

Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, August 21, 2020



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COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

For additional statistics visit: [Nevada Health Response](#)

Total Tests (molecular)

786,344
+ 17,046

Confirmed Cases

63,584
+ 556

Deaths

1,172
+38

Tests per 1,000 per week*

14.9

Daily Positivity Rate*

15.0%

Cumulative Positivity Rate*

10.5%

Please reference technical notes page for updated methodology.

Current Hospitalizations

Confirmed

Suspected

688

186

+ 21

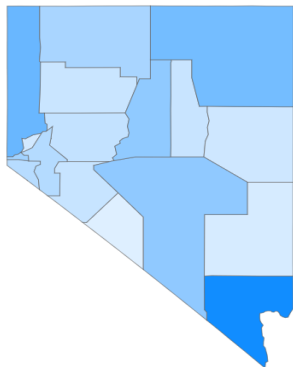
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Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

263

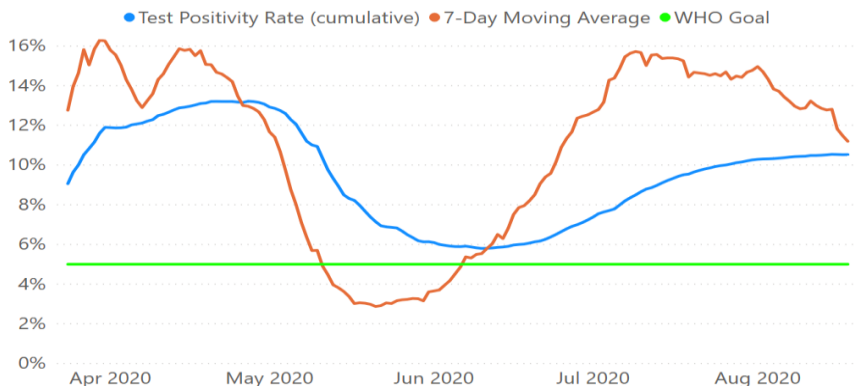
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Hospitalization data are not updated on Sundays.



County	Population	Tests	People Tested	Cumulative Positivity Rate	Total Cases	Case Rate per 100,000	Deaths	Death Rate per 100,000
Carson City	56,546	14,954	12,155	3.8%	396	700.3	8	14.1
Churchill	25,876	5,160	4,265	2.9%	81	313.0	1	3.9
Clark	2,318,174	611,299	425,665	11.6%	54,795	2,363.7	1,006	43.4
Douglas	49,695	4,908	4,224	3.7%	223	448.7	1	2.0
Elko	54,985	9,025	7,921	7.5%	669	1,216.7	3	5.5
Esmeralda	974	105	76	0.0%	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eureka	1,966	198	113	2.0%	5	254.3	0	0.0
Humboldt	17,062	2,511	2,106	9.3%	105	615.4	4	23.4
Lander	5,996	1,253	1,046	7.9%	54	900.6	1	16.7
Lincoln	5,200	394	318	2.3%	5	96.2	0	0.0
Lyon	57,987	4,783	3,794	4.5%	281	484.6	6	10.3
Mineral	4,561	1,344	922	1.4%	12	263.1	0	0.0
Nye	48,864	6,000	4,194	10.7%	442	904.6	13	26.6
Pershing	6,962	3,480	2,759	0.6%	17	244.2	0	0.0
Storey	4,465	112	102	0.9%	6	134.4	0	0.0
Washoe	478,155	103,082	80,838	7.4%	6,473	1,353.7	128	26.8
White Pine	10,586	4,939	2,914	0.8%	20	188.9	1	9.4

Test Positivity Rate (cumulative), 7-Day Moving Average and WHO Goal by Specimen Collection Date

