced its Covid-19 alert level to three from four. At Level 3, the virus is considered to remain "in general circulation." But the change paves the way for a gradual easing of social-distancing measures.
- Spain updated its death toll from the virus for the first time in almost two weeks. The country's health ministry said 28,313 people had died, up from 27,136 on June 7. Officials said the intervening time had been used to ensure that all Covid-19 fatalities were properly recorded. Last month, the ministry abruptly reduced its tally by about 2,000, citing testing uncertainties.

### **State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage**

- Riverside County and San Bernardino County reported their highest ever one-day increase in coronavirus cases. On Thursday, Riverside added 516 cases to their total count, and the San Bernardino count jumped by 440 cases.
- Both Inland Empire counties beat out records set earlier in the week. Riverside County's previous one-day record was set on Tuesday with 409 cases, while San Bernardino's previous high was 281, reported on the same day.
- Regarding the state mandate for face coverings - for the most part, authorities have said they plan to ask for voluntary compliance. At beaches, police and lifeguards have encouraged people to practice social distancing and wear masks but have generally not written citations.

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

- 38 new deaths and 1,414 new cases reported today. Note some cases are a backlog.
- There are 1,446 people who are currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are in the ICU and 21% are on ventilators.
- More than 891,000 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
- County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said the county is working on guidelines for the next phase of the recovery plan, which includes "wedding and special events venues, competitive youth sports, family entertainment venues amusement parks and community festivals."
- One metric that county health officials point to as an encouraging sign is the decrease in the average daily number of deaths. Dr. Barbara Ferrer said we've come down from a high of 45 or 46 per day to "between 20 and 30 each day" in early June.

### **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**

CDC Releases Contact Tracing Tool On June 16, CDC added COVIDTracer, a spreadsheet-based tool that allows state- and local-level public health officials and policy makers to compare between three different contact tracing/monitoring strategies, to its [contract tracing resources page](#). The tool is a spreadsheet-based tool that is interactive and allows the user to estimate the number of contact tracing professionals needed depending on different variables and strategies.

### **Hopkins Develops COVID-19 Planning Guide for IHEs**

This [guide and accompanying risk assessment](#), developed by Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, are designed to provide practical planning resources to help institutions gauge how effectively they are addressing a range of COVID19 scenarios. It is intended to accommodate a wide range of institutions: public, private, large, small, comprehensive, specialized, urban, and rural. Each institution will need to develop and implement its own tailored approach to reopening in-person instruction.

### **Future of Housing Work Group Considerations for Practice during COVID-19**

ACUHO-I assembled the Future of Housing (FOH) Work Group, which was tasked with exploring and making [recommendations](#) for how campuses may safely and most effectively proceed with providing campus housing for the next academic term, given the predicted next wave of the COVID-19 virus in late 2020

### **AICCU - Recommendations for a Fall Return to Independent Higher Education in California**

AICCU Restart Higher Education Task Force released its report: Recommendations for a Fall Return to Independent Higher Education in California. This report is the product of a detailed review of federal and state guidelines, as well as extensive discussions among the task force's fifteen college and university leaders and with representatives from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, McKinsey & Company, Oliver Wyman, and the Governor's Office. *Report is attached with meeting summary.*

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