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: 36,625,213. Total deaths: 1,063,381. Total recoveries: 25,502,811.
- United States: Total confirmed cases: 7,611,616. Total deaths: 212,840. Total recoveries: 3,021,252.
- California: Total confirmed cases: 834,800. Total deaths: 16,361.
 - 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)

County-Level Statistics

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	210000	6726	23.8	10,039,107
San Bernardino	57203	974	14.5	2,180,085
Orange	55183	1306	18.7	3,175,692
Ventura	13224	157	10.4	846,006
Riverside	61416	1248	18.9	2,470,546

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

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

LA County

- Total of 278665 cases across LA County, including 6726 deaths.
- For the previous 24 hours, 17 new deaths and 1220 new cases.

Cities In Claremont's Neighborhood

Total number of cases: 12500

City	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Population
Claremont	407	36,478
La Verne	512	32,206
Pomona	5726	152,361
Montclair	1330	39,437
Rancho Cucamonga	3042	177,751
Upland	1493	77,000

Table 2. Confirmed cases in Claremont and neighboring cities

Policy

- 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)
- America's economic rebound might falter without further financial aid from the federal government, Fed Chair Jerome Powell warned Tuesday. Too little support would lead to a weak recovery, exacerbating existing inequalities, as reported by CBS News. Meanwhile, President Trump halted negotiations for a new stimulus package until after the elections. (CNN)
- The race for a COVID-19 vaccine slowed Tuesday, as the FDA released strengthened rules for authorizing any COVID-19 vaccine on an emergency basis. The co-chair of Operation Warp Speed, Moncef Slaoui, revealed that the government's vaccine fasttracking effort has urged manufacturers not to apply for emergency use authorization until they have significant amounts of vaccines to deploy. This could push back even the first such authorization – expected to be for a vaccine being made by Pfizer and BioNTech, if it proves to be effective – into sometime in mid- to late November. (STAT)
- Year 2020 is the least quantitatively productive year in the California Capitol since at least 1967, due to restrictions stemming from the pandemic. The California Senate Office of Research reports the California legislature passed fewer than 428 bills to the governor this fall. The crunched calendar and the state's gutted budget put a serious damper on legislators' bill-passing ambitions. (CalMatters)

Latest Research News

- 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)
- A household survey of private households in the UK, excluding people living in care homes, other communal establishments and hospitals, shows that 76.5 percent who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 reported no symptoms, and 86.1 percent reported none

of the symptoms specific to COVID-19 such as cough, and/or fever, and/or loss of taste/smell. A more widespread testing program is necessary to capture "silent" transmission and potentially prevent and reduce future outbreaks. (Irene Petersen and Andrew Phillips Clinical Epidemiology)

- Results of a randomized trial assessing lopinavir-ritonavir treatment for COVID-19 show that this combination of antiviral drugs is not effective and not associated with reductions in 28-day mortality, duration of hospital stay, or risk of progressing to invasive mechanical ventilation or death. (RECOVERY Collaborative Group The Lancet)
- A study of 509 hospitalized patients in Chicago, Illinois, shows that the most frequent neurologic manifestations of SARS-CoV-2 infection were myalgias, headaches, encephalopathy, and dizziness. Encephalopathy was associated with increased morbidity and mortality, independent of respiratory disease severity. Independent risk factors for developing any neurologic manifestation were severe COVID-19 and younger age. (Eric M. Liotta et al. Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology)
- Younger adults have likely contributed to community transmission of COVID-19 in summer. In June 2020, across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, increases in percentage of positive SARS-CoV-2 test results among adults aged 20-39 years preceded increases among those aged over 60 years by four to 15 days. Nationwide, the median age of COVID-19 cases declined from 46 years in May to 37 years in July and 38 in August. (Tegan K. Boehmer et al. CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report)
- COVID-19 can spread on airline flights. In-flight transmission that probably originated from one symptomatic passenger caused a large cluster of cases during a long flight, a study finds. Guidelines for preventing SARS-CoV-2 infection among air passengers should consider individual passengers' risk for infection, the number of passengers traveling, and flight duration. (Nguyen Cong Khanh et al. CDC Emerging 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