

# THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Thursday, July 16, 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	3,680,447	140,951	45,514,103
California	359,847 2.16% increase over 7/15	7,414	5,915,508
Los Angeles County	147,468 3.12% increase over 7/15	3,988	1,440,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,173 .91% decrease over 7/15		
Claremont	189		
<b>Current Case Leaders by State</b>			
New York	431,345	32,513	4,921,210
California	359,847	7,414	5,915,508
Florida	315,775	4,677	2,819,000
Texas	305,202	3,714	2,992,102

## International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- Trump administration officials are preparing guidance that will recommend people who test positive for COVID-19 do not need to get retested to prove they no longer have the disease.
- The move, previewed in a call with reporters by the administration's testing coordinator Brett Giroir, comes as the U.S. testing system faces severe strains and a national backlog of results.
- The guidance will represent a major change in ensuring people with COVID-19 don't spread the disease.
- The U.S. COVID-19 hospital data will now be collected by a private technology firm rather than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — a move the Trump administration says will speed up reporting but one that concerns some public health leaders.
- Dr. Robert Redfield, the CDC director, said that he's fine with the change — even though some experts fear it will further sideline the agency in the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The CDC has agreed to step out of the government's traditional data collection process "in order to streamline reporting," Redfield said during a call with reporters set up by the agency's parent, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

- Two-thirds of the 230,000 new cases that were reported worldwide on Wednesday came from just four countries — the United States, Brazil, India and South Africa — which are all failing to contain enormous, fast-moving epidemics.
- Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, noted that after its initial peak, the U.S. never succeeded in driving the virus beneath a plateau of about 20,000 new cases a day. The U.S. is now averaging some 63,000 new cases a day.
- “When you looked at what happened in the European countries, when they had their peak and they locked down, they locked down to the tune of about 90 to 95 percent of the country, truly locked down,” Fauci said, adding that they succeeded in driving new infections down to a baseline of “literally handfuls of new cases — tens, twenties, thirties, not hundreds and thousands.”
- “What I think we need to do, and my colleagues agree, is we really almost need to regroup, call a timeout, — not necessarily lock down again, but say that we’ve got to do this in a more measured way,” Dr. Fauci said. “We’ve got to get our arms around this and we’ve got to get this controlled.”
- The New York Times is cataloging some of the most talked-about drugs, devices and therapies in a new [tracker](#) that summarizes the evidence for and against each proposed treatment. The tracker includes 20 treatments so far; five have strong evidence of efficacy, three are pseudoscience, and the rest fall somewhere in between.
- Cruise ships will not be allowed to resume regular departures from the United States until October at the soonest, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.
- France will make masks compulsory in all public indoor areas starting next week, Prime Minister Jean Castex announced on Thursday, as the authorities try to contain an uptick of coronavirus cases in recent days.
- Britain announced similar measures this week, with face coverings compulsory in shops and supermarkets starting July 24.
- Target and CVS announced Thursday that they will require customers to wear face masks at all stores nationwide.
- The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference on Thursday canceled fall sports, citing concerns about escalating coronavirus cases along the East Coast in addition to the disproportionate effect Covid-19, the disease caused by the virus, has had on communities of color. The conference, which is made up of 11 historically Black colleges, is the third Division I league to postpone its season, after the Ivy and Patriot leagues did so. Other conferences such as the Big Ten and Pc-12 have decided to only hold games within their conference.

### **State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage**

- The next two weeks will be critical for the State of California as this week was marked by a series of grim milestones as California shattered a one-day record for new coronavirus cases — more than 11,000 on Tuesday — as well as rising infection rates and growing numbers of hospitalizations. Because the coronavirus can take weeks to incubate, much of the current surge is still tied to people exposed to the virus in June.

- The big question now is whether Californians changed their behavior enough in July to reduce infection rates. Officials began raising alarms in the days before the July 4 holiday and over the last few weeks have closed bars, indoor dining, shopping malls, gyms and other retail establishments in many areas.
- Regarding the transmission rates in California – in LA County, the effective rate of COVID transmission is 1.07. That means officials estimate that on average, every 1 person infected with the virus transmits it to 1.07 other people. San Francisco on Wednesday reported an even worse transmission rate of about 1.3.

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

- 59 new deaths and 4,592 new cases reported today.
- This is the largest increase in new cases, surpassing the count from July 14. Over the last 48 hours there have been 7,350 new cases.
- There are 2,173 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. Data shows younger people between the ages of 18 and 40 years old are being hospitalized at a higher rate than seen at any point in this pandemic. They comprise of 20% of patients with COVID-19 currently hospitalized.
- Testing results are available for over 1,440,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.
- Public health inspectors are receiving 2,000 to 3,000 complaints each week about businesses not complying with the county's rules, according to Los Angeles County's health officer.

#### **Higher Education**

- The University of Southern California's financial aid office announced it will award up to \$8,000 in scholarships to students who would normally receive financial aid for housing but decide to stay home this school year.