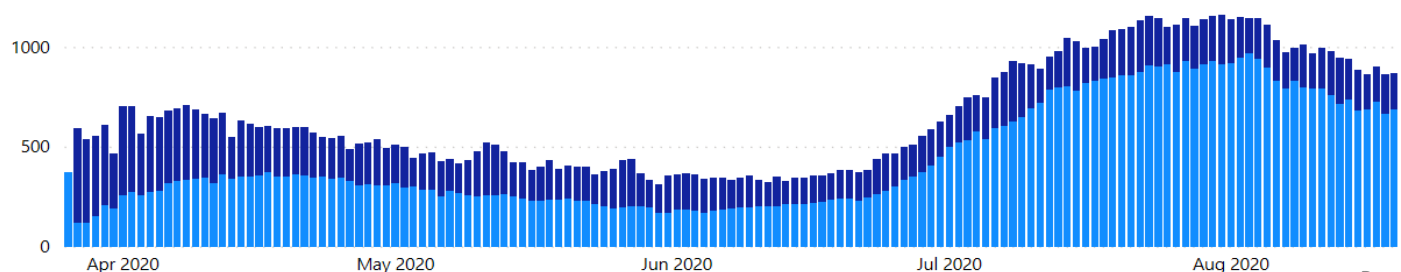


Percent Change

Date	Test Positivity Rate (cumulative)	Test Positivity Percent Change
08/18	10.5%	0.0%
08/17	10.5%	-0.1%
08/16	10.5%	-0.1%
08/15	10.5%	0.2%
08/14	10.5%	0.2%
08/13	10.5%	0.1%
08/12	10.5%	0.0%
08/11	10.5%	0.4%
08/10	10.4%	0.1%
08/09	10.4%	0.1%
08/08	10.4%	0.2%
08/07	10.4%	0.3%
08/06	10.4%	0.2%
08/05	10.3%	0.2%
08/04	10.3%	0.1%
08/03	10.3%	0.1%
08/02	10.3%	0.2%
08/01	10.3%	0.3%
07/31	10.3%	0.5%
07/30	10.2%	0.5%
07/29	10.2%	0.4%

Confirmed and Suspected Hospitalizations by Date

Confirmed Suspected





Governor's Directives and Declarations

The guidance for businesses reopening was developed in consultation with Nevada's Local Empowerment Advisory Panel (LEAP) created under the [Nevada United Plan](#) for reopening Nevada.

- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 030](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 County Tracker](#)
- [Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 029](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 028](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 027](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance on Directive 027: Elevated Disease Transmission Criteria](#)
 - ✓ [Nevada's County COVID-19 Elevated Disease Transmission Tracker](#)
 - ✓ [Food Establishments](#)
 - ✓ [Bars](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency 026](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 025](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance for Commercial Properties](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance for Landlords and Tenants](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 024](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance on Directive 024: Face Coverings](#)
 - ✓ [Fact Sheet: What does the science say about face coverings?](#)
 - ❖ [Hoja de hechos: ¿Qué es lo que dice la ciencia sobre las cubiertas faciales?](#)
 - ✓ ['No Shirt. No Shoes. No Mask. No Service.' printable sign](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance on Improvised Facial Coverings](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 023](#)
 - ✓ [Nevada Health Response releases guidance on youth sports](#)
 - ✓ [Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Baseball and Softball Practice Only](#)
 - ✓ [Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Soccer Practice Only](#)
 - ✓ [Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Organized Youth Sports Practice Only](#)
- [Nevada COVID-19 Disease Outbreak Management Strategy and Concept of Operations](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 021](#)



ROAD TO RECOVERY

Criteria for Ongoing Assessment of Counties

- 1. Average number of tests per day (per 100,000) < 150.** The average number of molecular tests resulted during the previous week in a county, divided by the number of people living in the county. This number is then multiplied by 100,000 to control for varying populations in counties. Due to reporting delay, this is reported over a 14-day period with a 7-day lag. Counties that average fewer than 150 tests per day will meet this criterion.
- 2. Case rate (per 100,000) > 200.** The total number of cases diagnosed and reported over a 30-day period divided by the number of people living in the county. This number is then multiplied by 100,000 to control for varying populations in counties. Counties with a case rate greater than 200 per 100,000 will meet this criterion.
- 3. Case rate (per 100,000) > 50 AND testing positivity > 7.0%.** This is reported over a 14-day period with a 7-day lag. The total number of confirmed cases (identified via positive molecular tests) divided by the total number of unique people tested (molecular only). This number is then multiplied by 100 to get a percentage. Due to reporting delay (which may be different between positive and negative tests), there is a 7-day lag. Counties with a test positivity > 7.0% paired with case rate greater than 50 per 100,000 will meet this criterion.

