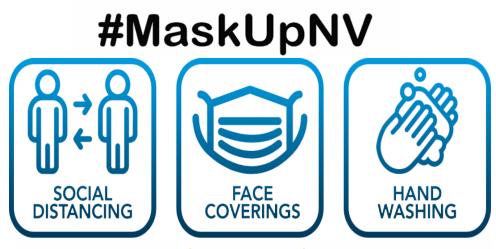
Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, November 13, 2020





SMARTER. STRONGER. HEALTHIER.



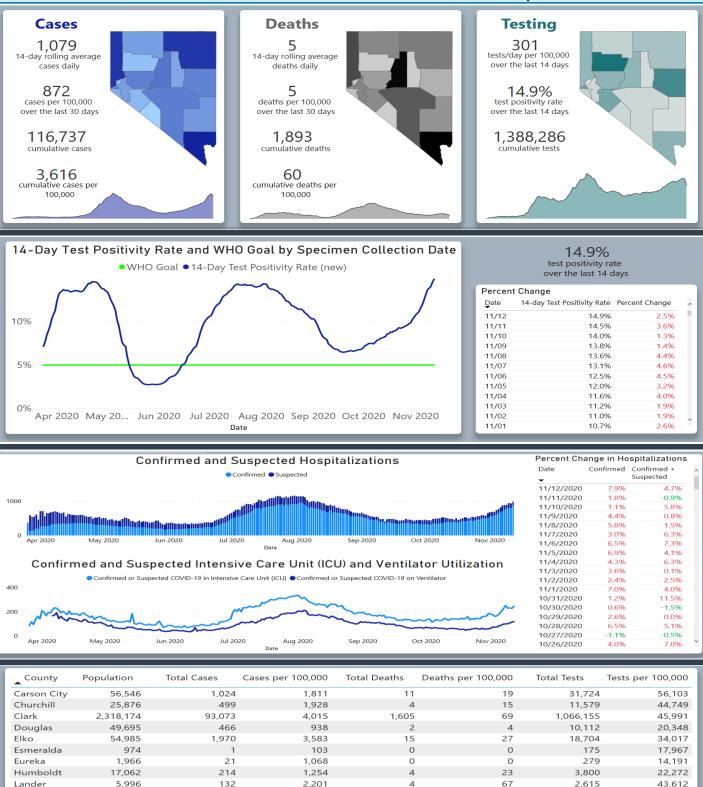




In coordination with the Office of Governor Steve Sisolak – Cleared for Public Distribution

COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

For additional statistics visit <u>Nevada Health Response</u>



Lincoln

Mineral

Storey Washoe

White Pine

Lvon

Nye Pershing 5,200

4,561

6,962

4.465

478,155

10,586

48.864

57.987

71

704

964

33

25

196

17,314

30

1,365

1.214

1.973

658

474

560

3,621

1,852

1

14

1

0

0

1

212

19

19

24

22

39

0

0

44

9

701

10.033

2,554

8.338

6,752

202,914

8,236

243

13,481

17.302

55,996

17.064

96,984

5.442

42,437

77,801



Governor Steve Sisolak: Our country and our state are on a very rough course right now when it comes to the coronavirus. New cases, hospitalizations and – tragically - fatalities are on the rise. The fall spike, predicted by all medical and scientific experts, is now our reality.

To preserve our State's economy, we MUST refocus on preventing the spread of COVID-19. We have to go back to the basics, which by now are common knowledge. Wearing masks, maintaining social distance of at least six feet and limiting the risk of exposure are the ONLY ways we can keep going.

The only proven way to control the current widespread transmission of COVID is to decrease mobility - that means staying home as much as possible

We are walking a tightrope between maintaining faith services, commerce & recreational activity & protecting lives, frontline workers & healthcare infrastructure. We must act now to keep our economy open & eventually restore other vital parts of our life.

For the next two weeks, Nevadans need to operate in a "**Stay at Home 2.0**" mentality to get things under control so our public health response infrastructure can catch up. We need that time to bring testing timelines down and catch up on contact tracing.



Recommendations:

- If you don't have to go out, don't go out. Reduce your time in public to what is necessary and limit any and all exposure to those outside your household. Think about changes like ordering groceries for delivery instead of going into the store.
- Avoid gatherings large and small. Our businesses are doing what they can to keep employees and customers safe, but we need those employees & customers to practice all public health measures at home as well.
- Do not have people outside of your household over for dinners, parties, or other gatherings at your home. Connect over Zoom or the phone.
- Employers and office spaces: Telework as much as possible -- if employees can do their jobs from home, have them do so for the next two weeks. If employees must be in the workplace, they need to always wear face coverings and meetings should be done virtually from individual offices instead of in conference rooms or shared spaces.
- Commercial and governmental employers: Avoid crowded meetings and indoor events, like birthday
 or retirement parties. Keep the number of people in meetings to a bare minimum, keep the meetings
 short and wear face coverings for the duration.
- Faith leaders and places of worship... review and remind the faithful of all safety protocols. We've witnessed in other parts of the country significant spread from wedding celebrations and other church gatherings. From synagogues to mosques, to churches and chapels, please take all necessary measures so we can continue worship.

