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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Friday, July 10, 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	3,285,067	136,556	40,960,343
California	309,085 1.9% increase over 7/9	6,887	5,175,737
Los Angeles County	127,358 2.1% increase over 7/9	3,738	1,269,000
LA County Hospitalizations	1,955 4% decrease over 7/9		
Claremont	148		
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	425,783	32,371	4,541,574
California	309,085	6,887	5,175,737
Texas	249,485	3,127	2,644,496
Florida	244,151	4,102	2,423,992

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- On Friday the World Health Organization announced a record number of new daily cases across the globe, a day after a New York Times database hit 223,116 new cases, its highest daily total so far.
- The United States was the biggest source of new infections and the U.S. death toll is on the rise. In states like Ohio that had been progressing, the virus is resurgent.
- The United States was the biggest source of new infections, reporting on Thursday more than 59,880 cases as it set a single-day record for the sixth time in 10 days.
- Italy set its single-day record for new cases on March 21 with 6,557, but it now reports fewer than 200 a day. Spain, which was averaging 8,000 new cases a day during its peak in April, now averages a little over 400 a day. And Britain, which was averaging 5,500 new cases a day in mid-April, now averages 537.
- Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Mississippi, South Dakota, Texas and Tennessee all set single-day death records this week.
- Citing the nation's recent increase in cases, Dr. Birx said during a panel on the virus organized by the International AIDS Society: "We have not seen this result in increased mortality, but that is expected as the disease continues to spread in some of our large metro areas where comorbidities exist."

- Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas signaled on Friday that he may have to impose a new economic “lockdown” if the state is unable to reverse the record-setting caseloads and hospitalizations that have made Texas a leading U.S. hot spot in the pandemic.
- As Georgia hit a record for cases, Atlanta officials said Friday that they were preparing to shift back to “phase one” guidelines that call for residents to largely stay at home.
- The virus is surging in some states that had been making progress after battling earlier outbreaks: On Friday, Ohio reported 1,525 new cases, exceeding the previous single-day record it had set back in April.
- Hong Kong, which has been lauded for its aggressive handling of the outbreak, is confronting a third wave of infections, and on Friday shut down its school system.
- In response to the President’s comment last weekend “99 percent of the cases are totally harmless,” Dr. Fauci responded stating “I’m trying to figure out where the president got that number. What I think happened is that someone told him that the general mortality is about 1 percent. And he interpreted, therefore, that 99 percent is not a problem, when that’s obviously not the case.”
- Dr. Fauci told FiveThirtyEight that the political divisiveness in the country is hurting the response to the pandemic. “You know, from experience historically, that when you don’t have unanimity in an approach to something, you’re not as effective in how you handle it,” Dr. Fauci said. “So I think you’d have to make the assumption that if there wasn’t such divisiveness, that we would have a more coordinated approach.”
- On Friday, Pentagon statistics reported 16,637 cases in the entire military. On June 10, that number was just 7,408.
- The number of daily coronavirus tests conducted in the United States is only 39 percent of the level considered necessary to mitigate the spread of the virus, as many states struggle to ramp up testing to outpace the record number of cases in recent week.
- An average of 634,000 people per day were tested over the past week, according to data collected by the Covid Tracking Project, far below the current nationwide target of 1.6 million daily tests.
- The Harvard researchers say that at minimum there should be enough daily capacity to test anyone who has flu-like symptoms and an additional 10 people for any symptomatic person who tests positive for the virus.
- The positivity rate in the United States is 8 percent.
- As lockdowns and other measures have been taken around the world to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency has continued to move detainees from state to state and deport them. And with them, the virus.
- The governments of 11 countries have confirmed that hundreds of deportees returned home from the United States with the virus.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- Half of California’s 58 counties are now on the state’s coronavirus watchlist.
- The state on Friday reported 7,798 new cases of COVID-19.
- In San Quentin State Prison nearly half of the facility’s roughly 3,300 prisoners have tested positive for the virus.

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

- 51 new deaths and 2,667 new cases reported today.
- There are 1,995 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 1,269,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive. The daily positivity rate (a composite of a 7-day rolling average) is higher at 10%.
- Currently, there are more than 1,500 contact tracers at Public Health who interview people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are residents of Los Angeles County. Prior to the pandemic, Public Health had approximately 200 staff who did contact tracing as part of their regular duties, with a focus on tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and other acute communicable and vaccine preventable diseases such as measles.
- Public Health has a hotline for confirmed cases of COVID-19. If you have not yet connected with a public health specialist or need more information on services, call the COVID-19 Case Info Line toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information.
- Although the labs that process tests are not reporting any shortage of equipment or test kits, there have been ongoing problems with getting results back quickly.
- Some people get tests back in a couple days, but for others, it can take more than a week.
- Delayed testing makes contact tracing that much harder. Contact tracers work for the health department and reach out to people who have tested positive or may have been exposed to make sure they can quarantine and, if they need it, help them get medical care.
- County health officials are trying to direct tests to communities that have been hardest hit with COVID-19 cases and deaths: low-income residents and people of color. L.A. does not have an infinite number of test kits. And they're expensive — about \$150 each.
- You should only get tested if: you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath and new loss of taste or smell; over the age of 65 or have a chronic medical conditions; and are an essential worker, including janitors, grocery and food service workers and health care workers.
- Health officials recommend you wait at least three days after you think you were exposed. During those three days you should isolate yourself as much as possible because you may be what's known as presymptomatic (haven't yet developed symptoms) and very contagious.

Higher Education News

- President **G. Gabrielle Starr** [appeared on CNN this morning to discuss the many options Pomona is considering for international students](#) in light of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) new guidelines for F-1 and M-1 visas.
- A [battle between the Trump administration and some of America's top universities](#) escalated on Friday, with Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology [seeking a court order](#) to protect foreign students from losing their visas, and the president threatening the tax-exempt status of institutions that he claimed indoctrinate students. Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and universities in California have also sued the administration.

