Tuesday, July 21, 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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**Current Case Leaders by State**

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

- President Trump in a Coronavirus briefing offered a stark warning about the progression of the coronavirus, urging Americans to wear a mask as he predicted the spread of the disease will worsen before it improves. "It will probably, unfortunately, get worse before it gets better," Trump acknowledged. "Something I don't like saying about things, but that's the way it is."
- "We're asking everybody that when you are not able to socially distance, wear a mask, get a mask," Trump said in perhaps his most explicit endorsement on that issue to date. "Whether you like the mask or not, they have an impact, they'll have an effect. We need everything we can get."
- The U.S. reported 63,000 new cases and 59,000 hospitalizations — the third-highest total number of hospitalizations recorded by the COVID-19 Tracking Project.
- A new federal study on antibody testing concludes that tests for the coronavirus vastly under-counted the true number of COVID-19 infections in the U.S. from March to May.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study shows that COVID-19 rates were more than 10 times higher than what was reported.
- Researchers relied on antibody tests on routine blood samples from 16,000 people in 10 U.S. regions, and found that infections were actually six to 24 times the number of reported cases.
Florida reported a record number of new hospitalizations due to the new coronavirus Tuesday as the state's daily new case count reached its 28th consecutive day with at least 5,000 positive cases.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- One day after a record-breaking number of new coronavirus infections, California has surpassed 400,000 overall cases.
- The news comes after California again reported its highest number of coronavirus cases in a single day, with 11,554 cases recorded Monday.
- Coronavirus-related hospitalizations are also at record-breaking levels. In fact, records have been broken for 28 of the last 30 days, including Sunday, when 6,921 people statewide were reported in hospitals.
- Despite the grim news around the state, there are signs the situation may be improving after a shutdown of indoor services at businesses including bars and restaurants, closures that have been underway for the last three weeks.
- Hospitalizations grew by 7% Sunday, compared with the previous Sunday; that's an improvement over July 12, when hospitalizations were up by 12% over the previous Sunday. On July 5, hospitalizations had grown by 21% over the previous Sunday; and on June 28, the figure was 29%.
- California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly today reiterated a common message from Gov. Gavin Newsom's updates: that reopening the economy is a "dimmer switch," with modifications and closures being toggled up and down to avoid large-scale surges. And, he said, it's time for that switch to get used.
- Ghaly noted that some have viewed the reopening of different sectors of the economy as a "green light" to resume normal life. That's led to hospitalizations, case positivity rates, and deaths increasing.
- Regarding contact tracing, Ghaly indicated that, while the state's contact tracing program is operational, there are still issues in that area. "High levels of transmission have made traditional contact tracing impractical and difficult to do."
- Hair and nail salons in California can operate outside, Gov. Gavin Newsom said, offering support to an industry decimated by coronavirus shutdowns.
- Some hair and personal care services are still banned, but many hair stylists, barbers, manicurists, massage therapists and estheticians can offer outdoor personal care services under the new rules. Businesses can operate under a tent or canopy as long as no more than one side is closed.

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

- 50 new deaths and 2,741 new cases reported today.
- To date, Public Health has identified 161,673 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,154 deaths.
- There are 2,218 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the third consecutive day of over 2,200 hospitalization.
- Testing results are available for over 1,559,000 individuals with 9.6% of all people testing positive.
- People over the age of 65 years old account for 11% of all cases but account for nearly 75% of all deaths.
- 57% of new cases of COVID-19 are in people under 41 years old.
• Barbara Ferrer, L.A. County’s public health director, said that there are three main reasons for why people are getting infected: gatherings, workplaces and people not taking the disease seriously.