Thursday, July 2, 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**

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**Current Case Leaders by State**

- New York: 419,610, 32,165, 4,041,593
- California: 242,582, 6,202, 4,338,718
- Texas: 181,157, 2,566, 2,212,947
- New Jersey: 176,975, 15,203, 1,422,937
- Florida: 169,106, 3,618, 2,033,794

**International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage**

- At least six states reported single-day case records on Thursday: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Montana, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas issued a sweeping order on Thursday requiring most Texans to wear masks in public, in an abrupt reversal as cases climb. The order applies to Texas counties with 20 or more coronavirus cases (Texas had almost 10,000 new cases on Thursday).
- June to July has seen a huge spike in cases nationwide.
  - On June 1, Florida officials announced 667 new cases. On July 1, they added more than 6,500. Today they reported over 10,100, a record.
  - On June 1, Texas officials announced 1,100 new cases. On July 1, there were more than 8,100.
  - In Georgia, it went from 700 to 2,300.
  - And in California, it went from about 2,500 to 7,600.
- The United States reported nearly 50,000 new cases on Wednesday, the fifth single-day case record in eight days.
Adm. Brett P. Giroir, the assistant secretary of health who is overseeing the government’s testing response, told Congress that the higher numbers in fact reflect an increase in cases (community spread).

Case numbers were trending upward in 38 states as of Wednesday. The problem spots in the country’s South and West were spreading north and east, and hospitalizations surged in some states.

Fatalities from Covid-19, typically occur three to five weeks after patients are infected.

The death rate in the United States is about 5 percent.

A survey published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 54% of people infected with coronavirus were unable to pinpoint who may have infected them.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

The number of people hospitalized with coronavirus has jumped 56% in the last two weeks.
Cases have surged - hitting four daily records in the last two weeks.
Over the last seven days, 6.4% of coronavirus tests came back confirming infections across California; a week ago, only 5.6% of tests came back positive; and the week before that, 4.6% of tests confirmed infections.
The rate at which coronavirus tests came back positive were even higher in L.A. County; it’s now at 8.4%, in comparison to 4.6% in late May.
Officials across Southern California have opted to close the vast majority of beaches during the Fourth of July weekend over fears that holiday crowds could make the state’s already critical outbreak even worse.
There are 1,676 COVID-19 patients in intensive care unit beds, making up 16% of the total ICU beds — a 49% increase over the last two weeks.

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

55 new deaths and 2,204 new cases reported today.
This is the fifth consecutive day of new cases over 2,000. And today's number is still missing lab reports from one of the larger labs.
There are 1,893 people currently hospitalized, 28% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the largest number of people hospitalized since early May, surpassing yesterday's count. Testing results are available for nearly 1,120,000 individuals, with 9% of people testing positive.
Public Health urges everyone to avoid the Three C's: Crowded places, Confined spaces and Close contact with others not in your household.
Public Health updated the gym and fitness center protocol in the Health Officer Order issued yesterday to require patrons to wear a mask and gloves at all times at fitness centers.
The Health Officer Order also requires businesses with three or more known cases of COVID-19 within the workplace over the span of 14 days, to report the outbreak to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). Employers who have one known case within the workplace must have a protocol that requires that person to self-isolate at home and anyone exposed to self-quarantine.
L.A. County is ramping up the number of “contact tracers.” Meanwhile, that work is being hampered because some labs that are processing coronavirus tests are taking too long to get the results to the county.
Coronavirus testing access is becoming challenging. As of Wednesday, there were no available appointments at county- or city-run test sites. Officials had warned that testing would be limited this week due to the upcoming holiday weekend, but in recent weeks, getting a test has already proved to be a challenge. Last week, appointment slots filled up amid officials’ ongoing calls for residents to get tested.

The City of Los Angeles introduced the online indicator, which is broken into four categories — red, orange, yellow and green — each representing different threat levels. The city is currently at Orange = very high risk of infection.

Red, the highest threat level, would mean that “residents must stay at home and take precautions and will likely be on a mandated safer-at-home order,” Mayor Garcetti said.

Yellow means “we’re successfully flattening the curve” and green “will indicate that COVID-19 is mostly contained and presents a very low risk to Angelenos,” per the Mayor.

Higher Education

USC announced it will no longer bring all undergraduates back to campus for the fall semester and will move to mainly online classes, reversing an earlier decision to use a hybrid model. Only 10% to 20% of courses during the fall semester will be conducted in person and on campus. These courses include certain labs, studios and performance classes and research studies that require hands-on work.

Articles of Interest

- Twitter poll: Parents are balancing college costs with everyday expenses
- College kids are going to COVID parties to see who gets sick first