Monday, July 13, 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**

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

- Seventeen states and the District of Columbia sued the Trump administration on Monday, seeking to block a new rule that would revoke the visas of foreign students who take classes entirely online in the fall.
- California filed its own lawsuit last week, after Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had already gone to court seeking to block the new rule. Arguments in the Harvard and M.I.T. case are scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, also in the district court in Boston.
- About 40 higher education institutions filed declarations in support of the lawsuit, including Yale, DePaul, the University of Chicago, Tufts, Rutgers and state universities in Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- More than 100,000 new coronavirus cases were identified. Seven states set daily case records. Florida added more cases in a day than any state had previously known to, and on Monday reported more than 12,600 additional cases, its second-highest total recorded for a single day in the pandemic.
- The U.S. outbreak — once centered in the densely packed northeastern hubs of New York and New Jersey — is now growing across 39 states, from the worsening hot spots in the South and West to those emerging in the Midwest.
• President Trump’s advisers undercut the nation’s top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, over the weekend, anonymously providing details to various news outlets about statements he had made early in the outbreak that they said were inaccurate. The list of his statements was laid out in the style of a campaign’s opposition research document.
• Hong Kong announced Monday evening that it would close gyms and cinemas and ban public gatherings of more than four people in response to a new wave of locally transmitted infections. Officials are also closing Hong Kong Disneyland.
• The World Health Organization admonished governments on Monday that it says are sending mixed messages to citizens, and for failing to invest the hard work necessary to combat the pandemic.
• “Let me be blunt,” said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the organization’s director general. “Too many countries are headed in the wrong direction. The virus remains public enemy No. 1, but the actions of many governments and people don’t reflect this.” He added, “Mixed messages from leaders are undermining the most critical ingredient of any response: trust.”
• New York is tightening its restrictions on travelers from designated states with high infection rates. Those travelers, who were already required to quarantine for 14 days, will now have to provide contact information and details on their planned whereabouts to local authorities upon their arrival at airports across the state, per Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.
• New York will use a formula to determine whether schools in different regions of the state can open come September, the governor said Monday. Schools will be allowed to reopen if a region of the state has a daily infection rate below 5 percent over a two-week average, and if that region has reached the least restrictive reopening phase. Schools will not reopen, or will be closed, if a region has an infection rate over 9 percent over a one-week average. The state would make a decision about whether schools can reopen during the first week of August.
• Mexico surpassed Italy in virus deaths on Sunday, becoming the country with the fourth-highest number of fatalities from the virus after the United States, Brazil and the United Kingdom.

**CDC Teleconference for Institutes of Higher Education in the Fall - Today at 12:00p.m.**

• No significant new information for IHE.
• Daily symptom screening of students has limitations and it appeared that they did not necessarily endorsed it. On their IHE website, they did recommend it.
• Cohort groups are still considered a strategy to mitigate system widespread.
• Small groups hang out with each other. For example students can remain in same classroom but change teachers. I am not sure how practical this would be for IHE.
• Spread via respiratory droplets within the 6 feet distance still appears the major mechanism of spread.
• CDC plans to come out with additional advice for those considering allowing children to return. This will be on their website over the next several days.
• The telecast will be transcribed and be available soon. Also the telecast will be available via You-Tube.
• One interesting Q&A chat box conversation was that Dr. Brooks answered a question about isolation/quarantine and indicated that isolation cases could be housed as a cohort since they were already sick but that quarantined students should not cohort if possible since they are presumed not ill and if one is pre-symptomatic, would rather not have the others get infected. Also, he answered verbally a question about college roommate situation and indicated that if unable to have separate housing for
quarantined roommate, the roommates could be physically distanced, possibly adjacent room with jack-
and-jill bathroom and that both an isolation as well as quarantine student could use the same bathroom
as long as they disinfected between each use and did not use the bathroom at the same time. I'm not sure
these are official CDC guidelines but I think he was acknowledging the practicality of situations that the
colleges will face in real time.

- The CDC also provided a Schools (K-12) Briefing Packet reviewing existing CDC guidance for K-12 schools
  and child care programs. This document also includes Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education
  (page 6) but appears to be information previously shared in IHE briefings. Page 12 is a repeat of the CDC’s
  position on testing for IHE’s (testing individuals with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
  Testing asymptomatic individuals with recent known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2 to control
  transmission.)

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- California is largely closing again amid a spike in coronavirus cases across the state, as Gov. Gavin
  Newsom announced statewide restrictions Monday to again halt all indoor dining and close bars, family
  entertainment, zoos and museums. At the same time, 30 counties (all Southern California counties
  except San Luis Obispo) will be forced to shutter gyms, churches, hair salons, malls and other businesses.
- Restaurants are still permitted to stay open for outdoor dining and takeout, while bars and breweries can
  serve drinks outdoors if they accompany the beverage with food.
- As of Monday, California had more than 326,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 7,000 total
  deaths, according to the Los Angeles Times’ tracker.
- Los Angeles campuses will not reopen for classes on Aug. 18, and the nation’s second-largest school
  system – LAUSD will continue with online learning until further notice, because of the worsening
  coronavirus surge.
- Newsom plans an update on testing with California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly
  on Tuesday.

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

- 13 new deaths and 2,593 new cases reported today.
- There are 2,056 people hospitalized, 28% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 20% 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 over 1,338,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.
- The Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will be modified today to align with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s
  directives to prevent more cases, more serious illnesses, increased hospitalizations and more deaths.
- The Order requires the closure of additional indoor operations for certain sectors which promote the
  mixing of populations beyond households and make adherence to physical distancing with face coverings
difficult:
  o Gyms and Fitness Centers
  o Places of Worship
Indoor Protests
- Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors as identified at covid19.ca.gov
- Personal Care Services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors)
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Malls

- Bars, indoor dining at restaurants, indoor museums, indoor operations at zoos and aquariums, and cardrooms and satellite wagering facilities remain closed in Los Angeles County, and all events and gatherings are prohibited unless specifically allowed by the Order.

- As the new round of closures were announced, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) also released reopening protocols for K through 12 schools in Los Angeles County. Developed in consultation with more than 500 stakeholders, the protocols are intended to serve as a roadmap for school districts as they plan how to reopen with as much safety as possible for students, teachers, staff and their families.

- The protocols do not authorize schools to reopen for in person classroom instruction. School re-openings will be guided by the state and by each school district's decision on how to best configure learning opportunities during the pandemic, considering the levels of community transmission and what the science tells us about the risks. For those schools that re-open their campuses, they will need to adhere to the public health and safety requirements detailed in the protocol released today.

- A Los Angeles Apparel factory that made masks is shut after 300 workers test positive. On July 10, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ordered Mr. Charney's manufacturing facility to close: An investigation found over 300 confirmed cases of Covid-19 among the garment workers, and four deaths.

**Higher Education News**

- An outbreak of coronavirus infections tied to parties connected to fraternities at UC Berkeley is imperiling the prospect of in-person fall semester classes, university officials warned. In just one week, there have been 47 COVID-19 cases confirmed by the University Health Services system, the school said in a letter to the campus community.

- **L.A. Times article** – [Going back to college during a pandemic: Here’s what you need to know](https://www.latimes.com/).