Thursday, January 28, 2021

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**

- **California**: 3,258,509 cases, 39,490 deaths, 41,470,634 total tests
- **Texas**: 2,334,466 cases, 36,530 deaths, 19,593,108 total tests
- **Florida**: 1,687,594 cases, 26,037 deaths, 18,765,200 total tests
- **New York**: 1,419,348 cases, 43,197 deaths, 31,378,817 total tests
- **Illinois**: 1,116,372 cases, 21,074 deaths, 15,733,562 total tests

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

- Pfizer and Moderna have each agreed to provide the United States with 100 million vaccine doses, and the companies are racing to manufacture the vaccines, together releasing between 12 million and 18 million doses a week. In spite of these numbers, the actual supply and distribution seems to be extremely limited. 1/23/21 – New York Times

- President Biden’s Executive Order directing federal agencies to support the safe reopening of schools and colleges, as well as equal access to online education as the pandemic continues to spread covers the following:
  - Colleges will get guidance for reopening based on their location, resources, and population.
  - The order calls for equitable distribution of testing supplies and widespread contact tracing.
  - Supporting online learning is a top priority.
  - Information-gathering efforts will focus on socioeconomic disparities.

- West Virginia has become a leader in the U.S. vaccine rollout, using 83 percent of its allotted doses. But there still aren’t enough shots to go around. 1/24/26 – New York Times
• Millions more in the U.S. will get the virus unless people keep wearing masks and maintaining social distance in coming months. This scientific model shows why.
• President Biden will ban travel by noncitizens into the United States from South Africa because of the variant of virus. 1/25/21 – New York Times
• President Biden has called on colleges to “increase vaccine awareness, reduce hesitancy, and ensure that students, faculty, and staff know when they are eligible to get the vaccine, and where to get it.” College students, the document said, could serve as “trusted messengers” who will spread the vaccine gospel to their families. 1/27/21 - Chronicle
• New cases in the U.S. have fallen 35 percent over the past three weeks. Hospitalizations have dropped, as well. Deaths have not, but they have stabilized — and the death trend typically lags the cases trend by a few. Experts noting that we may be in the very early stages of herd immunity accelerated by the vaccine. 1/27/21 – NY Times: The Daily
• Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine shown to be nearly 90% effective in UK clinical trial, provided a range of immunity against new variants. 1/28/21 – USA Today
• The first 22 million Americans have been vaccinated for COVID-19, and initial safety data shows everything is going well per the CDC. More than 2 million people out of the first 22 million to receive at least one dose of vaccine reported to the V-safe, a self-reporting system involving web surveys and text messages. Of these, more than 70% reported pain, 33% fatigue, 30% headaches, 23% muscle pain and about 11% chills, fever, swelling or joint pain. There was little difference in reported side effects between the two vaccines, though people generally had a harder time with the second dose than the first.1/28/21 – USA Today

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

• As Gov. Gavin Newsom’s abrupt move to lift stay-at-home orders — allowing outdoor dining and other business activities to resume — represents a gamble that California can avoid another deadly coronavirus surge in the coming months despite a slow rollout of the vaccine and the threat of more contagious strains of the virus taking hold across the state. 1/26/21 – Los Angeles Times
• As of January 28, California has 3,186,610 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 38,961 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 1.9 percent from the prior day total of 38,224.
• The number of COVID-19 diagnostic test results in California reached a total of 41,470,634, an increase of 218,152 tests from the prior day total. The rate of positive tests over the last 14 days is 8.5 percent.
• The number of hospitalizations due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 17,143, a decrease of 567 from the prior day total. The number of ICU patients due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 4,283, a decrease of 92 from the prior day total.

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

• The County of Los Angeles, consistent with the State of California rescinded the “Stay at Home Order.” Physical distancing, face mask wearing and limiting close contact is still strongly encouraged. 1/25/21 – LA County Public Health Order
Public Health identified 1,097,941 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 16,107 deaths. On Saturday, L.A. County surpassed more than 15,000 COVID-19 deaths. Today, Public Health confirmed 213 new deaths and 6,592 new cases of COVID-19.
- There are 6,026 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 26% of these people are in the ICU.
- Testing results are available for nearly 5,446,000 individuals with 19% of people testing positive.