This is a summary of Coronavirus news and events for the week based on federal, state, county and city updates.

**Cases – Reported as of Summary Time**

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**Current Case Leaders by State**

- Texas: 1,299,915, 22,505, 12,190,111
- California: 1,279,371, 19,500, 24,474,642
- Florida: 1,029,030, 18,874, 12,615,881
- Illinois: 759,562, 13,625, 10,806,364
- New York: 711,785, 34,789, 19,965,164

**International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage**

- The numbers of coronavirus-related deaths are at their highest levels since the spring. While the deaths during the spring peak were concentrated in a handful of states, they are now scattered widely across the entire nation. 11/28/20 – [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com)
- The U.S. death toll in recent weeks has exceeded one victim every minute of every day — 1,462 deaths per day in the two weeks before Thanksgiving. Barring a major surprise, that toll is about to get even worse. And January is looking worrisome, as well. 11/30/20 – [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com)
- Patients tend to be at their most infectious for about seven days — two days before they first show symptoms and five days after — according to a new analysis. The C.D.C. has recommended that infected people isolate themselves for at least 10 days but is considering shortening that period. 11/29/20 – [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com)
- Moderna said it would ask U.S. and European regulators Monday to allow emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine as new study results confirm that the shots offer strong protection. 11/30/20 – [Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)
- A panel of scientific advisers released its initial guidelines for who should receive the first coronavirus vaccines — recommendations that will influence states’ policies across the country.
December: Health care workers and nursing home residents will likely be the first people to receive the vaccine. The 40 million doses available to Americans would be enough to vaccinate the country’s 21 million health care workers and the three million people who live in long-term care facilities.

January: Given that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require a second dose a few weeks later to be effective, an initial batch of 40 million doses would be enough to vaccinate only 20 million people.

February and March: The next priority groups are likely to be people over the age of 65 (and especially those over 75); people with medical conditions that put them at risk of death if infected; and essential workers, like those in education, food, transportation and law enforcement.

April, May and June: The most likely scenario is that even people who don’t qualify as a priority — like healthy, nonessential workers younger than 65 — will begin receiving the vaccine by the spring. The vast majority of Americans could be vaccinated by early summer.

- Britain gave emergency authorization on Wednesday to Pfizer’s coronavirus vaccine, leaping ahead of the United States to become the first Western country to allow mass inoculations. 12/2/20 – New York Times
- The CDC released new guidance on alternative ways to end quarantine earlier than 14 days noting that a quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. Please note that LA Public Health has not yet changed their guidelines on quarantining. Local public health officials have the jurisdiction in these matters so a formal change in approach is subject to LA DPH directive. 12/2/20 - CDC
- The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that the nation is facing a devastating winter, predicting that total deaths from Covid-19 could reach “close to 450,000” by February unless a large percentage of Americans take more precautions. 12/3/20 - New York Times
- The U.S. logged more than 3,100 COVID-19 deaths in a single day Wednesday — more than 20% higher than the previous record set last spring — while the number of Americans hospitalized with the coronavirus eclipsed 100,000 for the first time and new cases are topping 200,000 a day, according to figures released Thursday.12/3/20 – Los Angeles Times
- Dr. Anthony Fauci confirmed that he will be staying on at the National Institutes of Health and is meeting with President-Elect Biden today. 12/3/20 – The Hill

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

- Gov. Gavin Newsom said that California is again on the brink of a wider coronavirus stay-at-home order as public health officials work desperately to shore up a state hospital system that’s contending with record numbers of COVID-19 patients. Of particular concern is the state’s intensive care capacity. Currently, about 75% of the state’s 7,733 ICU beds are occupied — with 1,812 of them filled by coronavirus patients. Unless things change, the state could exhaust its existing ICU capacity by mid-December, according to projections Newsom presented. 11/30/20 – Los Angeles Times
- Governor Gavin Newsom issued strict new limits on community outings, travel and in-person shopping under a new statewide order issued today. The rules are designed to last for at least 21 days once local
critical care facilities approach capacity. The new rules will be triggered when fewer than 15% of beds are available in intensive care units for regional hospital networks which could come as soon as Friday. Once triggered, regions would have 48 hours to implement the rules, which must stay in effect at least three weeks.

