

THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - DAILY UPDATE

Tuesday, August 11, 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	5,303,595	167,547	66,938,492
California	585,273 2.42% increase over 8/10	10,623	9,186,279
Los Angeles County	211,808 .66% increase over 8/10	5,057	1,965,000
LA County Hospitalizations	1,524 .66% increase over 8/10		
Claremont	289		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	585,273	10,623	9,186,279
Florida	542,792	8,558	4,055,587
Texas	526,032	8,887	4,421,806
New York	451,698	32,854	6,640,705

International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- The push to reopen schools for in-person education is becoming increasingly fraught with quarantines, virus outbreaks and coronavirus-related deaths.
- In Georgia, more than 800 students from one school district have been asked to quarantine a week after the school year started. In Florida, a third person with ties to a Tallahassee school that has not yet reopened has died after contracting COVID-19,
- Meanwhile in Texas, the state surpassed 500,000 confirmed coronavirus cases Tuesday just as schools are beginning to reopen across the state. Gov. Greg Abbott is suggesting family and neighborhood gatherings are to blame for a sharp rise in the rate of positive tests.
- Russia [has become the first country to officially register a vaccine](#) to combat COVID-19. Trump administration officials have questioned the thoroughness of Russia's testing.
- Arizona reported more than 1,200 new COVID-19 cases and 45 new known deaths Tuesday, as hospitalizations for the disease generally continue four weeks of downward trends. The state has seen hints of improvement after being a glaring hotspot earlier in the summer.
- A USA TODAY analysis of Johns Hopkins data shows Indiana and Puerto Rico set records for new cases in a week.

- Meanwhile, record numbers of deaths were reported in Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii and West Virginia, and also Puerto Rico.
- The United States has reported 5,094,400 cases and 163,463 deaths.
- Children represent less than 10% of all confirmed U.S. COVID-19 cases, but the total number of youth cases has almost doubled in the last month, a new report says. Almost 180,000 new child cases were reported from between July 9 and Aug. 6, raising the total number to 380,174, the American Academy of Pediatrics reported in a new survey.

State of California/Governor Gavin Newsom/Department of Public Health

- The Pac-12 joined the Big Ten in canceling fall football season because of COVID-19 concerns.
- The Central Valley is currently the hardest hit part of the state. Infections are spreading rapidly in Kern County, where there are now more than 1,000 cases per 100,000 residents, and Merced County, where there are 827 cases per 100,000 residents. Both counties have banned outdoor gatherings as a result. By comparison, Los Angeles County has about 340 cases per 100,000 residents.

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

- 63 new deaths and 1,440 new cases reported today.
- The number of new cases reported today is missing lab reports from one of the larger labs which is contributing to the lower number of new cases. Today's numbers also do not include backlog numbers. The State indicated that a backlog of lab reports for L.A County from the State electronic laboratory system (ELR) should be reconciled this week. Data sources that track other key indicators, including hospitalizations and deaths, are not affected by this reporting issue.
- Today marked a somber note, as LA County surpassed 5,000 COVID-19 deaths.
- There are 1,524 confirmed cases currently hospitalized and 32% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU. Daily hospitalizations were over 2,000 patients a month ago.
- Public Health has identified 211,808 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 5,057 deaths.
- Testing results are available for over 1,965,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.
- When the number of people being sent to the hospital with COVID-19 began to creep up in Los Angeles County early this summer, officials warned that a major increase in deaths was inevitable. A record-breaking number of cases could result in a record-breaking number of deaths, they predicted. The higher deaths has not materialized because younger people are falling sick, as well as better control over the disease's spread in high-risk settings, such as nursing homes. But doctors say there's another factor pushing up survival rates: better treatments.

Upcoming Briefings for Higher Education

- Two briefings for higher education have been scheduled this week by AICCU and the LA County Department of Public Health. Recaps of these briefings will be included in media recaps.

AICCU

Topic: State guidance for higher education and college athletics

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2:00 -3:00 p.m. Pacific

[Registration Link](#) (you will receive the Zoom details after registering; individual registration is required)

LA County Department of Public Health

Topic: Situational update

Date: Friday, August 14, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pacific

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