

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Monday, July 27, 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	4,429,895	150,393	54,924,443
California	465,717 <small>5.23% increase over 7/24</small>	8,530	7,296,578
Los Angeles County	176,028 <small>4.32% increase over 7/24</small>	4,375	1,649,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,552 <small>3.32% increase over 7/24</small>		
Claremont	231		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	465,717	8,530	7,296,578
New York	440,423	32,705	5,627,149
Florida	432,747	5,933	3,436,270
Texas	402,800	5,230	3,714,821

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- The world's biggest COVID-19 vaccine study got underway Monday with the first of 30,000 planned volunteers helping to test one of several candidates in the final stretch of the global vaccine race.
- Every month through fall, the government-funded COVID-19 Prevention Network will roll out a new study of a leading candidate — each one with 30,000 newly recruited volunteers.
- Next up in August, the final study of the Oxford shot begins, followed by plans to test a candidate from Johnson & Johnson in September and Novavax in October, if all goes according to schedule. Pfizer plans its own 30,000-person study this summer.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- A surge in Coronavirus positivity rates in the state of California over the past 14 days are at 7.5%. Those numbers are holding relatively stable, per Gov. Newsom. The seven-day average is at 7.8%.
- The seven-day average of **new cases** is at **9,859** — there were **6,891** new cases Sunday. The seven-day average of COVID-19 **deaths** is up from 91 to **109** this past week. There were **29** deaths reported Sunday.

- Hospitalization and ICU numbers are continuing to rise, but at a more modest pace than they were two to three weeks ago when hospitalizations were up 50%, Newsom said. Hospitalizations are up 3% over the past two weeks, while ICU patients are up 7%.
- There were **128,000** people **tested** in California on Sunday. Newsom noted that there are still testing issues in different parts of the state, including with supplies. He said that the state is focusing testing on the most vulnerable sectors and regions.
- There are now **37** of the state's 58 **counties** on California's coronavirus monitoring list. Those counties include 93% of the state's population.
- There continues to be a disproportionate rate of infections among people 18-49.
- New strategies for innovation in testing will be announced Friday, Newsom said. He also mentioned pool testing being used to help with testing for those who are asymptomatic in particular, as well as to increase capacity in schools given limited capacity.
- Orange County's seven-day positivity rate is now at 12.7%, which is higher than the state's goal but lower than what the county has reported previously.

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

- 17 new deaths and 2,039 new cases reported today. Public Health anticipates receiving a backlog of cases in the coming days.
- Public Health has identified 176,028 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,375 deaths.
- There are 2,552 confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 29% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. The hospitalization data is incomplete due to data from five non-reporting hospitals not being part of today's update.
- Testing results are available for over 1,649,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.
- Public Health introduced a new effort to communicate a new set of three Cs: Compliance, Containment and Collaboration.
 - Compliance: Businesses must comply with Health Officer Orders and implement the strict infection control practices and distancing guidelines in place to protect the workforce and the public. Residents must continue to wear face coverings, maintain physical distancing, avoid gathering with people they don't live with and continue washing their hands and cleaning high-touch surfaces.
 - Containment: Adequate testing and case investigations are critical tools to contain spread. The Department of Health Services has announced testing capacity has expanded to over 65% to serve communities hardest hit by COVID-19 that experience racial and economic disparities. Case interviews and contact tracing of people who are positive or exposed are isolating and quarantining must continue. Businesses and employers must also do their part and alert the department to outbreaks at their work sites.
 - Collaboration: Collaborating across all sectors and government is imperative to ensure clear messages to the public, uninterrupted supply chains for testing supplies and personal protective equipment, and unity in strategies for re-opening with as much safety as possible.

- Since May, the majority of cases have occurred among people between the ages of 18 and 49 years old. People between the ages of 30 and 49 year old account for the largest proportion of cases and roughly the same proportion of cases as seen since May. Other age groups are flat or decreasing slightly.
- Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said that average daily death rate is declining for every age group, and most steeply for those over the age of 65.
- Public Health has a dedicated call line for confirmed cases of COVID-19. If you are positive for COVID-19 and 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.