

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Friday, July 24, 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	4,244,516	148,383	52,453,422
California	442,553 2.6% increase over 7/23	8,325	6,915,876
Los Angeles County	168,757 1.14% increase over 7/23	4,300	1,605,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,470 11.76% increase over 7/23		
Claremont	215		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	442,553	8,325	6,915,876
New York	438,402	32,662	5,444,845
Florida	402,312	5,653	3,281,087
Texas	384,225	4,879	3,539,452

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- Newly enrolled international students whose colleges and universities are operating entirely online this fall won't be allowed to enter the U.S. after all.
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [confirmed](#) today that its guidance granting visa flexibility to nonimmigrant students only applies to those who were actively enrolled at American schools on March 9.
- "Nonimmigrant students in new or initial status after March 9 will not be able to enter the U.S. to enroll in a U.S. school as a nonimmigrant student for the fall term to pursue a full course of study that is 100 percent online," the agency said.
- For weeks the coronavirus pandemic has largely been driven by spiraling outbreaks in the South and West. But some forecasters say Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states could soon be in deep trouble again too.
- The warning comes from researchers at the [PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#), which has built a model to provide four-week forecasts for every U.S. county. Researchers noted: noticeable trend of rising cases moving northward from Florida; the South appears to have re-seeded the virus in the North; summer travel is making things worse.

- Scientists are noting that until there is an effective vaccine in widespread use, levels of immunity will never be high enough to achieve what's called herd immunity, these researchers say. That's the tipping point at which the disease begins to burn itself out because so many people are immune that it can't continue to spread.
- As an example, Sweden in spite of its approach (achieve herd immunity) has been stuck at 6% for months now - in reference to the percentage of residents who have antibodies to the coronavirus.
- Even in the U.S., at 60,000 cases per day, it would take at least until 2021 — and possibly years of filled hospitals and morgues — before the requisite hundreds of millions of Americans were infected.
- Two [studies](#) now [show](#) that coronavirus antibodies, a key aspect of a person's immune response, can disappear over a matter of months. The results are hardly conclusive, and to date there has been no scientific proof of reinfections, but they have precedent.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [published the statement, along with new “resources and tools,”](#) Thursday evening. The statement titled: [The Importance of Reopening America’s Schools this Fall](#) is aligned with President Trump’s pressure on communities, listing numerous benefits of being in school and downplaying the potential health risks.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- A surge in coronavirus cases has made California and other hard-hit states resemble “three New Yorks,” referring to Texas, California and Florida, but there are signs the wave is abating, per the White House’s coronavirus response coordinator, Dr. Birx.
- Dr. Birx said that the rise in infections in the four states was driven by people in their 20s and 30s who didn’t have symptoms and didn’t realize they were spreading the virus. Young people are less likely to require hospitalization or seek testing, so their cases are less likely to be detected.
- California has now recorded more cases than any other state.
- California’s COVID-19 hospitalizations hit records this week, surpassing 7,000 for the first time. On Monday, 7,091 people with coronavirus infections were in the hospital statewide; on Tuesday, the figure was 7,170; on Wednesday, it was 6,825; and on Thursday, it was 6,952. Two months ago, about 3,000 infected people were in California’s hospitals.

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

- 44 new deaths and 1,949 new cases reported today. The lower number of cases are, in part, due to lab result reporting delays in the State electronic lab system. The number of cases is expected to increase in the coming days once the data becomes available.
- To date, Public Health has identified 168,757 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,300 deaths.
- There are 2,470 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 16% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the sixth consecutive day of over 2,200 hospitalization. The hospitalization data is incomplete due to changes in reporting requirements from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This resulted in historical data from 11

non-reporting hospitals not being part of today's update. The State is working hard to remedy both these issues.

- Testing results are available for over 1,605,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.
- The effective transmission rate of the coronavirus is now at about 0.94, meaning that on average, every person infected with the virus passes it on to 0.94 people, said Dr. Christina Ghaly, director of health services for L.A. County. That's better than it was in June, when it rose above 1 and fueled the surge.
- And the number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization in L.A. County, which had been rising, has become flat and maybe even started to decrease, Ghaly said. It's plateaued at a substantially worse number than it was in April, but the data nonetheless suggest an improvement, she said.