

COVID-19 UPDATES

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For live updates on COVID-19 at the state level, county level and the Claremont neighborhood, you can check our [COVID-19 Claremont Graduate University Dashboard](#).

- **Global:** Total confirmed cases: 38,275,349. Total deaths: 1,088,051. Total recoveries: 26,525,617.
- **United States:** Total confirmed cases: 7,864,910. Total deaths: 216,060. Total recoveries: 3,124,593.
- **California:** Total confirmed cases: 852,406. Total deaths: 16,581.
 - Virus transmission in Los Angeles County is rated as widespread by **the governor's reopening regime**, which places LA county in Tier 1 and keeps higher education and K-12 schools closed. Schools are permitted to open to stable groups of no more than 12 students with disabilities, students requiring instruction for English as a second language and students needing other specialized in-school services. Many businesses and services are allowed to reopen if performed outdoors with modifications. ([Los Angeles Times](#))
 - Los Angeles County is still in the strictest level of the state's four-tier economic-reopening roadmap. The county's recent testing positivity rate is low enough to qualify the county to move up to a less-restrictive tier, but the average daily number of new cases needs to drop to about 700 per day before any movement will occur. ([NBC](#))

County-Level Statistics

Table 1. County-Level confirmed cases, deaths, and case-fatality rates.

County	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	Case-fatality rate per 1,000	Total Population
Los Angeles	283750	6790	23.8	10,039,107
San Bernardino	58579	986	14.5	2,180,085
Orange	56070	1341	18.7	3,175,692
Ventura	13438	158	10.4	846,006
Riverside	62553	1258	18.9	2,470,546

Case-fatality rates may be biased due to undercounts in both cases and deaths

LA County

- Total of 283750 cases across LA County, including 6790 deaths.
- For the previous 24 hours, 17 new deaths and 768 new cases.

Cities In Claremont's Neighborhood

Total number of cases: 12775

Table 2. Confirmed cases in Claremont and neighboring cities

City	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Population
Claremont	415	36,478
La Verne	522	32,206
Pomona	5822	152,361
Montclair	1371	39,437
Rancho Cucamonga	3124	177,751
Upland	1521	77,000

Policy

- The Senate will vote on a limited coronavirus stimulus bill this month, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday, as lawmakers stumble in their push to send aid to Americans before the 2020 election. The bill will target relief to American voters, including new funding for Paycheck Protection Program small business loans. Democrats, who blocked a roughly \$500 billion Republican plan in the Senate last month, could dismiss the latest GOP proposal as inadequate. (CNBC)
- Most IMF loans to help poor countries through the pandemic recommend adoption of tough austerity measures, according to an Oxfam analysis. The report warns that austerity could worsen poverty and inequality and increase vulnerability to COVID-19.
- The world is experiencing a weak recovery from the COVID-19 recession. Governments have little choice but aggressive fiscal stimulus on top of already high public debt, juxtaposed against the risks of even greater and long-lasting scarring of economies in the absence of such stimulus. The global low interest rate environment will limit interest payment burdens, and, rather than crowding out private investment as in normal times, well-targeted government expenditures could serve as a catalyst for economic recovery. (Brookings)
- Regeneron has applied to the FDA for emergency use authorization for its experimental monoclonal antibody therapy for treating COVID-19. The antibody therapy is a combination of two monoclonal antibodies that is designed specifically to block infectivity of SARS-CoV-2. Regeneron's experimental antibody treatment is still in large-scale clinical trials, but has been available for compassionate use, something the FDA has to approve on an individual basis, as it did for the President. (CNN)
- California has not seen a link between the reopening of K-12 schools for in-person learning and increased coronavirus transmission, the state's top public health official, Dr. Mark Ghaly, said Tuesday. It can take time for trends to emerge, but so far, the results are encouraging. (KABC-TV)

Latest Research News

- A clinical trial that is testing an antibody treatment for COVID-19 developed by the drugmaker Eli Lilly has been paused because of a potential safety concern. Eli Lilly is one of several companies pursuing experimental treatments for Covid-19 that use monoclonal antibodies — mass-produced mimics of immune molecules that the human body produces in reaction to the coronavirus. (New York Times)
- Genomic analysis of SARS-CoV-2 in a 25-year-old Nevada man shows coronavirus re-infection with two genetically distinct viral agents. The second infection was symptomatically more severe than the first. (Richard Tillett et al. The Lancet)

- The 60,000-patient clinical trial of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine has been paused due to an unexplained illness in a study participant. It is not yet known whether the participant received a vaccine study treatment or a placebo. ([STAT](#))
- An experimental study demonstrates SARS-CoV-2 can remain infectious on surfaces for significantly longer time than generally considered possible. A viable virus can survive on common surfaces such as glass, stainless steel and both paper and polymer banknotes for up to 28 days at 20 degrees Celsius. On some at 40 degree Celsius, however, infectious virus survived less than 24 hours. ([Shane Riddell et al. Virology Journal](#))
- South Korean drugmaker Celltrion has received regulatory approval for Phase 3 clinical trials of an experimental COVID-19 treatment. The approval comes as the company plans to seek conditional approval for its antibody drug, CT-P59, for emergency use by the end of this year. ([Reuters](#))
- A genetic analysis of 192 coronavirus patients shows that during the early months of the pandemic, SARS-CoV-2 virus was introduced to Southern California from New York state via Europe, not directly from China. ([Wenjuan Zhang et al. JAMA Infectious Diseases](#))

Useful Links

[Urban Institute Mapping Neighborhoods Where Low-income Renters Face Greater Risks of Housing Instability and Homelessness to Inform an Equitable COVID-19 Response](#)

[The COVID Tracking Project](#)

[Protect Public Data Hub by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[Contact Tracing Workforce Estimator by Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity, the George Washington University](#)

[California COVID-19 statistics by county](#)

[Los Alamos National Laboratory COVID-19 Forecasts](#)

[Paul Bogaardt et al. IPRC Working Paper](#)

[CDC Provisional Death Counts for COVID-19: Data Updates by Select Demographic and Geographic Characteristics](#)

[NBER Working papers on COVID-19 and Economics](#)

[Census COVID-19 Impact Report](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Forecasts](#)

[Johns Hopkins University CSSE international map](#)

[RAND State Policy Evaluation Tool: The Health and Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Interventions](#)

[Map of California Counties advancing to Stage 2 of reopening](#)

[Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports](#)

[COVID-19 Projections by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation](#)

[COVID-19 Projections by the University of Texas COVID-19 Modeling Consortium](#)

[Our World in Data COVID-19 Statistics and Research](#)

[Estimation of COVID-19 epidemic evaluation by the SIR model by Milan Batista \(2020\), fitVirusCOVID19](#)

[Imperial College London COVID-19 Behavior Tracker](#)

[Penn Wharton Budget Model](#)

[Kaiser Family Foundation Data Tool](#)

[RAND Tool for Estimating Critical Care Capacity](#)

[NBER Working papers on COVID-19 and Economics](#)

[Becker Friedman Institute for Economics Working Papers on COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Research and Information from Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago](#)

[The Trump Administration's Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#)