

Hi All,

We had a continued decline in the growth and spread of the virus yesterday, following the last three days. New cases hit a low of ~25,000, down ~2,000 from yesterday and the lowest level of new cases in 9 Days. New hospitalizations were also down to ~1,000 new cases, excluding Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia that added ~1,000 cases and look like new Hot Spots (*more on this below*). New York dropped below 7,000 new cases and New Jersey below 3,000 new cases yesterday, the lowest levels in 14+ days. New Mortality was flat at ~1,500 cases and well down from levels last week of 2,000+ per day. Testing remained at ~150,000 consistent with the average for the last two week.

The overall growth rate in cases is declining (*see charts below*) across the US and in the prior Hot Spot areas. US Total New Case Growth rate was a -6% yesterday, with -25% in New York. New Cases grew 3% in the Top 12 States and at 0% in All Other States.

Hot Spots

As we see marked declines in prior Hot Spot areas and in general across the US, there are a number of higher case growth states/areas.

- 32 States have had negative new case growth over the last three days, led by New York, New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Texas.
- 18 states that have seen positive day over day new case growth. These are led by Connecticut, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Colorado, Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona
- A few of these States are also seeing a sharp rise in new Hospitalizations: Virginia, Mississippi, Georgia,

We continue to flatten the curve and our efforts and the numbers continue to drop in total. A few higher growth areas today and we will monitor these as all States continue in a very strong lock down and most of the higher growth states today are those that begin more severe measures later.

Note: *Thanks for all the comments and discussion on the “Pragmatism” points raised yesterday where we did “stir the pot” a little. This virus is definitely not the flu in either spread rate or the case severity and impact on Hospitals and medical workers. We all will be faced with some difficult decisions in the coming weeks as the decisions to “open up again” will be debated and made by each of us, our Government and all businesses large and small. These decisions will need to balance ethics with economics and there is no clear, obvious or simple path here. Those at highest risk will need to navigate this individually, as we all navigate it collectively, to the best possible outcomes. This virus will be with us for some time to come.....*

Let's get to yesterday's #'s:

Headlines:

- New Daily Cases declined 6% to ~26,000 yesterday.
- New Hospitalizations were ~1,000 yesterday (excluding three Hot Spot states) and well down from ~2,000 per day last week.

- New Mortality was flat at ~1,500 yesterday and well below averages last week of ~2,000.
- ***New US Cases declined to ~26,000 new cases yesterday on slightly higher testing volume, as % positive declined to 17%,***
 - *New York new cases declined to 6,240 from 8,271 the prior day*
 - *Next 12 States new cases rose slightly to 13,992 from 13,572 the prior day*
 - *Remaining States new cases were flat at ~5,500.*
- ***The Growth Rate in new cases remained NEGATIVE across the US at -6%.***
- ***Recovered cases grew to 19,708 yesterday. Recovered cases were 77% of all new cases yesterday.***
- ***Total Recovered Cases to date rose to ~174,000, or ~30% of Total Cases to date.***
- Testing volumes rose slightly to ~148,000 tests, essentially flat to the last two weeks.
 - *Pending tests remained flat at ~16,000, nearly all in California and Florida.*
 - *We have conducted 2,981,272 tests to date across the US*
- New Hospitalizations remained well below last weeks levels on a continued downward trend, with the exception of a few states.
 - *New Hospitalizations in New York was 118 new cases yesterday. Total current New York hospitalizations was 18,825 yesterday,*
- *Total current hospitalized cases reported yesterday was 53,150, cases.*
- Total Mortality yesterday was 1,535 with only 382 in New York and New Jersey, down from 925 in these two states yesterday.
 - *Top 12 States daily mortality was flat at 628, **with all remaining states at 236,** up slightly from prior day*

Note: We will begin publishing abbreviated headlines and charts every other day, beginning with today. Full detail again tomorrow and likely a new section on continued higher growth/spread States as we continue to monitor the overall impact of COVID-19. We also always appreciate your suggestions and input on what we present and how we present it!