

Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, October 9, 2020



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COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

For additional statistics visit [Nevada Health Response](#)

Total Tests

1,068,802
+ 10,560

Confirmed Cases

81,182
+ 772

Deaths

1,609
+ 6

Tests per 1,000 per week*

14.8

Daily Positivity Rate*

9.9%

Cumulative Positivity Rate*

9.8%

Please reference technical notes page for updated methodology.

Current Hospitalizations

Confirmed Suspected

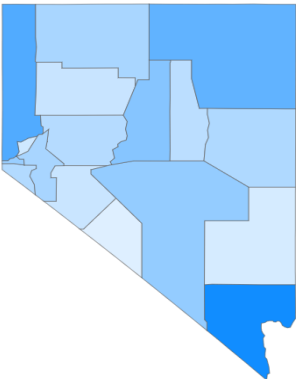
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+9 +5

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

130
+5

Hospitalization data are not updated on Sundays or holidays.

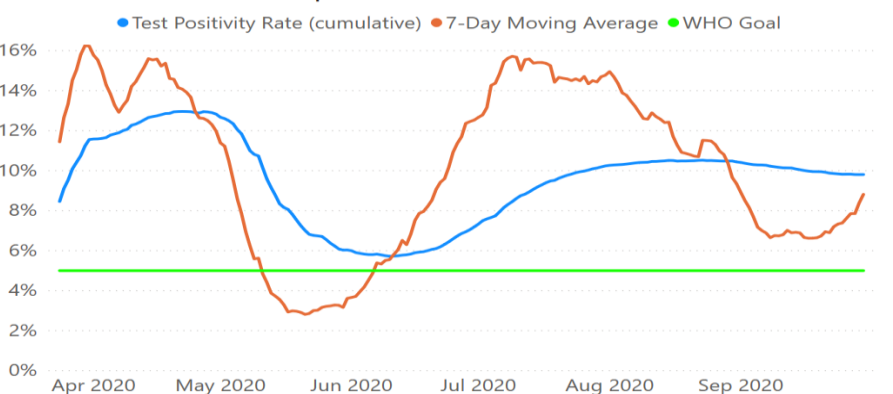
County	Population	Tests	People Tested	Cumulative Positivity Rate	Total Cases	Case Rate per 100,000	Deaths	Death Rate per 100,000
Carson City	56,546	23,621	15,748	3.4%	560	990.3	8	14.1
Churchill	25,876	7,915	5,723	2.9%	154	595.2	3	11.6
Clark	2,318,174	829,474	533,680	10.8%	68,162	2,940.3	1,400	60.4
Douglas	49,695	7,382	5,965	3.9%	315	633.9	1	2.0
Elko	54,985	12,981	9,670	6.8%	989	1,798.7	10	18.2
Esmeralda	974	147	109	0.0%	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eureka	1,966	366	184	3.0%	10	508.6	0	0.0
Humboldt	17,062	3,113	2,538	9.0%	130	761.9	4	23.4
Lander	5,996	1,819	1,338	6.2%	76	1,267.5	1	16.7
Lincoln	5,200	559	411	1.4%	7	134.6	0	0.0
Lyon	57,987	6,945	5,302	5.1%	447	770.9	7	12.1
Mineral	4,561	2,043	1,267	2.3%	14	307.0	0	0.0
Nye	48,864	7,454	5,038	10.2%	519	1,062.1	15	30.7
Pershing	6,962	4,480	2,904	0.6%	22	316.0	0	0.0
Storey	4,465	182	145	1.1%	10	224.0	0	0.0
Washoe	478,155	145,161	105,855	7.4%	9,696	2,027.8	159	33.3
White Pine	10,586	7,406	3,675	1.6%	71	670.7	1	9.4



Test Positivity Rate (cumulative), 7-Day Moving Average and WHO Goal Specimen Collection Date

