Friday, July 17, 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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<td>LA County Hospitalizations</td>
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**Current Case Leaders by State**

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

- Dr. Anthony Fauci said that he expects results for a clinical trial on monoclonal antibodies by late summer or early fall.
- A monoclonal antibody is a laboratory-produced protein that can potentially be used to treat sick patients as well as for prophylaxis. Fauci described them as “precise bullets” that can be developed from antibodies from other people who’ve been infected and used as a treatment to fight the virus at multiple stages.
- House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott (D-Va.) sent CDC Director Robert Redfield a letter last week asking him or a CDC designee to testify at a hearing on how K-12 public schools can reopen for in-person classroom instruction this fall. But on Friday, Scott said his panel had been informed that the Trump administration would not allow CDC testimony at the hearing planned for next week.
- President Trump says he will not issue a national mandate requiring Americans to wear masks in order to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. “I want people to have a certain freedom and I don’t believe in that, no,” Trump said in an interview with Fox News’s Chris Wallace that will air in full on “Fox News Sunday.”
The U.S. reported over 75,600 COVID-19 cases on Thursday alone, marking a new daily record as cases continue to surge across the country. The grim milestone marks the 11th time in the last month that the U.S. has broken this single-day record, according to The New York Times. The prior record for daily recorded cases was set last Friday at 68,241 cases.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- San Francisco Mayor London Breed said Friday the city has now been added to the state's watch list because of rising hospitalizations for the coronavirus and implored residents to avoid gathering with others outside their households.
- An analysis by the Harvard Global Health Institute suggests California is conducting less than half the daily tests necessary to mitigate the virus and far fewer than needed to stop the spread, while states such as New York show greater success with testing.
- Newsom reopened California without meeting his own coronavirus testing, tracing benchmarks. In early May Newsom began reopening businesses before meeting his own benchmarks.
- Now, the governor has once again ordered closures as California surpasses 350,000 COVID-19 cases. Hospitalizations have more than doubled and deaths have nearly tripled since Newsom launched the reopening on May 8.
- Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties are reporting worse coronavirus case rates per capita than L.A. County, according to a Times analysis. San Bernardino County has 408 new cases over the preceding seven days per 100,000 residents; Orange, 399; Riverside, 391; and Los Angeles, 372.
- There were 9,986 new COVID-19 cases yesterday — the seven-day average is 8,838.
- The positivity rate is down modestly, Newsom said — the 14-day positivity rate is 7.4%, while the seven-day rate is 7.1%. That's a 7.3% increase over that period, Newsom said.
- There were 129,000 people tested, Newsom said — the average is 124,000 tests per day. The goal remains to increase testing, he added, though the focus of who gets tested is shifting.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are continuing to increase — a 22% increase over the past 14 days, from 5,595 to 6,808.
- COVID-19 patients are occupying 9.2% of the state's total hospital beds, while 63% total are occupied.
- ICU admissions are up 15% over the past two weeks to 1,941. That makes up 16.6% of the state's total ICU beds.
- Thirty-two of the state's 58 counties are now on the state's COVID-19 monitoring list, though it's likely to go up to 33 soon, Newsom said.

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

- 62 new deaths and 2,885 new cases reported today.
- Over the last 48 hours there have been 7,477 new cases.
- To date, Public Health has identified 150,319 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,047 deaths.
- There are 2,122 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. Data continues to show 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.

- To date, Public Health has identified 15 cases of MIS-C in LA County with a median age of 8 years, 7 months old. Forty percent of these cases were between ages of 0 and 5 years old, 40% were between the ages of 6 and 12 years old, and 20% were between the ages of 13 and 20 years old. The majority of cases (73%) were Latino/Latinx. No reported cases have died. MIS-C is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.
- Testing results are available for over 1,465,000 individuals with 9% of all people testing positive.
- As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increase, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) continues to monitor for multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) that is affecting a number of children under 21 years of age across the country who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or has COVID-19.
- Los Angeles County will issue a new Health Officer Order today to adhere to the California Department of Public Health's directive that schools in 32 counties on the State's monitoring list, including Los Angeles County, cannot resume in-person learning next month.
- The state order allows superintendents to submit school district waiver requests to re-open elementary schools for approval by the local health officer only after review of local epidemiological data and intervention strategies, and in consultation with CDPH.
- In order for schools to re-open their campuses, Los Angeles County will have to remain off the monitoring list for 14 consecutive days. Counties are on the monitoring list because they have not achieved more than 150 tests per day per 100,000 people, or have more than 100 cases per 1,000 residents, or have case positivity rates greater than 8%, or have a 10% or more increase in hospitalizations over the past 3 days, or less than 20% of ICU beds are open, or less than 25% of ventilators are available.
- At this time, Los Angeles County is on the monitoring list because it has a positivity rate of 9 percent and case rate of 307 positive cases per 100,000 residents. However, testing and hospital capacity remain adequate with almost 20,000 people tested daily. Both ICU bed and ventilator capacity remain adequate with 29% of ICU beds open and 64% of ventilator capacity available.
- If a teacher or student in a classroom tests positive, the state will suggest that the class be sent home to self-quarantine. If multiple classrooms are closed, the state will instruct school officials to work with local public health agencies and consider closing the campus. School districts will be asked to close all campuses if 25% of their locations had enough coronavirus cases to require a shutdown.

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