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## CORONAVIRUS MEDIA RECAP - WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, March 25, 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

Location	Confirmed/ Reported Cases	Deaths	Total Tests
United States	30,750,515	559,150	394,816,886
California	3,651,137 .48% increase since 3/18	57,826	52,765,254
Los Angeles County	1,216,250 .30% increase since 3/18	23,020	6,041,000
LA County Hospitalizations	729 15.33% decrease since 3/18		
Claremont	2,216		
Current Case Leaders by State			
California	3,651,137	57,826	52,765,254
Texas	2,769,701	47,927	25,036,811
Florida	2,027,429	32,975	24,831,158
New York	1,864,143	50,083	43,570,161
Illinois	1,229,898	23,342	19,895,617

### International Coverage/Federal Government/National Coverage

- AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine is found to be 79% effective in U.S. Study. The company is preparing to apply for emergency authorization from the Food and Drug Administration. But the shot may not be needed in the United States given the supply by other manufacturers. 3/22/21 – [New York Times](#)
- U.S. health officials question results from AstraZeneca's vaccine trial, less than a day after they're released. Only hours after AstraZeneca announced encouraging news about the effectiveness of its Covid-19 vaccine on Monday, a group of medical experts charged with monitoring the company's clinical trial made a highly unusual accusation: AstraZeneca had essentially cherry-picked data to make its vaccine look better. 3/23/21 – [New York Times](#)
- A Campaign to Get Needles in Arms. Campus leaders want students vaccinated against a deadly disease. But they must weigh many factors. 3/24/21 - [Chronicle](#)
- Colleges weigh whether to require COVID-19 vaccines or just urge them. (Repeat 1/4/21 – [Chronicle](#))
- AstraZeneca released more data from its U.S. trial, reiterating that its Covid vaccine offered strong protection. The information strengthens the shot's scientific case, but it might not repair the company's image. 3/25/21 – [New York Times](#)

- More than 40 states say they will meet President Biden's goal of making every adult eligible for a vaccine by May 1. 3/24/21 – [New York Times](#)
- Universities could substantially reduce their infection rates if they devoted half their testing resources to people in surrounding communities, a study found. 3/24/21 – [New York Times](#)
- President Biden said Thursday he wants the country to administer 200 million coronavirus vaccine shots by the end of his first 100 days in office, doubling his original goal. 3/25/21 – [Los Angeles Times](#)
- Almost one-quarter of Americans have received at least one dose. More than 3 million coronavirus vaccine doses were reported administered across the nation on back-to-back days for the first time as the pace of vaccinations continues to increase across the nation. Almost one-quarter of the entire U.S. population – and almost one-third of adults – has received at least one dose, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 3/23/21 – [USA Today](#)

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

- As of March 25, California has 3,553,307 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 57,091 deaths.
- The number of COVID-19 diagnostic test results in California reached a total of 52,765,254, an increase of 106,179 tests from the prior day total. The rate of positive tests over the last 7 days is 2.0%.
- The number of hospitalizations due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 2,826, a decrease of 161 from the prior day total. The number of ICU patients due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 702, an increase of 26 from the prior day total.
- California is expanding the eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines, offering the shots to virtually all residents 16 and over beginning next month, the state announced Thursday. Residents who are at least 50 years old can get vaccines starting April 1, and all Californians 16 and up will be eligible starting April 15. 3/25/21 – [Los Angeles Times](#)

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

- Most of the coronavirus samples analyzed in Los Angeles County last week were found to be variants that are believed to spread more readily. While the recent round of screenings comes with caveats — the sample size of 73 is a fraction of the new infections that are being confirmed countywide each day, and the specimens themselves were not randomly selected — it indicates that some viral mutations are continuing to circulate countywide. 3/24/21 – [Los Angeles Times](#)
- Public Health has identified 1,216,250 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,020 deaths. Today, Public Health confirmed 66 new deaths and 608 new cases of COVID-19.
- A year ago today, there were 13 total COVID-19 deaths reported in Los Angeles County. In a year's time, more than 23,000 L.A. County residents passed away from COVID-19. COVID-19 is the leading cause of death in L.A. County.
- L.A. County vaccination sites continue to operate below their capacity and have the ability to vaccinate around twice the number of residents each week than our current allocation allows.

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- There are 729 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 23% of these people are in the ICU. The 3-day average for daily hospitalizations is 720. Testing results are available for more than 6,041,000 individuals with 19% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 1.6%.