County Criteria

- Average number of tests per day
- Case Rate (per 100,000)
- Case Rate and Test Positivity

Risk Levels

- **Low Risk Level:** 0 Criteria
- **Growing Risk Level:** 1 Criteria
- **Moderate Risk Level:** 2 Criteria
- **High Risk Level:** 3 Criteria

Mitigation Levels

- **Baseline Level:** Current Directives
- **Mitigation Level 1:** Targeted approach or reduced capacity and gatherings
- **Mitigation Level 2:** Potential return to Phase 1 Compliance Requirements

COVID -19 Task Force Assessment

The Nevada COVID-19 Task Force has been established to support a new county-specific approach to the state's emergency response. The Task Force will ensure statewide adoption. At a minimum, it will be made up of heads of key state agencies, private sector representatives, and local representatives. This task force will be charged with ensuring accountability for state-level efforts, coordinating essential activities between departments, and providing a sustainable model for receiving and sharing data and vetting proposals and recommendations.

This new approach will ensure the state, in coordination with each county, can assess all available data, evaluate key metrics, and make timely decisions based on the disease burden and transmission risk in each region throughout Nevada. Reviewing this critical data and metrics such as status of hospitalizations, disease investigation reports, and more will allow the State to better understand the capacity of each county to respond and then take targeted actions to help mitigate the spread. The goal of this targeted approach is to address identified risk areas and take action, and to avoid broad-based closures or limitations that could harm businesses who may not be the cause of spread.



THE ROAD TO RECOVERY Nevada's Road to Recovery

In the case that there is not enough data or information needed to take a targeted approach in a county, or if a county is not collaborating with the State in a productive manner, the Task Force and/or the Governor maintain the right to take action and implement mitigation measures in accepted high risk settings. [COVID-19 Task Force Assessment Details](#)

To ensure the success of this approach, the task force shall perform the following duties:

1. Meet on at least a weekly basis.
2. Provide a current situation report on COVID-19 in Nevada, including weekly case numbers and county-level analysis.
3. Provide an overview of the COVID-19 response effort in Nevada, including enforcement numbers from throughout the state and other findings.
4. Assess county status per these guidelines and make decisions for actions to be taken over the next week.
5. Collaborate with county representatives to determine best methods for reducing the community burden of COVID-19.



COVID Testing in Nevada

COVID-19 data and test results that include people who don't show symptoms ("asymptomatic") can provide a more accurate understanding of how the virus is spreading. Identifying asymptomatic cases will provide a better understanding of the virus's impacts on the community. Expanding testing plays a major part in influencing the state's continuous adjustment of prevention and control measures. Additional testing can also lead to a larger number of Nevadans being made aware of their conditions, knowledge that could contribute to focused social distancing and further slowing community transmissions.



National Guard Drive-Thru Testing in Carson

Nevada Medicaid now covers COVID-19 testing and testing related services for most uninsured Nevadans, available under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA). Most Nevadans, who are either uninsured or enrolled in a limited benefit Medicaid eligibility group, may be eligible for coverage. There is no resource or income test for this group.

The testing location information is provided and maintained by [Castlight: COVID-19 Resource Center](#). (Testing locations are not endorsed or vetted by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.) Testing sites can be searched by specific location or by county.

Individuals who need help accessing this content are encouraged to call Nevada 2-1-1 for more information. While testing criteria for coronavirus disease have been expanded in Nevada, each testing site has its own criteria. Please call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing. [Report incorrect information about testing locations here.](#)



In addition to being uninsured (enrolled in a limited benefit Medicaid eligibility category), individuals must be Nevada residents, a U.S. citizen, or have qualifying immigration status and provide a social security number to qualify for this coverage. To apply for benefits including Medicaid, go to accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov

CONTACT TRACING

Contact tracing gives us the information needed to draw a road map of how coronavirus is traveling throughout Nevada. This procedure aims to identify and alert people who have come into contact with a person infected with coronavirus. With your help, we can collect the data needed to stop the spread.

