Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, November 6, 2020





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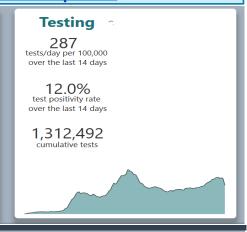


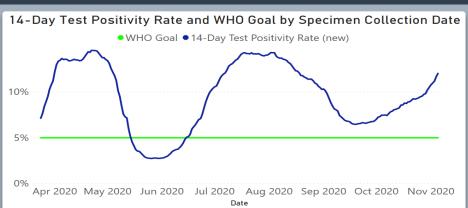
COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

For additional statistics visit Nevada Health Response

Cases 769 14-day rolling average cases daily 671 cases per 100,000 over the last 30 days 106,922 cumulative cases 3,289 cumulative cases per 100,000



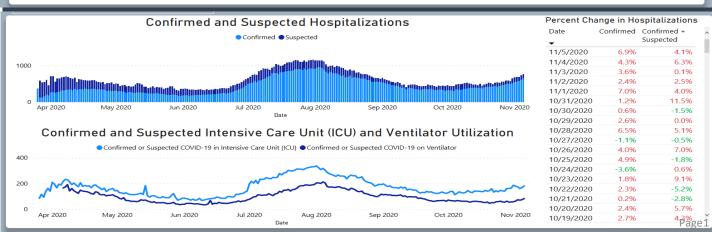






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County	Population	Total Cases	Cases per 100,000	Total Deaths	Deaths per 100,000	Total Tests	Tests per 100,000
Carson City	56,546	871	1,540	10	18	29,880	52,842
Churchill	25,876	346	1,337	4	15	10,352	40,007
Clark	2,318,174	86,673	3,739	1,568	68	1,011,652	43,640
Douglas	49,695	450	906	2	4	9,574	19,266
Elko	54,985	1,693	3,079	14	25	17,676	32,147
Esmeralda	974	0	0	0	0	164	16,838
Eureka	1,966	14	712	0	О	257	13,072
Humboldt	17,062	193	1,131	4	23	3,600	21,100
Lander	5,996	118	1,968	4	67	2,466	41,127
Lincoln	5,200	50	962	1	19	695	13,365
Lyon	57,987	653	1,126	14	24	9,202	15,869
Mineral	4,561	22	482	1	22	2,391	52,423
Nye	48,864	827	1,692	18	37	7,891	16,149
Pershing	6,962	25	359	0	0	6,413	92,114
Storey	4,465	25	560	0	0	223	4,994
Washoe	478,155	14,819	3,099	204	43	189,285	39,587
White Pine	10,586	143	1,351	1	9	7,661	72,369



Governor's Directives and Declarations

Complete list of Directives and Declarations

- ➤ <u>Declaration of Emergency Directive 034</u> Youth Sports
 - ✓ <u>Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports</u>
 - ✓ COVID Screening Guide Sports
 - ✓ COVID Screening Check In Sports
- Declaration of Emergency Directive 033 Updated Guidance for Safe Gatherings
- Nevada Guidance for Safe Gatherings Celebrations, Ceremonies, and Events
- Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Submission Guide
- > Places of Worship, Life-Rites Ceremonies and Gatherings Celebrations, Ceremonies, and Events
- > COVID-19 Guidance for Gatherings at Private Residences
- Comprehensive List of Screening Documents
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide (Spanish)
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Employees Sign In Sheet
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Employees Sign In Sheet (Spanish)
 - ✓ <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide</u>
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide (Spanish)
 - ✓ COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Sign In Sheet
 - ✓ <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Sign In Sheet (Spanish)</u>
- Comprehensive List of Signage Documents
 - ✓ <u>Capacity Signage Landscape</u>
 - ✓ <u>Capacidad Limitada Signage Landscape</u>
 - ✓ <u>Capacity Signage Portrait</u>
 - ✓ Capacidad Limitada Signage Portrait
- ➤ <u>Directive 031 Extension of Residential Evictions Moratorium (08-31-2020)</u>
 - ✓ 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
- > Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal

COVID-19 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.

COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Summary

Yesterday, the Nevada COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force met with four counties flagged for having an elevated risk of transmission of COVID-19. Counties are flagged when a county reaches two out of the three levels of risk criteria, established by the task force, that measures COVID-19 transmissions in their area.

