

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Thursday, July 30, 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	4,628,391	155,000	57,418,705
California	491,636 2.58% increase over 7/29	8,973	7,633,840
Los Angeles County	185,872 1.36% increase over 7/29	4,552	1,733,000
LA County Hospitalizations	2,022 1.12% decrease over 7/29		
Claremont	243		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	491,636	8,973	7,633,840
Florida	461,379	6,587	3,584,193
New York	442,890	32,751	5,820,368
Texas	431,161	6,481	3,911,270

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- U.S. economic output fell at a 32.9% annual rate in the second quarter -- a level not seen since the Great Depression, according to data released Thursday.
- By comparison, during the worst of the Great Recession, GDP, the total of all goods and services produced in the country, shrank at an 8.4% pace in the final quarter of 2008. The single largest quarterly decline since the Commerce Department's records began in 1947 was 10% in early 1958.
- *The New York Times* has found that 6,300 coronavirus cases over the course of the pandemic were connected to a total of 270 colleges. For an interactive map, the *Times* surveyed every public four-year college and private institution that competes in Division I sports or is an elite research university.
- Though there is no standard method across campuses for reporting instances of the virus, some colleges had posted about their cases online. On some campuses, outbreaks were prominent among fraternity and sorority members over the summer. At the University of Washington, for example, 136 residents were infected, the *Times* reports. The outbreak has also made its way to Clemson University's football team and to 41 construction workers at Appalachian State University, in North Carolina. [Check out the map here.](#)
- Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus response coordinator, is recommending the use of face shields along with masks to protect against COVID-19 infection. Face shields can offer more protection to

the wearer than cloth face coverings, which are intended to prevent asymptomatic individuals from spreading coronavirus to others. "The mask protects others, to block those droplets and block that contamination that happens when you speak or sing or talk, or even breathe," Birx said on "Fox & Friends" Thursday morning.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/State Coverage

- As of Thursday, California had recorded at least 8,913 deaths and at least 485,831 cases. Los Angeles County now has a cumulative death toll from the coronavirus of at least 4,518 and at least 183,456 confirmed cases.
- The state set single-day records twice this week for the number of coronavirus-related deaths. On consecutive days, California broke its daily record, with 174 deaths on Tuesday and 189 deaths on Wednesday. L.A. County confirmed a single-day record of 91 deaths Wednesday, attributing the high number to a backlog in data reporting from July 23 to Sunday.

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

- 41 new deaths and 2,628 new cases reported today.
- Public Health has identified 185,872 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 4,552 deaths.
- There are 2,022 confirmed cases currently hospitalized and 27% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU. There are a total of 2,597 confirmed and suspect cases that are currently hospitalized and 17% of these people are on ventilators.
- Testing results are available for over 1,733,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.
- LA DPH announced the "Angelenos in Action," a text-based survey to monitor COVID-19 symptoms across LA County aimed at capturing potential spikes and trends in real-time to assist Public Health workers appropriately allocate resources to affected communities.
- Adults (18 years and older) living in Los Angeles County, who have access to a cell phone, and can send and receive text messages, can volunteer for the survey.
- Interested participants can enroll by visiting the Public Health website or by text @PROTECT to 35134. Currently the survey is available in English and Spanish. The survey is confidential, consists of five questions, should take less than a minute to complete, and helps Public Health understand the spread of COVID-19 and how to better support community residents.
- Currently, Public Health is responding to over 1,000 active outbreaks. Inspectors are working seven days a week conducting unannounced site visits, and also responding to a high volume of complaints. In the last several months, the department has received and responded to between 2,000 and 3,000 complaints a week that come via phone, web, and email.

Higher Education

- The Regents of the University of California are set to vote today on an \$80 million budget cut.

- A drop in state revenues caused by the coronavirus pandemic led Sacramento to slash UC's funding by nearly 13% for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. [UC President Janet Napolitano has proposed an \\$862 million budget](#), an 8.5% reduction from last year's \$941.7 million spending plan.
- USC is dealing with an outbreak of the coronavirus spread across the university's Greek row. The school has detected around 40 positive COVID-19 cases involving individuals living on 28th Street, where many fraternity groups associated with the university are based.
- UCLA's COVID total was similar to USC's. The university reported [153 individuals](#) have tested positive and reported their diagnosis to the university since testing began. 52 cases have been reported since June 15. Ritea said the data include self-reported cases from out-of-state students and that the Westwood campus is not experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.