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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Tuesday, July 14, 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	3,543,906	139,119	43,798,374
California	344,889 2.9% increase over 7/13	7,213	5,544,419
Los Angeles County	140,307 3.07% increase over 7/13	3,894	1,387,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,103 7.57% decrease over 7/13		
Claremont	174		
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	429,274	32,462	4,784,927
California	344,889	7,213	5,544,419
Florida	291,629	4,409	2,688,366
Texas	285,432	3,469	2,864,541

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- The first COVID-19 vaccine tested in the U.S. revved up people's immune systems just the way scientists had hoped, researchers reported Tuesday — as the shots are poised to begin key final testing. "No matter how you slice this, this is good news," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, told The Associated Press.
- The experimental vaccine, developed by Fauci's colleagues at the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc., will start its most important step around July 27: A 30,000-person study to prove if the shots really are strong enough to protect against the coronavirus.
- Early volunteers developed what are called neutralizing antibodies in their bloodstream — molecules key to blocking infection — at levels comparable to those found in people who survived COVID-19, the research team reported in the New England Journal of Medicine.
- There were no serious side effects. But more than half the study participants reported flu-like reactions to the shots that aren't uncommon with other vaccines — fatigue, headache, chills, fever and pain at the injection site.
- The 30,000-person study will mark the world's largest study of a potential COVID-19 vaccine so far. And the NIH-developed shot isn't the only one set for such massive U.S. testing, crucial to spot rare side

effects. The government plans similar large studies of the Oxford candidate and another by Johnson & Johnson; separately, Pfizer Inc. is planning its own huge study.

- The Trump administration abruptly reversed course Tuesday, telling a federal judge in Boston that it was dropping a new policy that would have required international students to leave the U.S. if their colleges or universities were offering only online classes. The judge said the administration had agreed to “return to the status quo,” in which foreign students could remain in the U.S. while taking classes online during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- President Trump called the decision by Los Angeles schools to not reopen campuses next month a “mistake” adding “I would tell parents and teachers that you should find yourself a new person, whoever’s in charge of that decision.”
- Florida breaks its record for most deaths in a day, and Texas and Arizona are readying refrigerated morgue trucks.
- By Tuesday evening, more than 64,000 cases of the coronavirus had been announced across the United States, the second-highest daily total of the pandemic. Missouri, Nevada and Oklahoma all set single-day case records.
- The Trump administration has ordered hospitals to bypass the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and, beginning on Wednesday, send all coronavirus patient information to a central database in Washington — a move that has alarmed public health experts who fear the data will be distorted for political gain.
- From now on, H.H.S., and not the C.D.C., will collect daily reports about the patients that each hospital is treating, how many beds and ventilators are available, and other information vital to tracking the pandemic.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- The state released [NEW COVID-19 testing guidelines online](#) this afternoon per California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. This includes prioritizing who gets tested, *and* which tests get processed first by labs.
 - Tier One Priority
 - Hospitalized individuals with COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Investigation and management of outbreaks, under direction of state and local public health departments (includes contact tracing).
 - Close contacts of confirmed cases.
 - Tier Two Priority
 - All other individuals with COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Individuals who are asymptomatic (having no symptoms of COVID 19), who fall into one of the following categories:
 - Live in higher risk congregate care facilities including skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, correctional facilities, or homeless shelters.
 - Work in the health care sector who have frequent interactions with the public or with people who may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2. The health care sector includes: hospitals; skilled nursing facilities; long-term care facilities; ambulatory surgery centers; health care providers'

- offices; health care clinics; pharmacies; blood banks; dialysis centers; hospices; and, home health providers
- Work in a congregate care facility, including shelters for people experience homelessness and residential care facilities for the elderly.
- Provide care to an elderly person or a person with a disability in the home, including a person providing care through California's In-Home Supportive Services Program.
- Work in the emergency services sector who have frequent interactions with the public or with people who may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2. The emergency services sector includes police and public safety departments, fire departments, and emergency service response operations.
- Work in a correctional facility.
- Patients requiring pre-operative/pre-hospital admission screening.
- Patients being discharged from hospitals to lower levels of care.
- Tier Three Priority
 - Individuals who work in the retail or manufacturing sectors who have frequent interactions with the public or who works in an environment where it is not practical to maintain at least six feet of space from other workers on a consistent basis.
 - Individuals who work in the food services sector who have frequent interactions with the public. The food services sector includes grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, and grocery or meal delivery services.
 - Individuals who work in the agricultural or food manufacturing sector who have frequent interactions with the public or who works in an environment where it is not practical to maintain at least six feet of space from other workers on a consistent basis. The agricultural or food manufacturing sector includes food production and processing facilities, slaughter facilities, harvesting sites or facilities, and food packing facilities.
 - Individuals who work in the public transportation sector who have frequent interactions with the public. The public transportation sector includes public transit, passenger rail service, passenger ferry service, public airports, and commercial airlines.
 - Individuals who work in the education sector who have frequent interactions with students or the public. **The education sector includes public and private childcare establishments; public and private pre-kindergarten programs; primary and secondary schools; and public and private colleges and universities.**
- Tier Four Priority
 - Tier Four would be implemented when the state's testing turnaround time, as monitored by CDPH, is less than 48 hours.
 - Other individuals not specified above including: those who are asymptomatic but believe they have a risk for being actively infected as well as routine testing by employers.

- Ghaly noted the importance of being able to get results as fast as possible for hospitalized patients, as well as for those in skilled nursing facilities. The state is working to make sure all COVID-19 testing in California is free, in partnership with health plans, Ghaly said.
- Ghaly talked about different types of testing that are being explored, including [pool testing](#), to help resources go further. He also noted supply issues that the state has faced with testing.
- Ghaly noted the need to be targeted with contact tracing at this time due to the high rate of transmission, despite the state hitting its goal of 10,000 contact tracers. "We did not build the current contact tracing program on this level of transmission," Ghaly said.
- The state is working aggressively to bring down transmission rates to allow contact tracing to work efficiently, Ghaly said.
- The state is reaching out to encourage more testing by local providers and local labs.

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

- 73 new deaths and 4,244 new cases reported today.
- This is the highest number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations reported in a day.
- Of the 2,103 people currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 19% are confirmed cases on ventilators.
- Testing results are available for over 1,387,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.
- The 73 deaths is one of the highest number of new deaths reported in a day and may reflect a lag in the reporting of deaths over the weekend.
- Mayor Eric Garcetti has warned that the city of Los Angeles is inching closer to the highest threat level and an imminent shutdown as dangers posed by the coronavirus continue to loom.
- A Los Angeles Times analysis found that new coronavirus hospitalizations in California began accelerating around June 15 at a rate not seen since early April, immediately after the coronavirus began rapidly spreading throughout the state.