Governor's Directives and Declarations Complete list of Directives and Declarations

- > Declaration of Emergency Directive 034 Youth Sports
 - ✓ <u>Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports</u>
 - ✓ <u>COVID Screening Guide Sports</u>
 - ✓ 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
 - <u>COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide</u>
 - <u>COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide (Spanish)</u>
 - <u>COVID-19 Screening for Employees Sign In Sheet</u>
 - COVID-19 Screening for Employees Sign In Sheet (Spanish)
 - ✓ <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide</u>
 - ✓ <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide (Spanish)</u>
 - ✓ <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Sign In Sheet</u>
 - <u>COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Sign In Sheet (Spanish)</u>
- Comprehensive List of Signage Documents
 - Capacity Signage Landscape
 - Capacidad Limitada Signage Landscape
 - <u>Capacity Signage Portrait</u>
 - <u>Capacidad Limitada Signage Portrait</u>
- 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
- Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal



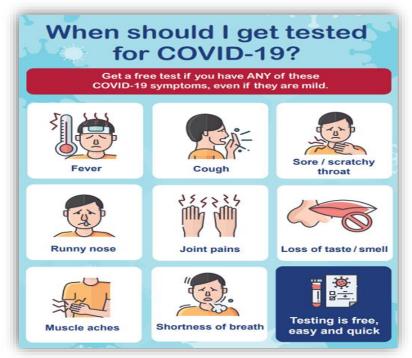
Testing is crucial to help treat, isolate or hospitalize people who are infected. Testing also is important in the bigger public health picture on mitigation efforts, helping investigators characterize the prevalence, spread and contagiousness of the disease.

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.

COVID-19 data and test results that include people who don't show ("asymptomatic") symptoms 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.

Community based COVID-19 tests are available at no cost at centers and select pharmacies. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act ensures that COVID-19 testing is free to anyone in the U.S., including the uninsured.



While testing criteria for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) have been expanded in Nevada to include individuals with and without symptoms, each testing site has its own criteria, which is indicated in the results below.

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.

 Two types of tests available for COVID-19:
 ✓ <u>Viral tests</u> tells you if you have a current infection.
 ✓ <u>Antibody tests</u> tells you if you had a previous infection. <u>Report incorrect information about testing sites here.</u>

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. <u>Apply here.</u>

CONTACT TRACING

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.

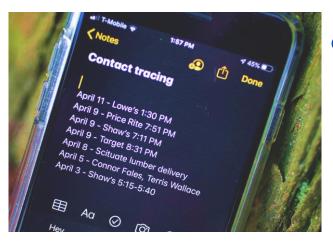
The goals of contact tracing are:

- > 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

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

COVID Trace A

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 privacypreserving 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

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.

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.

CORONAVIRUS

Vaccine

COVID-19



^{5mL vial (10 doses)} Influenza Virus Vaccin FIU

accine

Rx Only

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

5 Things to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans

- 1. The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority.
- 2. Many COVID-19 vaccine candidates are in development, and clinical trials are being conducted simultaneously with large-scale manufacturing. It is not known which vaccines will be authorized or approved—CDC is planning for many possibilities.
- 3. At least at first, COVID-19 vaccines may be used under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

 Limited COVID-19 vaccine doses may be available this year, but supply will increase substantially in 2021. If there is limited supply, some groups may be recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine first.

5. At first, COVID-19 vaccines may not be authorized, approved, or recommended for children.

Derived from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



There is nothing quiet about this company and its presence in the Las Vegas area. Being an eventsbased business started in 2002, COVID-19 brought this company to silence with the shutdown. But not to be stifled, Screaming Images diversified and started supporting its longtime clients and friends during the pandemic.

Early in the pandemic, principal James Swanson visited his client and friend at the El Cortez Hotel and Casino to plan. Through an intense brainstorming session, the blackjack table barriers came into being. This was a game changer for Screaming Images and after having to lay off 25 employees because of the pandemic, they

were able to hire them all back and then some due to this creation.

Since then Screaming Images has evolved from blackjack table dividers to slot machine dividers, seat shields, ride sharing dividers, and locker room dividers. "We have continued to evolve throughout COVID-19, targeting industries that we have worked with to support them during this trying time," Swanson said.

To keep employees safe all team members wear masks and practice social distancing in the work environment. Screaming Images has utilized their own products inside their facility using dividers in-between desks in their front office. And as a way to make patrons feel comfortable, Screaming Images implemented a wrist band system -green, yellow and red - to guide employees' interactions with customers. "Upon entering the facility customers choose a color according to their comfort level: green for comfortable, yellow weary and red is cautious," Swanson explained.





There have been three big units installed to kill bacteria in the air inside the Screaming Images facility. When there was a positive COVID-19 case at Screaming Images the business handled it according to protocols. As soon as the employee wasn't feeling well Swanson gave him a health survey and encouraged him to get tested. On Friday the employee was not feeling well, on Saturday he got tested, and on Sunday he got the positive result.