- The expectations set by state officials suggest that what Newsom described as a “regional stay-at-home” order will sharply limit activities across California throughout the holiday season and possibly into the new year.
- Eleven counties in Southern California and 12 counties in the Central Valley could be required to implement the new restrictions as soon as Friday, based on current projections of the rising number of patients who have been admitted to intensive care units.
- Southern California counties that would be affected by the order are Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Imperial, Inyo and Mono.
- Changes to impacted counties will include the following requirements:
  - Close personal service businesses, including hair and nail salons, playgrounds, family entertainment centers and campgrounds for overnight stays.
  - Restaurants will be required to return to take-out service only.
  - Retail businesses will be limited to 20% of their customer capacity inside at any one time, with requirements for store officials to ensure there’s no indoor drinking or eating.
- The following sectors can stay open with limited capacity, mandatory masks and social distancing measures in place:
  - Outdoor recreational facilities, but without food, drink or alcohol sales, and no overnight camping
  - Retail businesses and malls, with indoor capacity limited to 20%; no eating or drinking will be allowed inside stores
  - Hotels and offices that support critical infrastructure
  - Restaurants offering take-out, pick-up or delivery
  - Places of worship can hold outdoor services
  - Professional sports and entertainment production without live audiences
  - Non-urgent medical and dental care
- The order itself doesn’t limit people from going outside for physical activity. The governor is urging residents to stay active and even recommended the follow activities: Going to a park or the beach; taking a hike, riding a bike or going for a run; fishing; doing yoga; walking the dog; and skiing or snowboarding.
- Unlike the spring shutdown, most outdoor activities including beach access and hiking do not appear to be affected. But similar to other state government rules, it allows local leaders to impose public health rules that are stricter.
- Some epidemiologists say state officials may have no choice but to impose a stricter shutdown order to avoid one of the worst public health catastrophes in the state’s modern history, with California’s death toll of nearly 20,000 plausibly doubling by the end of winter.
- The 7-day average of new cases across California is at 15,121; in the latest reporting period, there were 18,591 new cases.
- "A surge on top of a surge" is anticipated in the next few weeks, Gov. Newsom said, siting Dr. Anthony Fauci. the 14-day positivity rate has gone up from 5.2% two weeks ago to 7%. The 7-day rate is even higher.
• **Hospitalizations are up 86%** over the past two weeks, with **COVID-positive ICU admissions up 67%**.

• There were **113 deaths** on Dec. 2, and that’s the same number as the day before. That’s up from 14 deaths on the same day one month earlier. In the last two weeks, 971 Californians have died of COVID-19.

• **State of California Vaccination Plan**
  
  o The state expects to receive 327,000 doses of the vaccine at some point between Dec. 12 and Dec. 15.
  
  o That initial vaccine is part of the state’s **Phase 1A**, with prioritized groups including critical health care workers and long-term care residents.
  
  o Based on the vaccine availability, those 327,000 doses have been divided into three tiers. Full details are on the state’s COVID-19 website. Newsom said that people will be able to find out where they are in the plan on that website.

    ▪ **Phase 1A** is further divided into these tiers:

    ▪ **Tier 1:**
      • Acute care, psychiatric, and correctional facility hospitals
      • Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable
      • Paramedics, EMTs, and others providing emergency medical services
      • Dialysis centers

    ▪ **Tier 2:**
      • Intermediate care facilities
      • Home health care & in-home supportive services
      • Community health workers
      • Public health field staff
      • Primary care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

    ▪ **Tier 3:** Other settings and health care workers, including:
      • Specialty clinics
      • Laboratory workers
      • Dental/oral health clinics
      • Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers

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

• Today, Public Health has confirmed 44 new deaths and 7,854 new cases of COVID-19. The number of new cases surpasses the previous all-time high of 7,593 reported on December 1.

• This is the second time this week Los Angeles County has surpassed the previous record for new cases and third consecutive day for hospitalizations.

• There are 2,572 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 23% of these people are in the ICU. This number surpassed yesterday's all-time high of 2,439 people hospitalized with COVID-19.

• A continued surge in cases and hospitalizations is not sustainable because as hospitalizations increase sharply, the healthcare system can become overwhelmed.

• Testing results are available for more than 3,808,000 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.