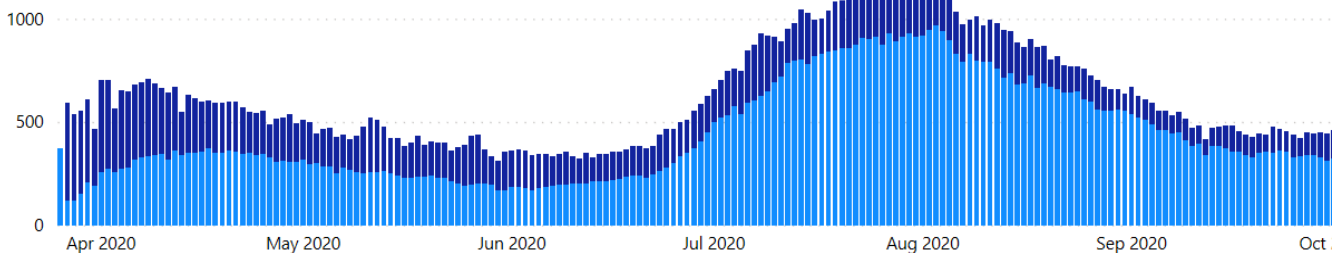
Percent Change

Date	Test Positivity Rate (cumulative)	Test Positivity Percent Change
09/30	9.8%	0.0%
09/29	9.8%	-0.0%
09/28	9.8%	-0.2%
09/27	9.8%	0.0%
09/26	9.8%	0.0%
09/25	9.8%	-0.2%
09/24	9.8%	-0.2%
09/23	9.9%	-0.2%
09/22	9.9%	-0.5%
09/21	9.9%	-0.3%
09/20	9.9%	-0.0%
09/19	9.9%	-0.0%
09/18	10.0%	-0.2%
09/17	10.0%	-0.3%
09/16	10.0%	-0.4%
09/15	10.0%	-0.4%
09/14	10.1%	-0.5%
09/13	10.1%	-0.0%
09/12	10.1%	-0.0%
09/11	10.1%	-0.2%
09/10	10.2%	-0.3%



Confirmed and Suspected Hospitalizations by Date

Confirmed Suspected



Governor's Directives and Declarations

Complete list of Directives and Declarations

- [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](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees – Sign In Sheet](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees – Sign In Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors – Sign In Sheet](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors – Sign In Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Comprehensive List of Signage Documents](#)
 - ✓ [Capacity Signage – Landscape](#)
 - ✓ [Capacidad Limitada Signage – Landscape](#)
 - ✓ [Capacity Signage – Portrait](#)
 - ✓ [Capacidad Limitada Signage – Portrait](#)
- [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](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 County Tracker](#)
- [Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 029](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 028](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 027](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency 026](#)

Mitigation and Management Task Force

The Nevada COVID-19 Task Force has been established to support a new county-specific approach to the state's emergency response. The Task Force will ensure statewide adoption. At a minimum, it will be made up of heads of key state agencies, private sector representatives, and local representatives. This task force will be charged with ensuring accountability for state-level efforts, coordinating essential activities between departments, and providing a sustainable model for receiving and sharing data and vetting proposals and recommendations.

Reviewing this critical data and metrics such as status of hospitalizations, disease investigation reports, and more will allow the State to better understand the capacity of each county to respond and then take targeted actions to help mitigate the spread.

The goal of this targeted approach is to address identified risk areas and take action, and to avoid broad-based closures or limitations that could harm businesses who may not be the cause of spread.

Local COVID-19 Status

Update from Oct. 8, 2020, Nevada COVID-19 Mitigation & Management Task Force meeting

Thresholds used to determine higher risk of disease transmission in each Nevada county were changed today by the state's Mitigation and Management Task Force. This include changing the required number of tests per day to 100 (down from 150), and increasing the positivity rate to 8 from 7 percent; no changes were made to the case rate threshold, which is 200 cases per 100,000 residents. Counties found to exceed these thresholds are subject to stricter requirements to bring down the spread of COVID-19.



In the case that there is not enough data or information needed to take a targeted approach in a county, or if a county is not collaborating with the State in a productive manner, the Task Force and/or the Governor maintain the right to take action and implement mitigation measures in accepted high risk settings. [COVID-19 Task Force Assessment Details](#)

To ensure the success of this approach, the task force shall perform the following duties:

1. Meet on at least a weekly basis.
2. Provide a current situation report on COVID-19 in Nevada, including weekly case numbers and county-level analysis.
3. Provide an overview of the COVID-19 response effort in Nevada, including enforcement numbers from throughout the state and other findings.
4. Assess county status per these guidelines and make decisions for actions to be taken over the next week.
5. Collaborate with county representatives to determine best methods for reducing the community burden of COVID-19.



GET TESTED COVID-19

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.

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

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.

Testing location information is provided and maintained by [Castlight: COVID-19 Resource Center](#). (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. For more information call Nevada 2-1-1. Call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing.