The process begins at the point one of the health departments receives a positive lab report. If you get a phone call from a contact tracer, they will identify themselves and ask you for specific information. Your information will not be shared.

Contact tracing involves:

- Interview people with COVID-19 to identify everyone they had close contact while infectious
- Information is obtained for each case (discuss initial symptoms, when they were most infectious, what they did on those days, who they interacted with for at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of each other).
- Follow-up with identified contacts and advocate they follow CDC health guidance.
- Notify contacts of their potential exposure and refer contacts for testing.
- Monitor contacts for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Connect contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.
- Monitor smartphone usage to determine whether somebody has been in contact with an infected person.

Contract tracers will not ask for:

- Social Security Number
- Bank, credit card or insurance information
- Ask about your citizenship
- Offer to sell you a COVID test kit

Four Key Steps to Contact Tracing

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When someone tests positive for COVID-19, their doctor notifies the Health Department

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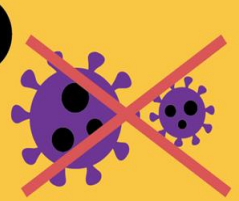
We call the person who tested positive for COVID-19 to see who else might have been exposed

3



Once we know who else might have been exposed, we contact those people

4



Everyone is asked to self-isolate for at least two weeks to stop the spread of COVID-19



Battle Born Business

Recognizing Nevada businesses enhancing directive guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Send nominations to: BattleBornBiz@gmail.com

Offering downhill rail biking tours and train rides in Boulder City, Rail Explorers USA reopened on the right track. The facilities are cleaned and sanitized before each tour. Social distancing is achieved from the moment you arrive, onboard, while on board, and at disembarkation.

Visitors and employees must wear masks at all times, and some staff have face shields to accommodate guests. Guests are also offered a mask when needed to explore and experience cool night rides in the southern Nevada desert. Outdoors and face to the wind, Rail Explorers is on the right track!

Send nominations with a photo and description to:

BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com.

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BATTLE BORN BUSINESS Midtown Eats

Christina and Toby Savage had just bought Midtown Eats in Reno when the state mandated businesses to close March 18. Today, Midtown Eats is open, following social distancing and other safety protocols, including observing the mandate for face coverings.



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Christina and Toby Savage have always had a taste for the restaurant industry, so when the opportunity came to purchase Midtown Eats in Reno, they dug in. The couple, with five kids in tow, moved to Nevada from Arkansas in February and began serving up what they describe as "comfort food unrestricted by culinary boundaries" (think shrimp and grits; Persian-flavored quinoa sarma; and classics like burgers and BLT sandwiches).

And then the state mandated restaurants to close on March 18 to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Savages began providing food, for free, to community groups and local law enforcement. They reached out to legislators to express concerns of the restaurant industry.

These days, Midtown Eats is open, following the social distancing and capacity restrictions that are still in place in Nevada. The Savages take care to make sure face coverings are in place and cleaning procedures followed scrupulously.

My Coronavirus Story

Imagine suffering COVID-19 while preparing to say goodbye to family for an Army deployment overseas. That's what Staff Sgt. Daniel Lewis, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team leader and graduate of Palo Verde High School in Las Vegas, experienced this spring. Both Daniel and his wife tested positive in May, weeks before his deployment to the Middle East.

He suffered body aches, cough, fatigue and difficulty breathing. "It was like a bad cold," he said in email from his duty location overseas. His wife's symptoms were more severe. She stayed in bed for about three days with a fever, dry cough and difficulty breathing. Daniel's wife remained isolated in their bedroom while he, still sick from the virus, took care of her and his two-year-old son. "Taking care of both of them while being sick myself was the hardest part," he said. Their symptoms ended after about two weeks. "We're absolutely fortunate that this didn't hit us harder."

I RECOVERED FROM COVID-19

Staff Sgt. Daniel Lewis, graduate of Palo Verde High School in Las Vegas, and his wife tested positive for COVID-19 several weeks before his overseas deployment. Daniel suffered "bad cold" symptoms while his wife was bedridden for 3 days. "Taking care (her and my son) while being sick myself was the hardest part."

