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CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Tuesday, July 28, 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	4,497,865	152,285	55,667,176
California	474,791 1.95% increase over 7/27	8,711	7,417,866
Los Angeles County	178,642 1.48% increase over 7/27	4,426	1,675,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,552 2.71% increase over 7/27		
Claremont	236		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	474,791	8,711	7,417,866
Florida	441,977	6,119	3,485,151
New York	441,234	32,718	5,684,546
Texas	414,857	6,003	3,777,263

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- In a video posted Monday online and promoted by Trump, a group of people calling themselves "America's Frontline Doctors" and wearing white medical coats spoke against the backdrop of the Supreme Court in Washington, sharing misleading claims about the virus, including that hydroxychloroquine was an effective coronavirus treatment and that masks did not slow the spread of the virus.
- A new federal report found that the number of states with outbreaks serious enough to place them in the "red zone" had grown to 21 and urged officials in them to impose more restrictions.
- The 21 states now in the "red zone" — Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin — were designated as such because they had more than 100 new cases per 100,000 people in the past week.
- Germany, an early model for containing the virus, is confronting a surge. Its top health experts urge masks.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

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- Coronavirus positivity rates in the state over the past 14 days [are relatively stable](#), at 7.5%.
- Gov. Gavin Newsom asked the California Legislature to approve \$52 million to expand testing, tracing and isolation protocols in the affected region where the virus has disproportionately affected Latino communities. That's also the case throughout the state, including L.A. County, where Black and Latino populations have been more impacted by the virus than other groups.

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

- 51 new deaths and 2,708 new cases reported today. Public Health anticipates receiving a backlog of cases in the coming days.
- Public Health has identified 178,642 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,426 deaths.
- Public Health is reporting 2,051 confirmed cases currently hospitalized and 29% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU. There are a total of 2,621 confirmed and suspect cases that are currently hospitalized and 18% of these people are on ventilators. The hospitalization data is incomplete due to data from three hospitals not included in today's update.
- Testing results are available for over 1,675,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.
- Medical experts are urging caution against the idea of achieving "herd immunity" against the coronavirus — that's when so many people become immune to a disease it can't spread as rapidly, or at all. Experts say we don't know enough about the role natural antibodies play in the human body's response to the virus and whether those defenses last long enough to permanently protect someone from becoming infected again.
- Dr. Kimberley Shriner, an infectious disease specialist at Pasadena's Huntington Hospital, says some calculations estimate 60% to 70% of the population would need to be exposed to the virus.

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