[Report incorrect information about testing sites here.](#)



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. [Apply here.](#)

CONTACT TRACING



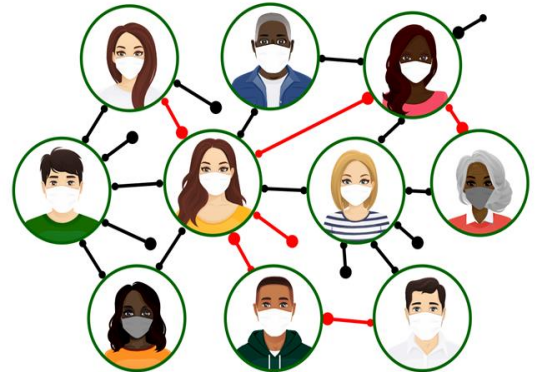
Contact tracing gives health officials the information needed to draw a road map of how COVID-19 is traveling throughout Nevada. This procedure aims to identify and alert people who have come into contact with a person infected. Your information will not be shared. The process begins at the point one 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. Help Nevada slow the spread and answer the call.

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.
- Monitor smartphone usage to determine who has been in contact with an infected person.

Contact 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



HOW COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING WORKS



The local health department receives a notification of a positive COVID-19 test from a hospital, doctor's office or other testing facility.



A case investigator interviews the person to identify potential contacts. Anyone who has been within 6 feet of the person for more than 10 minutes is at risk of exposure.



A contact tracer reaches out to anyone who has been exposed to check for symptoms and recommend testing and/or self-quarantine for at least 14 days.



If the exposed person tests positive, a new investigation is launched to trace their contacts as well.



COVID Trace App

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

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 privacy-preserving 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](#)

Protect Yourself From Influenza During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Diagnostic testing can help determine if you are sick with flu or COVID-19. The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccination each year. CDC also recommends everyday preventive actions (like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and frequent handwashing) to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. There are tests available to diagnose the flu from other viral or bacterial causes of respiratory illnesses.



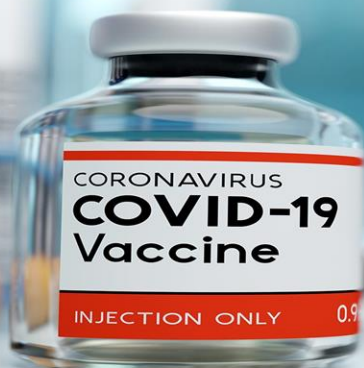
Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, but some people are at high risk of developing complications if they get sick.

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

The Nevada State Immunization Program is attempting to contact tribal partners across the state to seek their input on how each would like to receive vaccine allocation. Tribal jurisdictions have the option to receive vaccine from the state of Nevada or the federal government.

Questions: Contact Teneale Chapton
tchapton@health.nv.gov





Battle Born Business Nominations

Recognizing Nevada businesses that enhance guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Reno Axe is sharpening its safety skills to stay open and provide entertainment and fun to Northern Nevada. This lively venue brings aspiring lumberjacks to downtown Reno with axe throwing and a full bar. Reno Axe has enhanced its already targeted cleaning and safety protocols to ensure the safety of its customers and staff. All customer touchpoints are sanitized before and after each use, and the venue is at half capacity with targets socially distanced. All staff members undergo a wellness check, including a temperature scan prior to their shift.



Upon entry to the facility, the Axe security team educates patrons on the preventive measures and signage is pointed out and explained. Instructors have each been trained individually on current sanitation practices and are current on any changes.

Mask wearing is required in the bar except when throwing your axe and when socially distanced. There is hazard tape on the ground to delineate throwing lanes and social distancing. To avoid extra mingling, bartenders come out from behind the bar to take the food and drinks to the customers in their designated areas.

REA Law firm in Reno has made a special effort to follow COVID-19 regulations and stay available to their clients. The office was shut down briefly as many of the partners were impacted as well. As people were not out and about during the initial shutdown, the need for personal injury law services diminished. In response, the firm diversified into other types of law to expand businesses opportunities to help survive this challenging time.



COVID-19 did not sequester this firm from its clients. REA Law Firm came up with creative ways to continue their practice safely. Upon reopening, the firm made a special effort to communicate via email and Zoom meetings. When meeting in person is necessary, lawyers and staff practice social distancing and mask wearing. The firm also provides masks for people who do not have one and offers hand sanitizer in every room of the office. After every client all of the common areas are disinfected. When possible, meetings are conducted outside for extra safety. "We are now back to normal operation and working with the requirements to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our clients," Raymond Areshenko, attorney at REA Law said.

Send nominations with a photo and description to: BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com.

My Coronavirus Story

Share your story, at: NVcovidStory@gmail.com

COVID-19 can definitely be a family affair. Priya and Anjali KC, two sisters from Minden, Nevada, both contracted COVID-19 in September. They had different symptoms but similar lives in quarantine.