Tell us your story:
NVcovidStory@gmail.com



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Daniel Lewis, an EOD sergeant in the U.S. Army, reads to his 2-year-old son before he left for deployment to Middle East.



Help slow the spread Nevada

- Wear face coverings when you leave the house
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes
- Sneeze in your sleeve
- Wash your hands frequently
- Social distancing (maintain 6ft. distance)
- Limit public gatherings (50 people / 50% capacity)
- Stay at home and quarantine if sick
- Protect vulnerable people

Call **2-1-1** or visit nevada211.org
for information and referrals to health,
human and social service organizations.

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

School started this week around Nevada with a lot of variation and nuance by school district. With these changes, children may have questions. [Tips from the CDC to help parents talk to their kids about COVID-19.](#)

Helpful tip: Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online. Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.



Resources for Parents and Children

- ✓ [Nevada Children's Mobile Crisis](#) - Nevada's Mobile Crisis Response Team supports youth and families of youth in crisis over the phone so that the proper care is given, and emergency room visits are reduced. MCRT offers Telephone triage, Crisis response, Crisis stabilization, and After care.
- ✓ [Boys & Girls Clubs](#) - Visit the website of your local facility. Fills the gap between school and home, providing safe, fun environments, with a variety of programs.
- ✓ [The Children's Cabinet](#) – Keeping children safe and families together with a variety of services and resources. Call 800-536-4588 or text "SAFE" and current location to 4HELP (44357)
- ✓ [Healthy Children](#) - Information on kids returning to school during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ✓ [CDC back-to-school decision making tool](#) - Questions that address how your school is preparing for school year 2020-2021.
- ✓ [The Solace Tree](#) - Peer-to-Peer Grief Support availability for remote areas such as rural, mountain or military base communities.
- ✓ [Mental Health America](#) – Visit for a "back to school" kit. Community-based nonprofit, dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and promoting the overall mental health of all.
- ✓ [Safe Voice](#) - Call 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) This program provides students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others and is available 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.



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Unemployment Resources

The Division of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) has launched a new COVID-19 filing system for Nevada residents who have been affected by the pandemic to receive benefits. This is completely separate from filing for traditional unemployment insurance benefits.

Learn more: [COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Information](#)

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a temporary federal program that is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. PUA is available to Nevada workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed, unable to work or unavailable for work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and who are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) a temporary federal program that provides up to 13 weeks of regular unemployment insurance (UI) for eligible claimants whose claims have been exhausted.

You MAY BE ELIGIBLE for unemployment if:

- Not receiving pay from your employer through no fault of your own – extended furlough, shutdowns, layoffs, etc. are eligible.
- Hours have been reduced, receiving less than \$469 gross earnings per week.
- Self-employed and unable to work during the pandemic

How to apply for unemployment:

- File online at ui.nv.gov (fastest way)
- File claim before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m. (best times to file)
- Phone lines reserved for people unable to file online
- No in-person claims – offices are closed
- File a claim every week until you return to work, weeks begin on Sunday.
- Keep filing weekly claims, even if you are paid that week
- Be cautious of scams


Quick Links:

- [DETR website](#)
- [Unemployment Insurance Benefits Tutorials](#)
- [Claimants Frequently Asked Questions - COVID-19](#)
- [Rapid Response Resource Packet for Laid Off Workers](#)
- [Relief for Workers Affected by COVID 19 CARES Act](#)



Pandemic unemployment assistance:

Online:  www.employnv.gov

Phone:  800-603-9681

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon



Scams and Fraud Alerts

Unemployment insurance (UI) fraud is a crime in Nevada. You may even be prosecuted for felony theft. Collecting benefits based on false, misreported, or unreported information is fraud. If you are filing or reopening a claim, or certifying for benefits, you are legally responsible to follow the requirements set by State law.

[File an UI claim](#)

[File an UI Fraud Report](#)



COVID-19 Treatment – Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. [FTC Details.](#)

Contact Tracers - Don't pay, give out your social security number or financial info to a contact tracer. [File a complaint.](#)

Stimulus Packages - Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment. [File a complaint.](#)

Mortgage - It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with [your mortgage](#). Talk with a [legal services organization](#) first.

PPE Supplies - Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card. [File a Complaint.](#)

Government Grants - Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds. [File a complaint.](#)

Job Opportunities - Scammers pay for online ads, promising you ways to earn money online. But [do your research](#) before you sign up — and certainly before you pay. [Avoid job scams](#)

Utility Imposter – Utility companies don't make demands for cash. Legitimate reps will explain how to make a payment using their established payment options/programs.

Rate Schemes - It is illegal for a company to charge a fee before performing a debt relief service. Report credit card interest schemes to: ftc.gov/complaint.

College Students - Don't click on a link to get a message that needs to be opened through a portal link requiring your university login. It's a [phishing scam](#).

We All Play a Role Keeping Nevada Safe.

Wearing is Caring! Who do you wear your face covering for?

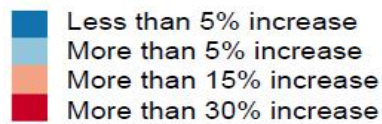
- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms.
- Wear a face covering in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart.
- Wear a face covering correctly for maximum protection.
- Don't put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.
- Maintain 6 feet distance between you and other people
- Stay home when sick

Do you know when & where it's required to wear a face covering in public?

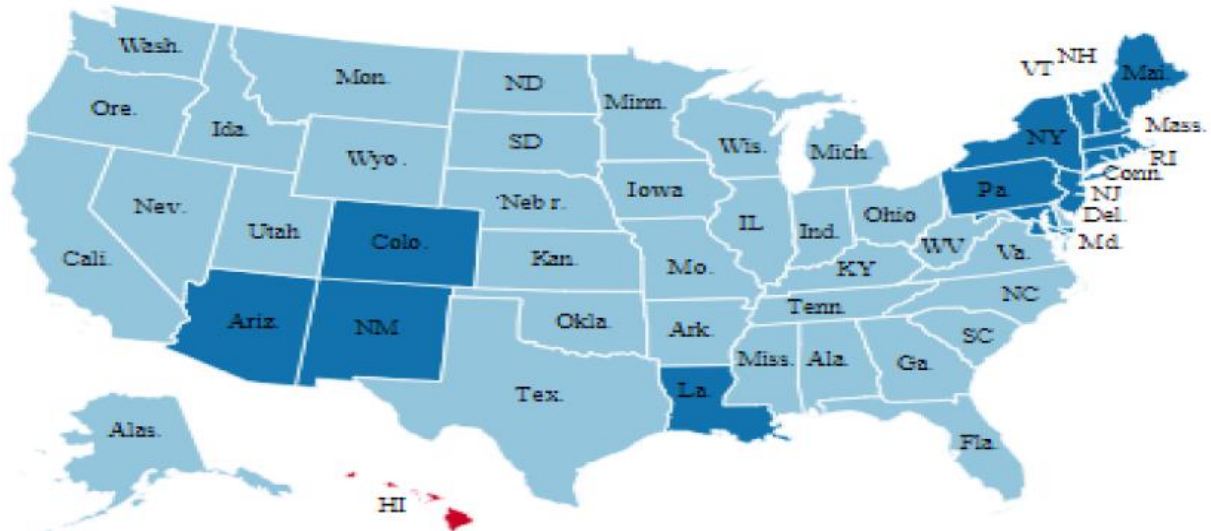
- Inside of, standing in line, any indoor space.
- While outside in a public space when 6 ft. of social distancing isn't possible.
- Public or private transportation that others HAVE or WILL use.
- At work and when interacting in-person with members of the public.
- While working out indoors at a gym, fitness center, dance studio, or boutique fitness facility
- In any space where food is prepared.
- In any room or enclosed area where other people are present.

USA COVID -19 Data

Increase in total cases since last week



Confirmed Cases: 5,526,976
Deaths: 173,115



U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory

STEP March 22, 2020	Enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program)
COVID-19 Travel August 6, 2020	For COVID-19 Travel Information click here
COVID-19 Alert August 13, 2020	Update on U.S. Passport Operations U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories

Worldwide COVID-19 Data



Total Confirmed Cases
22,497,390

Total Deaths
789,455

[*U.S. State Department](#)

[*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)