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COVID-19 Cases Continue To Climb In The U.S. And Around The World

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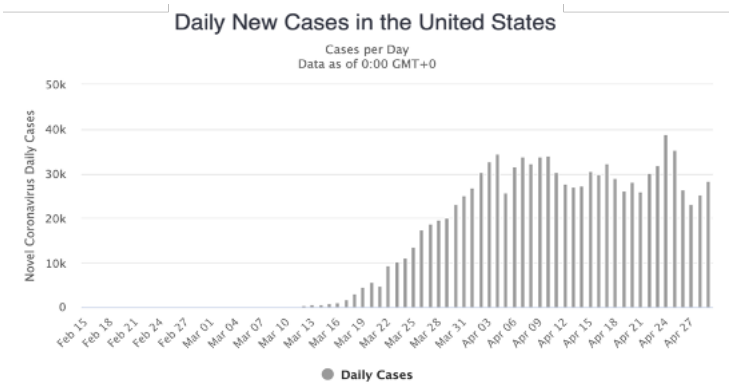
As of Sunday, nearly three months since the first confirmed case of the coronavirus was reported in the United States, there are over one million confirmed cases of the virus in the country, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.



Cases of COVID-19 have been reported in at least 212 countries and territories, according to the World Health Organization. And according to the Johns Hopkins data, over 3 million people have been infected globally.

The disease has been detected everywhere from remote areas of the Amazon, to the Syrian province of Idlib, which even before the pandemic hit was mired in one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. In the United Kingdom, around 800 people died from the virus on Saturday, pushing the nation's death toll above 21,000, according to the Department for Health and Social Care.

One of the last cruise ships still at sea after the coronavirus outbreak began has docked in Marseille, France. The MSC Magnifica docked Monday morning with 1,769 mostly European passengers on board. All of them are healthy, the spokesperson told CNN, but before disembarking they are being checked by firefighters for temperature and symptoms.

In the U.S., which has more cases than any other nation, another 34,955 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported on Saturday and over 2,000 more people infected with the virus died.

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In some parts of the country, officials have been encouraged by some slowing signs of growth in the number of deaths and new hospitalizations. In New York, the nation's hardest-hit state, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday that the state is "on the other side of the plateau." Cuomo said the state's death rate dropped below 400 people for the first time this month. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said Monday that nearly one-quarter of New York City residents tested positive for coronavirus antibodies, suggesting that Covid-19 spread farther than previously believed. Cuomo initially announced on Thursday that antibody tests suggested around 21 percent of New York City residents and 13.9 percent of state residents had been infected with the virus.

Still, as the number of coronavirus cases continues to mount nationally, President Trump has made clear in recent days his eagerness to reopen the U.S. economy. Some U.S. governors are gradually easing social-distancing restrictions, as is the case in Georgia, where local businesses including restaurants have reopened.

In Maryland, hundreds of citizens protested coronavirus restrictions. Similar scenes have played out across the U.S., as people protested in Minnesota, Utah and Oregon. One of the loudest recent protests was in Michigan, where protesters denounced Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's extension of the state's stay-home order through May 15.

As of Sunday afternoon, more than 57,000 American lives have been claimed in the pandemic, according to the Johns Hopkins data. Worldwide, more than 211,000 people have died as a result of the coronavirus. Of those infected globally, nearly 900,000 have recovered.

Health officials have warned additional waves of coronavirus are virtually inevitable. But "it's up to us how big those other waves will be," epidemiologist Dr. Larry Brilliant said.

President Trump said Sunday night that the administration was preparing to use the Defense Production Act to compel an unspecified U.S. facility to increase production of test swabs by over 20 million per month. There are currently about 150,000 diagnostic tests conducted each day, according to the Covid Tracking Project. The symptoms of COVID-19 include coughing, trouble breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

The $349 billion stimulus effort, which was distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, was exhausted in just two weeks. Republican and Democratic governors are warning of financial calamity if Washington doesn't provide relief. Some GOP lawmakers have joined with Democrats to call for a massive aid bill to help boost the economy.