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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Tuesday, June 30, 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	Total Tests
United States	2,724,674	130,096	34,158,104
California	230,140 3.9% increase over 6/29	6,076	4,167,374
Los Angeles County	103,529 2.74% increase over 6/29	3,369	1,107,000
LA County Hospitalizations	1,783 4.27% increase over 6/29		
Claremont	106	1	
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	417,810	32,125	3,914,938
California	230,140	6,076	4,167,374
New Jersey	176,953	15,177	1,422,374
Texas	164,962	2,480	2,119,036

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- New cases could rise to 100,000 a day if behaviors don't change, infectious-disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci told a Senate panel Tuesday.
- "The numbers speak for themselves. I'm very concerned. I'm not satisfied with what's going on because we're going in the wrong direction," Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said. "Clearly we are not in total control right now."
- Fauci said he wouldn't be surprised to see new cases rise by 100,000 a day if recent surges don't turn around, up from the current level of about 40,000 a day. As for the number of deaths, "it is going to be very disturbing, I guarantee you that," he said.
- Fauci and other witnesses cited indoor gatherings as a major cause of recent spikes, singling out bars in particular.
- Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, noted that in addition to the rise in new cases, hospitalizations are up in 12 states. The U.S. has recorded more than 2.6 million cases in total, with more than 126,000 deaths from the virus, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

- Fauci said that he's "aspirationally hopeful" that a vaccine will be ready in early 2021, though he cautioned that there's no guarantee that a safe vaccine will be developed.
- The shift comes as the number of new virus cases in the United States has gone up 80 percent in the past two weeks, according to a New York Times database, a troubling trend for states that have been moving forward with plans to reopen. The increase has mostly been concentrated in the South and West, where some cities are facing dire situations, including a shrinking number of hospital beds.
- Dr. Fauci also said school administrators should take into account virus activity in their areas when they consider reopening plans for the fall.
- Seven in 10 Americans have said they would get vaccines against the virus if immunizations were free and available to everyone, according to recent polling, a number that health officials fear may not be enough to achieve "herd immunity," a term that signifies that a vast majority of a population has protection against infection. At least 70 percent will need to be immune to the virus to reach that point, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins University.
- USA TODAY analysis of COVID-19 infection rates at the ZIP code-level shows how the virus has spread rapidly, but unevenly, across the U.S.
 - INCOME: The analysis shows that COVID-19 is more prevalent in poorer neighborhoods. In ZIP codes where median household income is less than \$35,000, the overall infection rate is more than twice as high as in neighborhoods with household income of more than \$75,000.
 - CROWDED CONDITIONS: Overall infection rates were twice as high in neighborhoods with the most people and housing per square mile, where it's more challenging to practice social isolation and distancing. A major differentiator for high case rates: population density of more than 1,000 residents per square mile.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- Gov. Newsom said that there are currently 19 counties on the state's watchlist, and that's likely to go up to 23 with four more counties in the next 24 hours.
- The governor said that more announcements about pulling back on the state's reopening are planned for tomorrow. "Tomorrow we'll be making some additional announcements on efforts to use that dimmer switch that we've referred to and begin to toggle back on our stay-at-home order and tighten things up," Newsom said.
- The governor also said that they will put financial conditions on local officials if they don't enforce regulations on a local level.
- He said that the state will be looking at health orders on the county level when it comes to indoor v. outdoor activities. He noted that it has to be recognized that spread in indoor facilities, outside the home, is far more likely than outdoors.
- Newsom said that one of the biggest areas of concern is family gatherings — not just bars and protests. Family gatherings were the top concern when health officers were surveyed over the weekend, he said. With families and extended families mixing, people may let down their guard, Newsom said.
- A total of 6,337 people tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours, Newsom said. Hospitalizations yesterday went up 6.3%, with ICU patients up 4.3%.

- Newsom reiterated his announcement yesterday that over the past 14 days, there has been a 43% increase in hospitalizations, and a 37% increase in ICU patients. The state's positivity rate has also gone from 4.4% two weeks ago to 5.6% today, with a jump of 5.9% over seven days.
- California officials have said that hospitalizations should not increase by more than 10% over any three days, but more than a dozen counties across the state are missing the mark. California has about 7,880 ICU beds, and about 38% currently are in use by non-COVID patients, according to Covid Act Now, a collaboration between Stanford and Georgetown universities.
- N.Y. added additional states, including California, to quarantine list. X Individuals who violate a state or local quarantine or isolation order under the advisory can face a civil penalty of up to \$10,000, according to Cuomo's executive order.
- Orange County health officials may order closed the county's bars after seeing steady and unrelenting increases in positive coronavirus tests and the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19, Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel said Tuesday, June 30.

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

- 45 new deaths and 2,779 new cases reported today.
- There are 1,783 people currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is significantly higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen in recent weeks.
- Testing results are available for nearly 1,107,000 individuals, with 9% of people testing positive.
- L.A. County will close its beaches Friday, July 3 through Monday, July 6 due to the alarming spike in cases.
- To reduce crowds, the department is also prohibiting fireworks displays in the County this July 4th holiday weekend.

Articles of Interest

- ['A scary reality': Students react to colleges' reopening plans with mix of optimism, fear](#)