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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Wednesday, July 15, 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	3,611,598	140,006	44,644,817
California	352,248 2.13% increase over 7/14	7,305	5,674,955
Los Angeles County	143,009 1.93% increase over 7/14	3,932	1,409,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,193 4.28% increase over 7/14		
Claremont	180		
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	430,270	32,495	4,848,525
California	352,248	7,305	5,674,955
Florida	301,810	4,521	2,739,169
Texas	296,546	3,579	2,924,288

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- The Trump administration is distancing itself from a senior advisor's critique of Anthony Fauci, the immunologist who has delivered warnings about the coronavirus' resurgence as the president pushes to reopen.
- Peter Navarro, the White House's director for the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, wrote an op-ed published in USA Today criticizing Fauci. Navarro also had earlier sent a similar statement to CBS. The statement was not signed off on by the White House communications office.
- As the outbreak hits record levels in the United States, increasing in 41 states over the past two weeks, governors and mayors across the nation are scrambling to try to contain it, issuing new mask orders, limiting the size of gatherings and preparing for the worst.
- Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, said it would require all customers to wear masks, beginning Monday. The grocery chain Kroger also said its customers had to wear masks starting July 22.
- Oklahoma hit a single-day record for cases on Wednesday, with 1,075, and its governor, Kevin Stitt, announced that he had tested positive, becoming the first governor known to become infected. Mr. Stitt has attended many public events and has often been photographed in public while not wearing a mask, including at an indoor rally for President Trump that was held in Tulsa on June 20.

- More than 65,000 U.S. cases were announced Tuesday, the nation's second-highest daily total, and the seven-day average of new cases rose to 61,896, a new high.
- In the interview Wednesday, Dr. Fauci called the partisan environment around the virus disturbing. "It distracts from what I hope would be the common effort of getting this thing under control, rather than this back-and-forth distraction, which just doesn't make any sense," he said.
- A pair of recent studies found that people with Type A blood are no more at risk of getting the virus or falling dangerously ill than others, contradicting preliminary evidence based on a relatively small sample of people.
- Florida health officials have identified a troubling trend; approximately 31 percent, or one-third, of children in Florida tested for COVID-19 yield positive results, [according to the Sun Sentinel](#).

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- Dr. Grant Colfax, San Francisco's director of public health, said Wednesday that the rate of coronavirus transmission has continued to climb in the Bay Area and that the city would not move forward with reopening.
- Riverside and San Bernardino counties are feeling the impacts of nationwide coronavirus testing problems, officials said this week.
- After a spike in the number of reported infections last week in Riverside County that went as high as 1,400 cases daily, the number dipped Tuesday to 733. Brooke Federico, the county's public information officer, said the decline is related to a backup in test results from commercial testing labs LabCorp and Quest Diagnostics. These lab released statements explaining the delay is due to volume.

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

- 44 new deaths and 2,758 new cases reported today.
- Today LA DPH reported the highest number of new hospitalizations reported in a day with 2,193 people currently hospitalized, surpassing yesterday's number.
- Out of the 2,193 confirmed COVID-19 cases currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. The 3-day average for people hospitalized is 2,084. This is more people hospitalized each day for COVID-19 than at any point during the pandemic.
- Data shows younger people between the ages of 18 and 40 years old are being hospitalized at a higher rate than seen before.
- At the beginning of June, the 7-day average of new cases was 1,452. Now the 7-day average is 2,859 new cases a day. This is double the rate from six weeks ago and higher than any point during this entire pandemic.
- Testing results are available for over 1,409,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.
- "The shift from declining rates to increasing rates happened very rapidly, and we now see a three-day average of over 2,000 people hospitalized on a given day, which is more people hospitalized each day for COVID-19 than at any other point during the pandemic" per Dr. Barbara Ferrer.