- Clark County case rate per 100,000 of 559 and a test positivity rate of 9.8%.
- ❖ Elko County case rate per 100,000 of 786 and a test positivity rate of 10.3%.
- **❖** Lyon County case rate per 100,000 of 362 and a test positivity rate of 10.2%.
- **❖** Washoe County case rate per 100,000 of 871 and a test positivity rate of 11.8%.

All counties -- Regardless of risk level -- must maintain the statewide baseline mitigation measures, including wearing face coverings, limits on gathering sizes and capacity in businesses.

A complete summary of the meeting can be found at nvhealthresponse.nv.gov, under "News and Information" and "Press releases: COID-19 in Nevada."

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.



Testing is crucial 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.

Two types of tests available for COVID-19:

- ✓ <u>Viral tests</u> tells you if you have a current infection.
- ✓ <u>Antibody tests</u> antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection.

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 <u>Castlight: COVID-19 Resource Center.</u> (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 211. 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 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. Apply here.

YOU CAN HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING



COVER YOUR COUGH AND SNEEZE



THOROUGHLY WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS





STAY HOME WHEN YOU'RE SICK

Contact tracing gives health officials the information needed to draw a road map of how COVID-19 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.

The goals of contact tracing are:

- > To interrupt ongoing transmission and reduce the spread of an infection
- > To alert contacts to the possibility of infection and offer preventive services or prophylactic care
- > To offer diagnosis, counseling and treatment to already infected individuals
- > If the infection is treatable, to help prevent reinfection of the originally infected patient
- > To learn about the epidemiology of a disease in a particular population

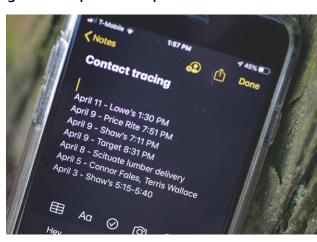
Contact tracing has been a pillar of communicable disease control in public health for decades.

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.

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 mobile app that gives health officials the information needed to fight COVID-19 in Nevada, 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.





We All Play a Role Keeping Nevada Safe.

The more people vaccinated; the more people protected.

Do your part. Get a flu vaccine this fall.

Influenza Virus Vaccine
Flue

Seed.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses, like flu, this fall and winter is more important than ever. Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself, your family and your community. A flu vaccine this season can also help reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and save medical resources for care of COVID-19 patients. CDC has worked with vaccine manufacturers to have extra flu vaccine available this flu season.

Don't know where to go to get your flu vaccine? Whether you have health insurance or not, visit <u>Find a Vaccine Provider</u> for the calendar of events and flu vaccination clinics throughout Nevada.



Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, <u>but some people are at high risk of developing complications</u> 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)
- ➤ People with weak immune systems from disease or medication (such as those having chemotherapy for cancer)
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives



The Department of Health and Human Services submitted Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Playbook for Statewide Operations to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Playbook is a draft, working document that the Nevada State Immunization Program will use and update as more information becomes available from the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration related to the release of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The CDC will provide feedback on the draft playbook and Nevada will review and update in order to ensure there is a complete, comprehensive plan when a vaccine becomes available.

Review a copy of Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan here.

LICENS Battle Born Business Nominations

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

The Peppermill Casino is not taking a gamble when it comes to safety; this establishment is holding a royal flush when it comes to protecting its patrons and employees. "The initial impact was tough, we do not have a playbook for this sort of situation, but we wanted to exceed the guidelines and regulations when we reopened," said Billy Paganetti, the general manager at the Peppermill Casino. Upon reopening, the

Peppermill Casino provided free COVID-19 testing for all of its employees. There was also a rigorous training program that was implemented to make sure that all team members were educated in COVID-19 compliance. Continuing education as new developments occur also is a part of this program.

Rooms are cleaned according to CDC and OSHA cleaning protocols, and all linens are washed at high temperatures. The Peppermill has also developed a "Clean Team", in addition to its standard housekeeping staff. This team is



dedicated to cleaning high-contact areas and helps with mask enforcement. The frequency of changing out air filters has been increased, air flow has been increased and fresh air is pumped throughout the establishment. "Health and safety have always been a top priority," Paganetti said.



Non-invasive, thermal temperature scanners have been installed and take the temperature of everyone who enters the building. Anyone with a temperature is politely asked to leave. Signage is posted throughout the entire facility, educating patrons on the precautions and requirements the Peppermill is taking.

There are more than 300 hand sanitizing stations around the building and wipe stations are also available. In the restaurant, QR codes tell patrons of their food options instead of physical menus. Plexiglass has been installed at the gaming tables and all high face-to-face interaction points to protect employees and clients

"We are extremely appreciative of the recognition, and want to thank not only our Peppermill team for implementing and maintaining our safety standards, but also our guests who have cooperated and helped us keep the property as safe as possible. We take this responsibility extremely seriously and have been working very hard to follow or exceed the guidelines. We think that it is the right thing to do for our employees, guests and the community," Paganetti concluded regarding the Peppermill's approach to COVID-19.



My Coronavirus Story

Share your story, at: NVcovidStory@gmail.com

Caleb Cage, Nevada's COVID-19 response director, knew exactly what to do this month when he started to feel sick. Cage helps to coordinate the state's response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, including chairing the state's COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force. The Task Force meets weekly to review action plans for counties at elevated risk for the spread of the virus, and this background made him uniquely qualified to responsibly handle his own exposure to COVID-19.

Early in October, on a Friday after work, Cage began to feel tired but showed no other symptoms. Saturday morning he woke up and it was apparent he was sick. Cage had gotten the flu shot recently and the symptoms started off as cold-like, so initially he thought it was something other than COVID.

As his symptoms progressed that Saturday, Cage informed the appropriate individuals that he had a fever and on Sunday he went to get tested. On Monday, the office were Cage worked sent everyone home as a precaution. On Tuesday it was confirmed that he had contracted COVID-19.

Cage commends the quick decision of his team to send his co-workers home as a precaution. As the days went on, he started to develop a cough, continued fever, and constant fatigue. Cage quarantined for 14 days and tried his best to stay away from his family. Being the dedicated individual he is, to both safety and his career, Cage worked as much as possible from home and hung out solo.



Cage reached out to contact tracing staff and stayed in touch with his health district informing all the appropriate channels of his situation. He also contacted all of the people with whom he came into contact with to inform them of possible exposure. "It wasn't necessarily fun but it was the right thing to do," Cage recalled about his phone calls to notify the individuals he may have exposed.

Cage also promptly downloaded the COVID Trace App and input his diagnosis to anonymously notify others with the app of their potential exposure. "It was interesting to see the app work as it was intended, I was impressed with its efficiency," Cage commented. "It was really impressive to see all of the infrastructure come to fruition and come into action with all of the contact tracing that has been put into place."

Cage did experience a lingering loss of taste and smell and said this was one of the most unique symptoms. The fatigue was also ongoing. He is now recovered and back in action. Of his experience Cage says that he is really impressed with how his office took all of the necessary precautions. Cage also stated: "As the head of Nevada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have long known how important it is for our communities to provide their residents with opportunities to get tested. Now that I have experienced this virus myself, I am even more convinced of how important our statewide testing capacity is."

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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

Never in our history have we had an experience like COVID-19 that has connected us while we've had to stay separated and isolated. In response to this global pandemic, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has announced the Nevada Resilience Project, which encourages healthy coping and active management of stressors, building resiliency, and fostering compassion.



Our Resilience Ambassadors have been deployed statewide to support Nevadans coping with the effects of COVID-19. Resilience Ambassadors are working to ensure Nevadans have access prevention and early intervention services. We understand the stress of working from home while having school-age kids, to feeling a sense of loss due to unemployment, the feeling of isolation, anxiety disconnection. and the challenges adapting. Our Resilience Ambassadors can provide support and connection to resources over the phone, through text and video-chat, or face to face. We also offer EN/ES Bi-lingual access to services, and are a free and confidential program. Know there is someone who understands and people who can help.

