

New Hospitalization has been flat in total the last two days after large declines over the weekend, Mortality grew yesterday above 2,000 again after two days under 1,500. New cases have declined, but on lower testing volumes as testing has averaged ~175,000 over the last two days, well below the 250,000+ levels we had seen recently. New levels of testing are the key, but no real evidence of a sustained higher rate at this point. New York has seen the greatest drop in volumes over the last week. New York current hospital cases is 30% below the highs and is now stable at ~12,000, down from the high of ~18,000+ two weeks ago. New Cases in New York also declined to under 4,000 for the first time yesterday.

Testing remains inconsistent and variable and we have not sustained the much higher levels of 300,000+ tests per day we have seen recently. All states are discussing both higher testing levels and establishing large teams of contact tracers. We will see how this develops. On a more positive note our actions have generated results; lower population density counties and rural areas have flattened the curve, **completely**, where new cases volumes are at or near zero, and current hospitalizations are at or near zero.

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

Headlines:

- States are recruiting large teams of “Contact Tracers” from the large ranks of unemployed
- New Daily Cases have declined, but on lower testing volumes. New Cases yesterday were ~24,500, down from ~37,100 Friday when testing had risen to higher levels.
- Total Hospitalizations remained relatively flat with ~400 new cases per day across the US, after large declines over the past weekend,
 - *Hospitalizations continue to decline overall with large declines in high density areas seeing flat to declining rates.*
 - *Many small community and rural hospitals have no current Covid-19 patients, or very low patient counts relative to total beds.*
- New Mortality rose again yesterday above 2,000 after declining to a low of ~1,000 a few days ago.
 - *6 states had mortality >100 yesterday, led by New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and Massachusetts*
- Testing declined the past two days averaging only ~175,000 tests, down from 250,000+ last week and a high of ~370,000 last Friday,
 - *% of tests with positive outcomes remains low at 12%, well below the average rate of 20% 10 days ago,*
 - ***Total testing to date is now ~5.79 Million across the US***

Note: Hospitalization/Mortality Data have a 3 day moving average filter applied. Spreadsheet format has changes to focus on Testing Volumes, New Case Volumes, Hospitalization/Mortality Levels.