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Global

Total cases – 7,182,895

Total deaths – 408,811

United States

Total cases – 1,971,302

Total deaths – 111,620

Total # tests – 20,615,303

Administration

- The **Department of Health and Human Services** said Tuesday that it is taking additional steps to provide federal coronavirus relief funding to health care providers and hospitals that care for the poor and uninsured.
 - The agency, which has come under fire in recent weeks for delays in distributing the \$175 billion in federal support that Congress authorized in late March and April, expects to dole out about \$15 billion to providers that participate in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program but have not yet received payments from the relief fund that Congress authorized. The money is intended to compensate those that lost revenue or had increased expenses because of the coronavirus pandemic.
 - The additional funding is expected to support several hundred thousand more providers, including pediatricians, obstetrician-gynecologists, dentists, opioid treatment and mental health specialists, assisted living facilities and other home and community providers.
 - Also, safety net hospitals that serve a large share of low-income Americans and the uninsured will receive \$10 billion this week.
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**, said there's still a lot to learn about the long-term negative effects of the Covid-19 infection on patients,
 - "The thing that we don't yet fully appreciate is what happens when you get infected and you get serious disease and you recover? What are the long-term durable negative effects of that infection?" Fauci said during an interview released Tuesday at the BIO International Convention.

- Fauci explained that because there still is not enough experience with the virus, scientists don't know what patients who have recovered will be like six months from now.
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci** also said Tuesday there will be "more than one winner" in the Covid-19 vaccine field.
 - "There's going to be more than one winner in the vaccine field, because we're going to need vaccines for the entire world — billions and billions of doses," Fauci said in a taped interview with Dr. Michelle McMurry-Heath, president and CEO of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, released for the organization's convention.
 - Fauci praised the "unprecedented" rapid response of pharmaceutical companies in working toward a vaccine and therapeutics for coronavirus, saying it "even outpaced the public health response in some respect, which you usually see it opposite."
 - Fauci said he hopes the work that is being done to fight Covid-19 will bring "a degree of capability and preparedness to respond even better than we've responded right now" in the future.
- The U.S. is expected to have a supply of at least 180m N95 respirator masks each month from August through October, exceeding the need for about 160m in that period, according to a copy of **White House projections** for personal protective equipment needs.
 - The projections, created by the White House Supply Chain Task Force and released by Democratic Sen. Maggie Hassan's office, also estimate needs for gowns, surgical masks, gloves, and face shields, as well as how much the U.S. is expected to manufacture or import
 - White House projects U.S. to meet the demand for surgical masks and nitrile gloves in June and July, and outpace demand for face shields
 - Administration will use the Defense Production Act on nitrile gloves, White House Supply Chain Task Force head John Polowczyk says during Senate hearing
 - U.S. will need almost 200m gowns in June, about 175m in July; the supply is expected to be less than 150m in June and 175m in July
- **President Donald Trump** plans to resume campaign [rallies](#) this month, reviving the raucous events at a time when he is lagging Democrat Joe Biden in the polls.
 - Trump's campaign is looking to restart his signature events in June, campaign officials say. The campaign hasn't determined where the first rally since the country locked down over the coronavirus will be held, said the officials, who asked not to be named discussing internal deliberations.
- The **Internal Revenue Service** today reminded taxpayers to guard against tax fraud and other related financial scams related to COVID-19. ([HERE](#))
- The **U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division** (WHD) in Chicago, is joining with the IRS and the U.S. Small Business Administration to discuss paid sick leave requirements, tax relief and other coronavirus-related information critical for employers and business owners during a webinar on June 12, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, CDT. ([HERE](#))
- The **U.S. Department of Labor** today announced the award of three Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) totaling \$16,836,480 to help address the workforce-related impacts of the coronavirus public health emergency. These awards are funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provided \$345 million for DWGs to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. ([HERE](#))

- The **FDA** reissued emergency use authorizations revising which types of respirators can be decontaminated for reuse. In response to public health and safety concerns about the appropriateness of decontaminating certain respirators, the agency is reissuing certain emergency use authorizations (EUAs) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination. ([HERE](#))
 - FDA Daily Roundup - June 5, 2020 ([HERE](#))
- **U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue** today announced Georgia and Iowa have been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures. ([HERE](#))