Nevada Department of

Health and Human Services

- Nevada Community Resources: Offers programs that provide immediate assistance to women and men who have experienced domestic abuse.
- Nevada Victims of Crime Programs: Provides immediate financial assistance to qualified victims of violent crimes.
- Nevada Domestic Violence Programs: Advocates for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: Helps victims and survivors of domestic violence Call (800) 799-7233 or text LOVEIS to (866) 331-9474, TTY 1-800-787-3224.
- SafeNest: Provides crisis services to anyone experiencing abuse. Call/Text: (702) 646-4981.
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: Call (800) 656-HOPE (4673)
- Crisis Support Services: Call 1-800-273-8255; text CARE to 839863 for 24/7/365 crisis services.
- <u>SafeVoice</u>: 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.
- ➤ <u>Children's Mobile Crisis Team:</u> 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
- 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 and their families and friends (800)273-8255 (press 1) or text 838255. TTY (800) 799-4889



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

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance: federal program providing up to 46 weeks of benefits for the self-employed, 1099 contract workers, and gig workers.

Online: <u>detr.nv.gov/pua#</u> File at: <u>www.employnv.gov</u> Phone: 800-603-9681, 775-298-6007 or 702-329-6699 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon

LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA)

The LWA Program is funded by FEMA which provided grants to participating states to offer an additional \$300 per week to eligible claimants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- > DETR has started payments for week 4 to eligible claimants this week. The process is expected to last up to 10 days.
- > After week 4 is completed, DETR will determine if enough money is left in the grant to pay week 5.
- > Claimants do not need to do anything to get the LWA funds, if they are eligible (getting at least \$100 in UI benefits, any amount in PUA).

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

With emergency regulations now in place through Senate Bill 3, DETR has new provisions for processing claims. These adjustments will be made in the coming month, one at a time; claimants do not need to do anything additional.

- > Waive 'next to last' separation issues for claimants who quit their most recent job for a COVID-19 related reason.
- Waive the 'deductible income' reduction in benefits and waive any overpayments that may be or have been created.
- Define "good cause" for refusal to return to work for COVID-19 reasons.



Nevadans are encouraged to remain vigilant and report fraud and related scams to DETR.

- ✓ File a report with DETR about unemployment fraud.
- ✓ Get instructions on what to do with debit cards erroneously sent to your address.
- View additional steps individuals and employers can take should they believe a fraudulent claim has been filed.
- ✓ Access additional reporting resources such as the FBI and Federal Trade Commission.
- ✓ Additional information and resources related to unemployment fraud.

Reporting fraud in Nevada is done online by using the State's <u>Fraud Reporting Form</u> which can be utilized by individuals and employers alike.

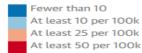


- **Evictions -** a temporary order to stop evictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the order provides relief to a large group, there are some important things <u>You need to know.</u>
- **COVID -19 Clinical Trial** Is it real or fake? Learn how to tell the difference in this report.
- ➤ **Unemployment 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
- **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.
- ➤ **COVID-19 Treatment** Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. <u>FTC Details</u>.
- PPE Supplies Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card.
- > **Donations** Do your homework.

 Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
- > **Stimulus Packages** Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment.
- Government Grants Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds.
- **Job Opportunities** Scammers pay for online ads, promising you ways to earn money online. But <u>do your research</u> before you sign up and certainly before you pay. <u>Avoid job scams</u>
- **Mortgage** It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with <u>your mortgage</u>. Talk with a <u>legal services organization</u> first.
- **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.
- **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 <u>phishing scam</u>.
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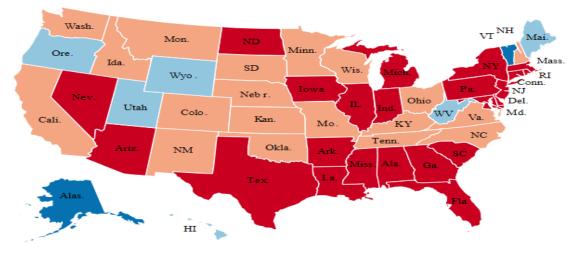
USA COVID -19 Data

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



Confirmed Cases: 9,665,009



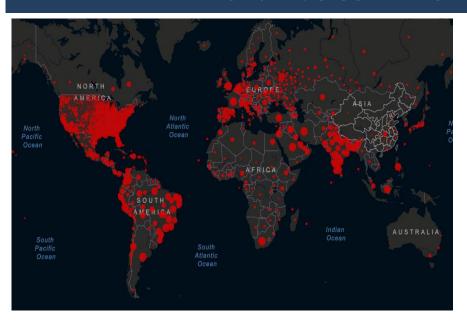


U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory



- **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 49,114,225

Total Deaths 1,239,757

*U.S. State Department

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention