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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

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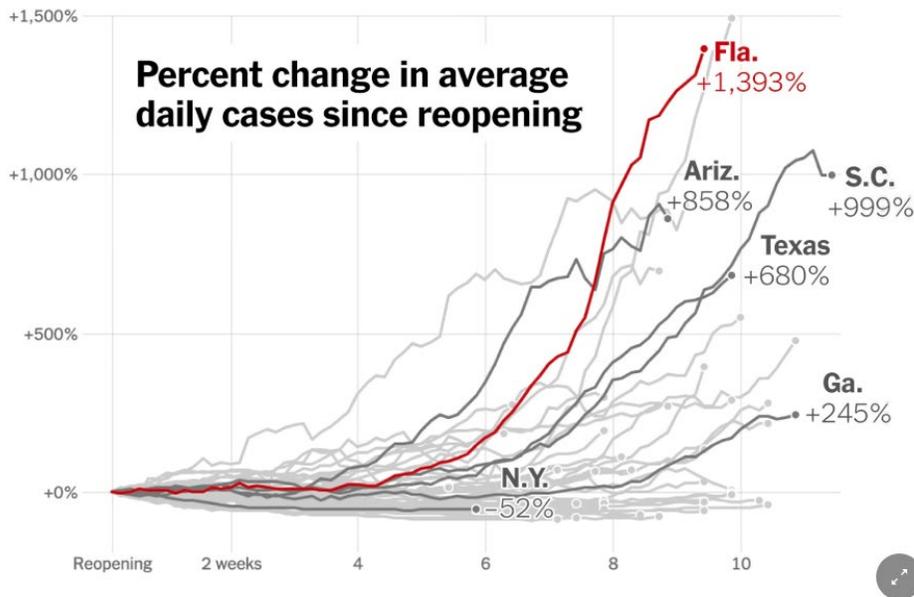
This is a summary of today's events based on various media briefings by federal, state, county and city officials.

Cases – Reported as of Summary Time

Location	Confirmed/ Reported Cases	Deaths	Total Tests
United States	3,219,780	135,805	40,145,692
California	303,323 3.97% increase over 7/8	6,848	5,078,434
Los Angeles County	124,738 1.41% increase over 7/8	3,689	1,240,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,037 1.85% increase over 7/8		
Claremont	146		
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	425,011	32,343	4,468,016
California	303,323	6,848	5,078,434
Texas	240,992	3,046	2,603,903
Florida	232,718	4,009	2,359,636

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- Federal health officials won't revise their coronavirus guidelines for reopening schools despite criticism from President Trump, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. What they will do, he said, is provide additional information to help states, communities and parents decide what to do and when. "Our guidelines are our guidelines," Dr. Robert Redfield declared.
- Trump on Wednesday criticized the CDC's guidelines as "very tough and expensive" and said the agency was "asking schools to do very impractical things." Speaking of CDC officials, he tweeted, "I will be meeting with them!!!" And Vice President Mike Pence said revised guidelines would be issued next week.
- The surge in coronavirus cases in the United States, which has set new daily-case records five times in the past nine days, is being driven largely by states that were among the first to ease virus restrictions as they moved to reopen their economies.



- Florida has seen its average new daily cases increase more than tenfold since it began reopening in early May. Cases in Arizona have jumped by 858 percent since beginning to reopen May 8. Cases in Texas have risen by 680 percent since beginning to reopen May 1.
- The governor of Texas ordered an increase in hospital bed capacity in nearly 100 counties on Thursday, extending a ban on elective procedures to new corners of the state.
- The World Health Organization on Thursday formally acknowledged that droplets carrying the coronavirus may be airborne indoors and that people who spend long periods in crowded settings with inadequate ventilation may be at risk of becoming infected, a reversal that many scientists said was long overdue.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and leaders of the state's public universities announced today that they will sue the Trump administration over a new policy requiring international students to take at least some of their classes in person this fall or risk having their visas revoked.
- Becerra and the California Community Colleges and California State University systems say they'll file a joint lawsuit challenging the "unlawful policy that threatens to exacerbate the spread of COVID-19 and exile hundreds of thousands of college students studying in the United States through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program."
- The University of California announced plans to file its own lawsuit against the Trump administration over the visa policy. A university spokesman said Thursday that the lawsuit will be filed sometime next week.
- USC notified its [more than 12,000 international students](#) that they can sign up for an in-person class at no additional cost to maintain their visa status.
- Yesterday, there were an additional 7,031 coronavirus positives, Newsom said. The state's seven-day average is 8,043 positives per day.

- The seven-day positivity rate and the fourteen-day positivity rate are both at 7.3%. There were 149 deaths reported yesterday, though Newsom noted there have been some reporting issues, including lags. Due to those fluctuations, with one day last week as low as six deaths, he said that he wanted to emphasize the average over the past week: 73 deaths per day.
- Hospitalizations were up 0.4% yesterday, while ICU numbers went down 0.1%. However, over the past two weeks, hospitalizations are up 44% and ICU numbers are up 34%.
- There are 26 counties currently on the state's coronavirus monitoring list, but L.A. County was one of four counties cited as being of particular concern, Newsom said.
- Coronavirus hospitalizations jump 97% in Orange County in less than a month.
- The increase in hospitalizations comes as the number of new infections continues to rise in Orange County. On Thursday, health officials reported 1,292 new coronavirus cases, bringing the total number of infections to 21,517. Officials also reported 26 fatalities, pushing the county's death toll past 400.
- Bars, indoor dining could remain closed for the foreseeable future amid coronavirus surge.

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

- 50 new deaths and 1,777 new cases reported today.
- There are 2,037 people currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This remains substantially higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen four weeks ago.
- Testing results are available for nearly 1,240,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive. The daily positivity rate (a composite of a 7-day rolling average) is 9.2%.
- Los Angeles residents could again be ordered to stay home to stem the spread of the coronavirus should infections and hospitalizations continue to climb per Mayor Eric Garcetti.
- In discussing the color-code threat system, Garcetti added: "if things get worse, that dial could move to red in this coming week or two," Garcetti said. "That would place us at the highest risk of infection, and we'd likely return to a mandated safer-at-home order. But, if things get better, we'll see that dial back down to yellow, indicating we're successfully flattening the curve again."
- Regarding the possibility of reimposing a countywide stay-at-home order, Ferrer said that "nothing can be off the table in the pandemic," but that she personally hopes "we don't have to go back there. I hope that we figure out a way to take care of each other, to be sensible about what we're doing."