On Monday morning, Swanson called a team meeting with all of his employees and told them that they had a positive case and that the company would pay for everyone to get tested in the next 48 hours.

The employees also had the option to go home with full pay if they felt more comfortable. Everyone stayed on and no one else in the company tested positive. The employee who tested positive stayed home for 14 days and worked from home while in quarantine.

Everyone at Screaming Images is now healthy and staying that way due to all of the precautions that they are taking to keep their employees and clients safe.

Send nominations with a photo and description to: <u>BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com</u>.



Char Ross, of Reno, wants everyone to know the impact of COVID-19 on her body — even as she continues to fight the effects of the virus from home. Char says she experienced a wave of symptoms before being hospitalized and going on oxygen support in October. An active mother of two, Char says she's never experienced the kind of symptoms COVID-19 has inflicted upon her.

"Everyone's body may respond differently than yours," she said. "That's ok. It doesn't make you weak by saying it. I stayed up most all night (Oct. 17) because I was afraid to go to sleep due to my breaths becoming shorter and shorter. It's making it harder to breathe. It's not a joke. It scared me to my core. It was hard to speak complete sentences."

After feeling slightly better, Char said she "took a turn for the worse overnight" on Oct. 19. Her struggles with breathing continued, and her COVID-19induced pneumonia rattled her body with fatigue, extreme headaches, body aches and joint pain.

The wave of symptoms remains a consistent similarity with many other patients who contracted the virus this year.



"My doctor said that we have got to fight it," Char said while still in the hospital Oct. 20. "(My doctor) is adamant about keeping me out of the ICU and off the ventilator. I'll do whatever she says. So with that said, I'll be here at least another week fighting. I'm tired, but I'm determined to win for my family."

Char was released from the hospital two weeks ago. As of this week, Char is still being visited by nurses at home to monitor her recovery. "It's a slow process," Char said. "Patience is key in all of this: frustrating but still a blessing in my eyes, still have a ways to go, still experiencing pain and myalgia."



As Nevadans continue to address the impacts of COVID-19 on their physical, mental, and emotional health, the state is offering resources across all platforms. Last year, Nevada had the 11th highest rate of suicide in the nation and was double the national rate. According to the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the leading cause of death for Nevadans ages 12-19, and the second leading cause of death for those 20-44.

In 1999 to decrease those numbers, Senator Harry Reid introduced a resolution to the Senate which led to the creation of National Survivors of Suicide Day. This year, there will be a virtual event on Saturday, November 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. where survivors of suicide can talk about their shared experiences.

Those interested in attending can so <u>here</u>. If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide or needs mental health support, call Crisis Support Services of Nevada at (800) 273-8255, or text CARE to 839863 to speak with someone now.



- Nevada Community Resources: Offers programs that provide immediate assistance to women and men who have experienced domestic abuse.
- <u>Nevada Victims of Crime Programs</u>: 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.
- > <u>SafeNest</u>: 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.
- SafeVoice: 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.



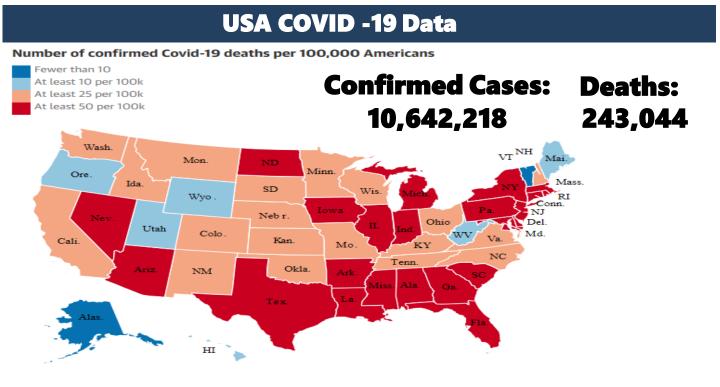
Nevadans are encouraged to remain vigilant and report fraud and related scams to DETR.

- ✓ 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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>
- Rate Schemes It is illegal for a company to charge a fee before performing a debt relief service. Report credit card interest schemes to: <u>FTC complaint</u>
- 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>.
 Page 12

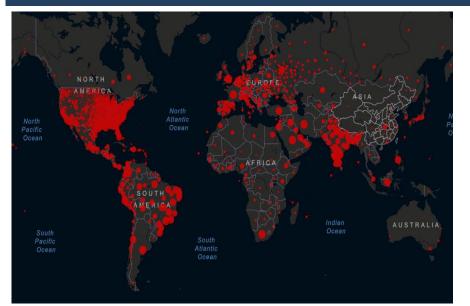


U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory

<u>U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories</u>

- Update on U.S. Passport Operations
- COVID -19 Travel Information
- Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

Worldwide COVID-19 Data



Total Confirmed Cases 53,126,651

Total Deaths 1,312,339

*U.S. State Department

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention