

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Monday, July 20, 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	3,947,018	143,634	48,918,363
California	394,799 6.77% increase over 7/17	7,720	6,414,321
Los Angeles County	159,046 5.81% increase over 7/17	4,104	1,540,289
LA County Hospitalizations	2,232 5.18% increase over 7/17		
Claremont	206		
Current Case Leaders by State			
New York	434,664	32,582	5,164,812
California	394,799	7,720	6,414,321
Florida	360,394	5,075	3,052,106
Texas	341,118	4,087	3,207,857

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- The U.S. is logging a seven-day average of 65,790 new cases a day, has more confirmed cases per capita than any other major industrial nation.
- The White House is pushing to eliminate billions of dollars for coronavirus testing and tracing from a relief proposal drafted by Senate Republicans.
- A [new study in South Korea](#) suggests that school reopenings will trigger more outbreaks. The study of nearly 65,000 people found that children younger than 10 transmit to others much less often than adults do, but the risk is not zero. And those between the ages of 10 and 19 can spread the virus at least as well as adults.
- President Trump on Monday said he will resume giving regular coronavirus briefings this week, telling reporters in the Oval Office he would deliver a briefing at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, his first time participating in a coronavirus briefing since late April.
- A coronavirus vaccine being developed by Oxford University showed positive results in early trials, triggering an immune response, researchers said Monday. The researchers published results in the medical journal The Lancet on Monday, showing the potential vaccine triggered responses in both parts of the immune system, increasing antibody levels and T-cell levels.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- Statewide, people 18 to 34 years old make up the largest percentage of confirmed coronavirus cases, followed by those 35 to 49, according to The Times' coronavirus tracker.
- Those dying from COVID-19 continue to skew much older, with people over 80 being the largest group, followed by those 65 to 79.
- The start of the high school sports season in California will be delayed until December or January, the California Interscholastic Federation announced today.
- In releasing a new sports calendar, the state's governing body for high school sports might be giving the state's more than 800,000 athletes their best opportunity to have a sports season in the 2020-21 school year. The Southern Section both announced that football practice would begin Dec. 14, with games beginning on Jan. 8.
- Gov. Newsom noted that labs have been under strain due to increased testing not just in California but across the country, which has slowed down test results from national labs. Tests are coming back in an average of seven days, California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said.
- High priority tests are coming through in 24-48 hours, while it can be 13-14 days in other cases, Ghaly said. The state testing task force has been reconstituted to help make sure those that need the fastest turnaround time get it, he added.
- The seven-day average for coronavirus cases is 8,911 — there were 6,846 new cases yesterday. The positivity rate over the past two weeks is 7.39%. This time last week, that two-week average was at 7.41%. The seven-day average is now 7.2%, while it was 7.7% at this time last week.
- There has also been an **average of 124,279 tests** conducted per day over the past week, a new record. There were 127,000 tests conducted yesterday.
- **Hospitalizations** are up **16%** over the past two weeks to **6,921**, though it's a slower increase than the state has been experiencing in recent weeks — it was at 50% a couple weeks ago. About **9%** of the state's hospital beds are taken by COVID-19 patients, while 59% of the state's total beds are occupied. **ICU** numbers are up **12%** over the past two weeks to **1,943**. That rate of growth has also decreased, Newsom noted. Right now, **17%** of ICU capacity is in use by COVID-19 patients.
- There are currently **33 counties** on the state's COVID-19 monitoring list — San Francisco County was recently added.

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

- 9 new deaths and 3,160 new cases reported today.
- To date, Public Health has identified 159,046 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,104 deaths.
- There are 2,232 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 19% are confirmed cases on ventilators. Highest number of hospitalized patients reported.
- On Sunday, officials noted that 53% of the 2,848 new cases reported for the day occurred among that group. Overall, 52% of cases to date in the county have been people under 41.
- Back to over 20,000 tests per day.

- Testing results are available for over 1,540,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive. The cumulative positivity rate has increased from 9% to 10%.
- Ferrer indicated that contact tracing — identifying people who may have come into contact with someone who tests positive for the virus — has had mixed results. She said less than 50% of COVID-19-positive individuals contacted by the county provided information about others they have been in close contact with.
- To improve contact tracing, LA DPH is providing \$10 million to community-based organizations, particularly in the hardest hit communities, to encourage participation with case investigation and contact tracing efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Public Health is also piloting a \$20 gift card incentive program to thank individuals for participating in the hour-long contact tracing interview.
- As of July 7, a total number of 92,523 confirmed positive cases are part of case investigations.
- Public Health has a dedicated call line for confirmed cases of COVID-19. If you have not yet connected with a public health specialist or need more information on services, call toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Residents who do not have COVID-19 should continue to call 211 for resources or more information.

Higher Education

AICCU - Potential Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Compliance Site Visits

Memorandum – July 20, 2020

On Friday, July 10, personnel from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) made an unannounced visit to Biola University asking to conduct a compliance check on campus activities and future plans related to COVID-19. Their visit lasted approximately two hours; they reviewed campus residence halls, administrative buildings, as well as processes and procedures in place for students and employees, etc.

While we are not aware of similar activities outside of Los Angeles County, AICCU wanted to make you aware of this in case similar visits take place in the coming weeks. We are attaching a summary of the visit, courtesy of Biola University staff, **which is available [here](#)**. LACDPH supports this document being shared to help improve current and future health protocols.

This underscores how seriously local public health departments are taking compliance with their public health orders and we must remain vigilant in our efforts to adhere to public health guidance.