Capitol Hill

- **Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)**, chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, wants Congress to bolster domestic production of vaccines, commit funds to federal health research, and improve the country's disease surveillance system, a vision he laid out in a [paper released](#) Tuesday.
 - Sen. Alexander is aiming to prepare for the next possible outbreak of a deadly virus, using what lawmakers have learned from the spread of the coronavirus to beef up public health in the U.S.
 - Congressional leaders are already considering some of his ideas, such as how to create a disease-tracking workforce in state public health agencies.
 - Alexander's paper is a jumping off point for a package of legislation the HELP committee will be developing with the goal of passage later this year, a spokesman for the senator said. Alexander is retiring at the end of this Congress.
- At a **Senate Judiciary** hearing on the law enforcement response to those exploiting the pandemic, **Democratic and Republican senators** say they are frustrated at the slow pace of prosecutions of scams exploiting the trillions of dollars in government relief money to combat the coronavirus crisis.
 - Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham says he was frustrated with the explanations being given by the Justice Dept.
 - DOJ officials said they've launched thousands of investigations to root out scams and fraud, but investigative work takes time
- **Senate Democrats** formally request an investigation into the Trump administration's effort to obtain and distribute personal protective equipment and other medical supplies to fight the coronavirus pandemic.
 - "Project Air Bridge -- like the broader Trump administration response to the pandemic -- has been marked by delays, incompetence, confusion and secrecy involving multiple federal agencies and actors," senators [write in letter](#) to Michael Horowitz, the acting chairman of the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee
 - Letter signed by Sens. **Elizabeth Warren, Chuck Schumer** and **Richard Blumenthal**
 - Senators say "it is not clear" if Project Air Bridge "was effective or cost-efficient, or if other alternatives" would have better alleviated shortages and saved money
 - Senators also release responses from medical suppliers they had questioned about the Trump administration's supply chain project

- Responses released from [Cardinal Health](#), [Concordance](#), [Henry Schein](#), [McKesson](#), [Medline](#), and [Owens and Minor](#)

State/Local

- At least **28 states** are not following [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) guidelines on reporting new Covid-19 cases -- half of which saw the trend of new cases increasing in the last week.
 - Those states are not reporting probable cases, according to the daily case count listed on the CDC's website. [Probable cases](#) include those that show evidence of an infection without the confirmation of a lab test and cases where coronavirus was listed as a cause or contributing cause of death but has not been confirmed with a lab test.
 - Some of the states with the largest populations -- like California, Florida, New York and Texas -- are among those listed as not reporting probable cases, despite CDC guidance that they should be included in the case count.
 - This comes as 26 states see an increased or steady rate of new cases.
- **Chicago** announced Tuesday all large outdoor events across the city are canceled through Labor Day, including Lollapalooza music festival, Chicago Jazz Festival, most programs at the Chicago Riverwalk and others, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
 - The city previously canceled its annual Memorial Day Parade, and house music, gospel and blues festivals.
 - Lollapalooza said in a statement on its webpage it would host virtual events on the days they had planned to have the festival.
- **New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy** (D) on Tuesday lifted the stay-at-home order that had been in place since March 21, saying during his daily news briefing that the spread of the coronavirus had slowed across the state.
 - Outdoor dining and indoor nonessential retail will be able to resume beginning on June 15 as New Jersey enters stage two of reopening, [according to the governor's new order](#). Barber shops and salons will be allowed to open on June 22, followed by personal care, gyms and fitness centers "as the state progresses."
 - The order encourages those who can work from home to continue to do so. Murphy also raised the cap on outdoor gatherings from 25 to 100, with plans of increasing it to 500 by July 3. He carved out an exception for those participating in First Amendment-protected activities outdoors — "political protests of any persuasion," as well as religious services.
- **New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio** announced that the [NYC Care program](#) will expand to Queens and Manhattan four months ahead of schedule in order to help fight health care disparities exposed by Covid-19.
 - De Blasio said the virus taught "painful lessons" on disparity and lack of equality in the city, adding that Covid-19 did "horrific" damage in communities of color.
 - The approximately \$37.5 million expansion is expected to reach 54,000 residents – with 44,000 in Queens and 10,000 in Manhattan.
 - The program provides access to low-cost and no-cost primary care for those who are ineligible or can't afford insurance.
- **North Carolina** released health guidance for schools to reopen to students, but as North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper in an afternoon news conference said, "opening schools will depend on our health metrics."

- **Los Angeles County** is actively reviewing state guidance on reopening more sectors of the economy, including film and television production, sporting events, and theme parks.
 - The state guidelines permit reopening on Friday. L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger promised an announcement on what Los Angeles will allow prior to that.

International

- Wearing masks will continue to be mandatory even after **Spain's** state of emergency is lifted on June 21, and the country enters a period of "new normality."
 - The Spanish Cabinet approved today a health safety measures decree that will be implemented immediately following the end of the state of emergency. The decree law will go to the Spanish Parliament tomorrow, where it's expected to be approved.
- The **UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)** has launched a study into the prevalence of Covid-19 in schools.
 - The study will "assess and monitor the prevalence of Covid-19 among preschool, primary and secondary school pupils and teachers" the DHSC said in a press release.
 - The voluntary study conducted in conjunction with Public Health England (PHE) will gather data from 100 English schools, including 15 London schools, targeting around 200 staff and students in each school.
- **Quash Quarantine**, a group representing 500 **UK** travel and hospitality companies has "received private assurances from senior Government sources that travel corridors will be in place [from 29th June](#)"
 - The group, whose aim is to overturn the recently introduced quarantine measures, said it was urging the UK government to "signal to the travel industry publicly and urgently that this is the case, as well as amend FCO [Foreign and Commonwealth Office] advice on non-essential travel."
 - The **UK Government's** quarantine measures, requiring people to self-isolate for two weeks when they arrive in the UK, came into force on Monday.
- **U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson** will talk his cabinet through [plans for easing](#) Britain's lockdown on Tuesday after officials reported the lowest number of daily deaths since restrictions were imposed.
- Retail outlets can reopen starting June 15 as long as they comply with government coronavirus-secure guidelines, **UK Business Secretary Alok Sharma** said Tuesday.
- **Greece** will gradually begin allowing tourists from Italy to visit the country starting June 15, Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias said on Tuesday.
 - He said this gradual easing of restrictions should be completed by the end of June and expressed hope that Italians would choose Greece as their holiday destination.
 - Italy was not originally included in list of 29 countries Greece said it would open its borders to as of June 15, when international flights to the country's two main cities Athens and Thessaloniki resume.
 - Tourists from the approved countries may be subjected to random coronavirus tests on arrival. If their departure airport is on the European Union Safety Aviation Agency (EASA) list, they will have to undergo compulsory testing and quarantine. Currently, some Italian airports are on the EASA list, the Greek Foreign Ministry website says.
- **France** unveiled a 15 billion-euro (\$17 billion) [rescue plan](#) for its struggling aerospace industry. Hungary is fully reopening its border with Slovenia as the countries gradually ease restrictions.

- Transmission of the coronavirus by people who aren't showing symptoms is "very rare," the **World Health Organization** said, contradicting a widely held belief among health officials and researchers that the disease was being spread by people who weren't showing signs of illness.
 - The **WHO** later clarified remarks, saying they estimate 16% of people are asymptomatic and can transmit the virus.
- **Hungary** fully reopened its border with Slovenia from Tuesday amid a gradual easing of measures to counter the coronavirus pandemic in both countries, Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said in a Facebook video.
- **Abu Dhabi** [extended](#) its movement ban by one week, the Government Media Office said. Movement in and out of the capital as well as between regions will remain suspended.
- **Indonesia** will allow airlines to carry more passengers in a rule that further eases restrictions in the aviation industry, as the country moves toward reopening its economy.
 - The Transport Ministry is scrapping a 50% limit in seating capacity and requires airlines to implement physical distancing, according to a new regulation signed on June 8.
- The landmark **Eiffel Tower** in Paris will reopen to visitors on June 25, ending its longest closure since World War II. All visitors older than 11 will be required to wear a face mask.
- For the first time in its 75-year history, the **U.N. General Assembly** won't hold its annual in-person meeting of the world's nations.

Other

- **AstraZeneca** advanced on another front in the Covid-19 battle, signing a deal with two U.S. government agencies and Vanderbilt University to develop antibodies that could both prevent and treat the disease. The U.K.'s biggest drugmaker licensed two immune proteins from Vanderbilt and signed an agreement with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to develop and conduct an early clinical trial, according to a statement today. If successful, the antibodies could serve as an alternative to vaccinations in some cases
- **UniCredit SpA** will allow [essential work trips](#) for many countries starting June 15, as it joins global rivals in cautiously allowing employees to return to pre-pandemic business practices.
 - The bank said that travel to and from the U.S., Brazil and Russia will remain off limits, according to a memo to staff dated June 8. Trips must be approved by a direct manager.
 - The return of employees will gradually increase and business meetings will again be allowed on site, though subject to restrictions, according to the memo.
- As many as **25,000 U.S. stores** could close permanently this year after the coronavirus pandemic devastated an industry where many mall-based retailers were already struggling.
 - The number would shatter the record set in 2019, when more than 9,800 stores closed their doors for good, according to a report from retail and tech data firm Coresight Research.
- **Yosemite National Park** will reopen to the public on Thursday, allowing 50% of its average visitors.
 - The park is beginning a phased reopening that starts by allowing 1,700 vehicle passes each day, according a statement from park spokesperson Jamie Richards.