

Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, September 25, 2020



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HEALTH
RESPONSE**

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COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

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

Total Tests

1,017,333
+13,118

Confirmed Cases

77,753
+ 556

Deaths

1,573
+ 9

Tests per 1,000 per week*

14.9

Daily Positivity Rate*

9.4%

Cumulative Positivity Rate*

9.9%

Please reference technical notes page for updated methodology.

Current Hospitalizations

Confirmed

Suspected

357

103

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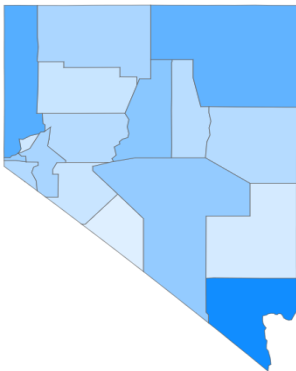
Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

130

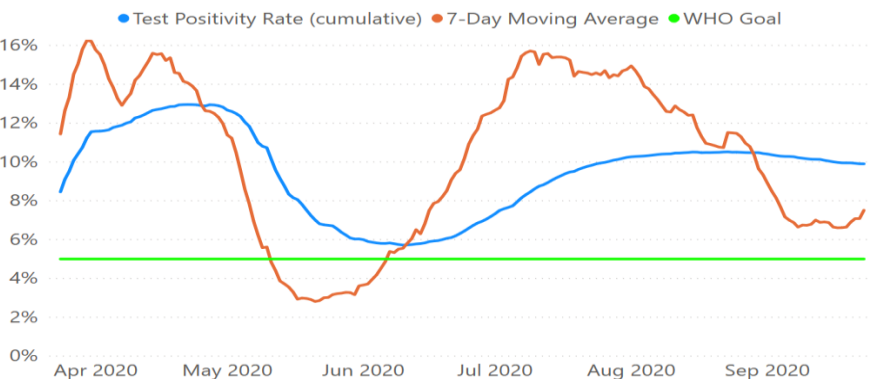
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Hospitalization data are not updated on Sundays or holidays.

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	22,383	15,238	3.3%	536	947.9	8	14.1
Churchill	25,876	7,348	5,435	2.9%	140	541.1	3	11.6
Clark	2,318,174	794,473	518,279	10.9%	65,583	2,829.1	1,368	59.0
Douglas	49,695	6,917	5,692	3.8%	298	599.7	1	2.0
Elko	54,985	12,024	9,316	7.0%	945	1,718.7	10	18.2
Esmeralda	974	142	104	0.0%	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eureka	1,966	364	183	3.0%	10	508.6	0	0.0
Humboldt	17,062	2,989	2,455	9.0%	121	709.2	4	23.4
Lander	5,996	1,652	1,289	6.7%	70	1,167.4	1	16.7
Lincoln	5,200	545	401	1.5%	7	134.6	0	0.0
Lyon	57,987	6,519	5,009	5.2%	428	738.1	7	12.1
Mineral	4,561	1,990	1,247	2.2%	13	285.0	0	0.0
Nye	48,864	7,268	4,913	10.3%	501	1,025.3	15	30.7
Pershing	6,962	4,202	2,879	0.5%	21	301.6	0	0.0
Storey	4,465	171	136	1.2%	10	224.0	0	0.0
Washoe	478,155	137,369	101,326	7.4%	9,010	1,884.3	155	32.4
White Pine	10,586	6,811	3,485	1.6%	60	566.8	1	9.4



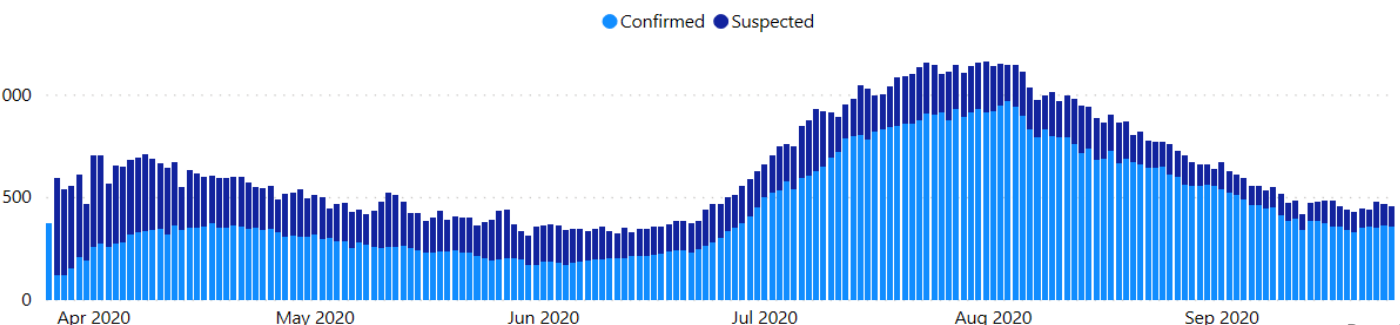
Test Positivity Rate (cumulative), 7-Day Moving Average and WHO Goal by Specimen Collection Date



Percent Change

Date	Test Positivity Rate (cumulative)	Test Positivity Percent Change
09/23	9.9%	-0.0%
09/22	9.9%	-0.2%
09/21	9.9%	-0.2%
09/20	9.9%	-0.0%
09/19	10.0%	-0.0%
09/18	10.0%	-0.2%
09/17	10.0%	-0.3%
09/16	10.0%	-0.4%
09/15	10.0%	-0.4%
09/14	10.1%	-0.5%
09/13	10.1%	-0.0%
09/12	10.1%	-0.0%
09/11	10.1%	-0.2%
09/10	10.2%	-0.3%
09/09	10.2%	-0.3%
09/08	10.2%	-0.5%
09/07	10.3%	-0.1%
09/06	10.3%	-0.0%
09/05	10.3%	-0.1%
09/04	10.3%	-0.3%
09/03	10.3%	-0.4%

Confirmed and Suspected Hospitalizations by Date



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.

- Directive 031 – Extension of Residential Evictions Moratorium (08-31-2020)
 - ✓ Guidance for Tenants and Landlords Under Directive 031 – FAQs
 - ✓ Orientación para inquilinos y propietarios según la Directiva 031 – Preguntas frecuentes
- 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
 - ✓ Bar Update
 - ✓ Bar Guidance
- 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

Mitigation and Management Task Force



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.



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.

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.



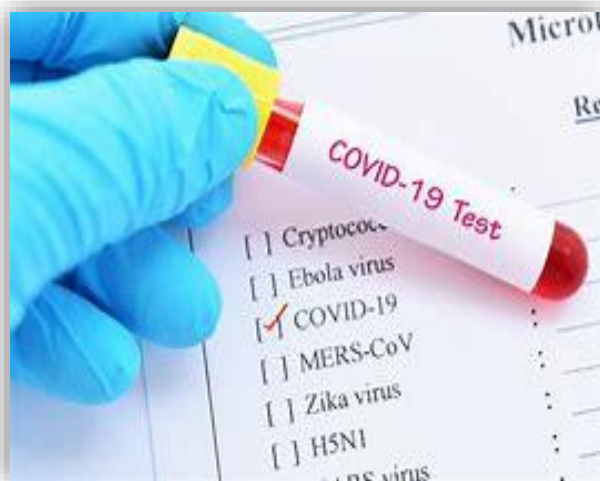
It's crucial of course to help treat, isolate or hospitalize people who are infected. Testing also is important in the bigger public health picture on mitigation efforts, helping investigators characterize the prevalence, spread and contagiousness of the disease.

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 provides information on how the virus impacts the communities in Nevada.

Expanding testing plays a major part in influencing the state's continuous adjustment of prevention and control measures. Additional testing gives officials the ability to inform Nevadans of their conditions, knowledge that could contribute to focused social distancing and further slowing community transmissions.

Testing location information is provided and maintained by [Castlight: COVID-19 Resource Center](#). (Locations are not endorsed or vetted by the NV Department of Health and Human Services.) Testing sites can be searched by specific location or county. For more information call Nevada 2-1-1.

Call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing. [Report incorrect information about testing sites here](#).



Medicaid covers COVID-19 testing for most uninsured Nevadans. 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. 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. To apply for benefits go to accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov



CONTACT TRACING



Contact tracing gives health officials 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. Your information will not be shared. 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. Help Nevada slow the spread and answer the call.

CONTACT TRACING: HOW IT WORKS



1
When someone tests positive for COVID-19, their doctor notifies the Health Department.



2
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 about two weeks to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Contact tracing involves:

- Interview infected people to identify everyone they had close contact with
- Collect data on 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 who has been in contact with an infected person.

Contract tracers will not ask for:

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



COVID Trace App

A free, easy-to-use mobile phone app that gives health officials the information needed to fight COVID-19, without compromising your privacy.

COVID Trace is a contact tracing mobile app developed by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services that uses a technology called the Exposure Notifications System from Google and Apple. The app exchanges anonymous information with other phones in your vicinity and can notify you if you've come in contact with someone who has tested positive.

- ✓ The app uses Bluetooth to exchange random codes with nearby phones.
- ✓ Every day, it checks a list of random codes from people who tell the app they tested positive.
- ✓ If it finds codes that match, the app notifies you that you've been exposed and explains what to do next.



How it works:

- ✓ Download the free COVID Trace app from the Apple or Android app store.
- ✓ Once you opt-in, the Exposure Notifications System will generate a random ID for your device. To help ensure these random IDs can't be used to identify you or your location, they change every 10-20 minutes.
- ✓ Your phone and the phones around you will work in the background to exchange these privacy-preserving random IDs via Bluetooth. This is a passive process that begins once you opt-in and functions without the app open.
- ✓ Your phone periodically checks all the random IDs associated with positive COVID-19 cases against its own list.
- ✓ If there's a match, the app will notify you with further instructions from the Department of Health and Human Services on how to keep you and the people around you safe.

Protecting your community. And your privacy.

With the COVID Trace app, you don't have to choose between your privacy and the health and safety of your community. The app was designed to protect and preserve your privacy. It doesn't use GPS and can't share your location or information.

No one will know:

- ✓ Your location, name or address
- ✓ Your health information
- ✓ Who you met
- ✓ Who tested positive

Download now for free.



[Learn more about how the COVID Trace works](#)

Protect Yourself From Influenza During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Diagnostic testing can help determine if you are sick with flu or COVID-19. The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccination



Flu Vaccine Reminders and Updates

each year. CDC also recommends everyday preventive actions (like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and frequent handwashing) to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. There are tests available to diagnose the flu from other viral or bacterial causes of respiratory illnesses.

Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, but some people are at high risk of developing complications if they get sick.

This includes:

- Children younger than 5, especially under 2 years
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women (and women up to 2 weeks postpartum)
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease)
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives



State public health officials are working with community stakeholders and local public health leaders to craft a statewide COVID-19 vaccination plan. More information will be released soon.

When & where face coverings are required 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 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.
- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms.



Battle Born Business Nominations

Recognizing Nevada businesses that enhance guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Lip Smacking Foodie Tours has a recipe for success during COVID-19: safety and flexibility. The Las Vegas-based business offers diners the opportunity to sample signature dishes in multiple restaurants during a single tour. COVID-19 put a temporary stop to that, but once restaurants were cleared for in-house dining, Lip Smacking Foodie Tours put together a plan to keep its customers safe.

Included in the plan: tour guides receive training on health and hygiene principles from the Southern Nevada Health District and are tested for COVID-19 regularly.

Guides and guests must remain masked during the tour (except while eating), and hand sanitizer is made available throughout the event. Table seating at each restaurant is arranged according to state guidelines.



Sid's Restaurant in Winnemucca is not letting COVID-19 jam up their business. Sid's has their customers covered for breakfast, lunch, diner, and safety. All of Sid's staff wear masks and customers are encouraged to as well when they are not eating.



Employees sanitize each table and surrounding area after every customer. Members of the staff wash hands often and disinfect menus after each use. There is hand sanitizer strategically placed around the restaurant for both customer and employee use.

Condiments are taken off the tables and served upon request on an individual basis. Staff is also prohibited from having open containers for their own consumption.

Send nominations with a photo and description to: BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com.

My Coronavirus Story

Share your story, at: NVcovidStory@gmail.com

Uriel De Avila, a native to Mexico and dedicated cook for a couple of restaurants in Mesquite, Nevada, thought he was doing the right thing by wearing his face mask, however there was a problem, he wore it under his nose. Little did he imagine that tiny oversight probably cost him his health.

Uriel was enjoying a day off from work in late June when he started to feel a slight sore throat, cough and what felt like a sinus infection. Despite his mild symptoms Uriel and his wife decided to get a COVID-19 test that same day because his wife also started presenting symptoms.

"I was not too concerned about myself, but I was concerned about others around me like my wife who has severe asthma attacks," Uriel explained in Spanish.

Uriel got his positive results first, but his wife had not, as an added measure of precaution Uriel and his wife quarantined in separate rooms in case his wife did not have COVID-19. This measure may have saved his wife's life because her tests results came back negative.

Nights were specially frightening for this dad of three, as there were several nights where he would be suddenly awakened because he had difficulty breathing. "When it happens once and then it happens again, you start to hope things don't get worse."

Day after day Uriel endured being isolated in his room from the rest of his family. His wife would bring him food and water and leave it outside his room while his grandkids would slide paintings they had done to try and cheer up grandpa. "I would get sentimental because I was not able to hug and be there with them, but I isolated for them, so they didn't get sick."

After three weeks of complete isolation, Uriel didn't have any symptoms and was cleared to reunite with this family.

While there is no way to be sure how he contracted the virus, Uriel regrets not wearing his face mask correctly and wearing it under his nose. Uriel now says he has learned his lesson and is not letting his guard down moving forward.

"I would recommend people take care of themselves, wear their face masks correctly, and wash their hands constantly. We must learn to live with this virus and adapt accordingly."



Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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

While COVID-19 has hit the child care industry in various ways, child cares statewide are open and available to accommodate school-age children. Enrollment is down at state-licensed facilities, which has led to some closures both temporary and permanent. For facilities that have remained open, lower enrollment makes it easier to social distance, but financially challenging. Some facilities have increased ages to accommodate school age children and supervise them during distance learning times.

The Child Care Program assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work. Funds are also used to improve the quality of child care by financially assisting child care providers in their professional development and maintaining healthy, safe, appropriate learning environments for children 0 to 12 years of age. Resource and referral services are available to all Nevada families at no cost.



For more information visit:

<https://dwss.nv.gov/Care/Childcare/>.



- **Crisis Support Services:** Call 1-800-273-8255; text CARE to 839863 for 24/7/365 crisis services.
- **Safe Voice** - provides students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. Call 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) Available 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.
- **Children's Mobile Crisis Team** - supports youth and families of youth in crisis over the phone so that the proper care is given. Support includes telephone triage, crisis response, crisis stabilization, and after care. Rural and Southern NV - (702) 486-7865 Northern NV - (775) 688-1670
- **Disaster Distress Helpline** - provides immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. TTY 1-800-846-8517. Available 24/7/36
- **Mobile Outreach Safety Team** - to more effectively intervene with people in crisis who are living with a severe mental illness. Carson City - (775) 350-5118 Douglas County (775) 782-5126 Washoe County most@washoecounty.us
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** - Call (800) 273-8255 or text TALK to 741741
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness** - works to educate, advocate, listen and lead to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones. Call (800) 950-NAMI or text NAMI to 741741
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** - offers you or someone you know with emotional support, for helpful resources call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Lifeline is free, confidential.
- **Veterans Crisis Line** - supports veterans in crisis their families and friends (800)273-8255 (press 1) or text 838255. TTY (800) 799-4889



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Unemployment Resources

The Division of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) has launched a 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. [DETR website](#)

You MAY BE ELIGIBLE for unemployment if:

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

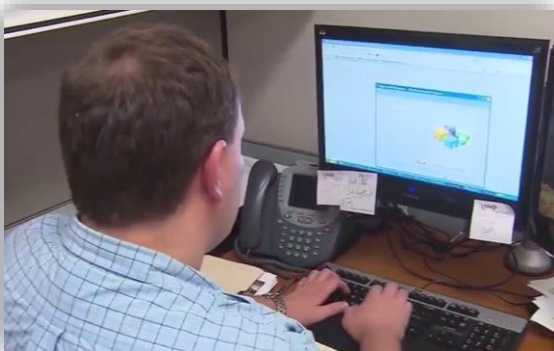
How to apply for unemployment:

- 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



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 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.



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



Quick Links:

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

How to File a Complaint.



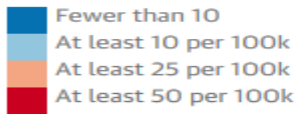
- **COVID-19 Treatment** – Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. [FTC Details.](#)
- **Unemployment Insurance** – You may be prosecuted for felony theft. Collecting benefits based on false, misreported, or unreported information 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](#)
- **Government Grants** - Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds.
- **Contact Tracers** – Tracers need health information. Don't pay, give out your social security number or financial info to a contact tracer.
- **CDC or WHO** - Watch for emails and calls claiming to be from a government agency. Don't click on links from sources you don't know.
- **PPE Supplies** - Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card.



- **WhatsApp/Facebook** - Messages offering money to people in need - through grants, coupons for food support, or other giveaways. They're fake, and not from those companies.
- **Stimulus Packages** - Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment.
- **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](#)
- **Mortgage** - It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with [your mortgage](#). Talk with a [legal services organization](#) first.
- **Donations** Do your homework. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
- **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 complaint](#)
- **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](#).

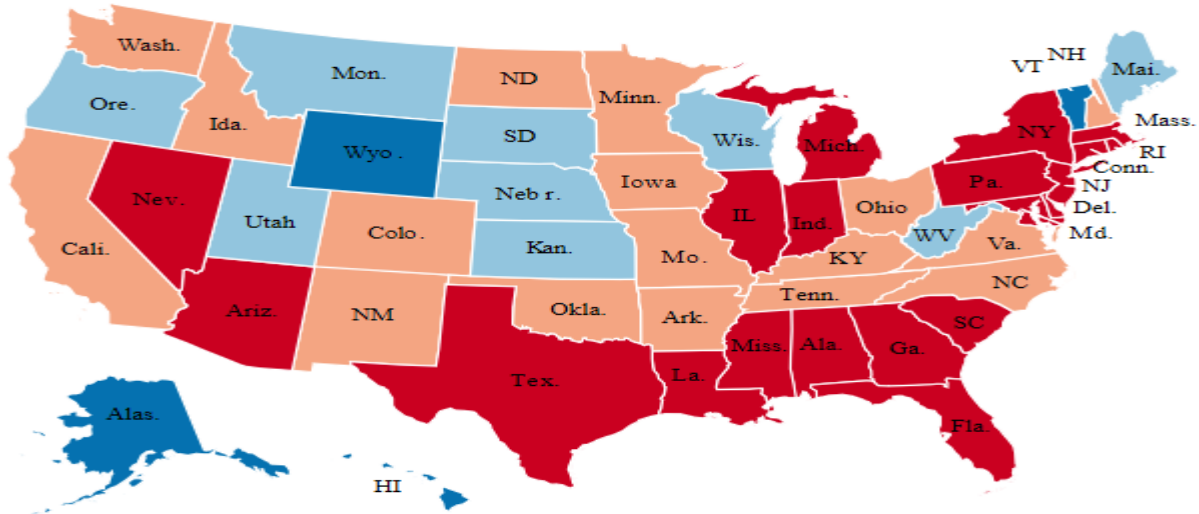
USA COVID -19 Data

Number of confirmed Covid-19 deaths per 100,000 Americans



Confirmed Cases:
7,005,746

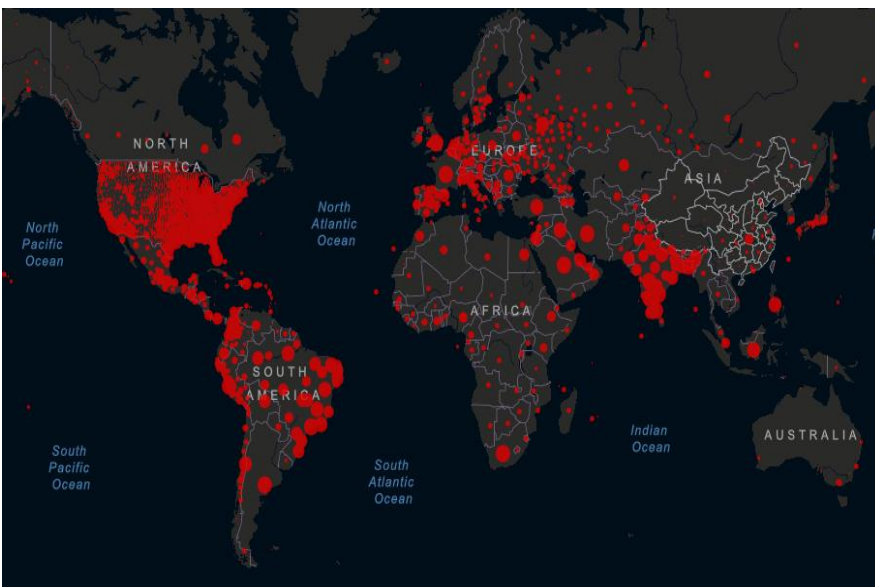
Deaths:
203,240



U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory

- [U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories](#)
- [Update on U.S. Passport Operations](#)
- [COVID -19 Travel Information](#)
- [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)

Worldwide COVID-19 Data



Total Confirmed Cases
32,365,450

Total Deaths
984,906

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

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