Priya, a pleasant and upbeat 12-year-old, said she felt fine for the most part while she was sick with COVID-19. She lost her sense of taste, and had some shortness of breath — both common symptoms of COVID-19. She commented that she wasn't really surprised when she tested positive, admitting she was not wearing her mask at the time she was exposed. Now she does not leave the house without her mask in hand.

During quarantine Priya caught up on her Netflix shows and spent some time in the backyard just to get some fresh air. Priya recommends to others, "Wear your mask because you don't want to get it, it's super boring." The worst part of having COVID-19? Being excluded from her best friend's birthday party. Priya was sad that she could not attend, especially since it was a week after she got out of quarantine and was feeling back to normal.

Angali, age 14, had a different experience than her sister. Angali lost her sense of taste as well, however she felt like she had a really bad cold or the flu and also struggled to breathe at times. For Angali the strangest experience of the whole thing was not being able to taste her food; she ate brownies during her down time with COVID-19 and couldn't taste a single one!

Angali also spent time watching Netflix and getting sun in the backyard, but the sisters really did not hang out much though during quarantine. Other than being in the same house, the two girls watched different shows and did their own school work. Also not wearing her mask at the time of contraction, Angali emphasizes, "Wear your mask to protect the people around you because you don't want them to get sick."

Both sisters are now feeling back to normal and wearing their masks. Priya and Angali were both feeling better less than half way through their quarantine, but they had to stay locked down. The boredom they experienced as two young ladies being cooped up is enough for both of them to don their masks whenever they leave the house.



Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Call 2-1-1 or visit nevada211.org for information and referrals to health, human and social service organizations.

As Nevadans continue to find ways to adapt to the way COVID-19 has changed our day-to-day lives, some loosening of restrictions with the latest directive from Governor Sisolak, we could see a positive impact in how Nevadans feel about their mental health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control's household pulse survey, Nevada ranks among the top U.S. states for mental health concerns. As of the end of September, Nevada ranked second for symptoms of depressive disorder, fifth for symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, and seventh for symptoms of anxiety disorder. As the Mayo Clinic reports, regular exercise can ease depression and anxiety by not only releasing feel-good endorphins, but also providing an outlet for taking your mind off worries.



There is a
better
tomorrow

With sports competition allowed to return (with some restrictions), Nevadans have the opportunity for more social interaction, which can help with your mood. And doing something positive to manage depression or anxiety is considered a healthy coping strategy.

- [Nevada Community Resources](#): Offers programs that provide immediate assistance to women and men who have experienced domestic abuse.
- [Nevada Victims of Crime Programs](#): 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.
- [SafeNest](#): 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.
- [Children's Mobile Crisis Team](#): 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





Unemployment Resources

The Division of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) has launched a COVID-19 filing system for Nevada residents who have been affected by the pandemic to receive benefits. This is completely separate from filing; for traditional unemployment insurance benefits. [DETR website](#)

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation a temporary federal program that provides up to 13 weeks of regular unemployment insurance for eligible claimants whose claims have been exhausted.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) a temporary federal program that is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. PUA is available to Nevada workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed, unable to work or unavailable for work due to the pandemic and who are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Pandemic unemployment assistance:

Online:  www.employnv.gov

Phone:  800-603-9681

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon



Clark County Job Fair hosted by Nevada DETR in partnership with Jim Gibson and Tick Segerblom and Workforce Connections.

Thursdays in October at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 - Work from Home

Oct. 22 - Customer Service / Call Center

Oct. 29 - Healthcare

For more information:

www.nvcareercenter.org/fall2020

(702) 636-2346

You MAY BE ELIGIBLE for if:

- Not receiving pay from your employer through no fault of your own extended furlough, shutdowns, layoffs, etc.
- Hours have been reduced, receiving less than \$469 gross earnings per week.
- Self-employed and unable to work during the pandemic

How to apply:

- File online at ui.nv.gov (fastest way)
- File claim before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m. (best times to file)
- Phone lines reserved for people unable to file online
- File a claim every week until you return to work, weeks begin on Sunday.
- Keep filing weekly claims, even if you are paid that week
- No in-person claims – offices are closed
- Be cautious of scams

Scams and Fraud Alerts

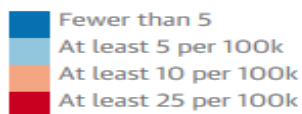
How to File a Complaint.

- **COVID-19 Treatment** – Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. [FTC Details.](#)
- **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](#)
- **Government Grants** - Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds.
- **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.
- **PPE Supplies** - Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card.
- **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.
- **Stimulus Packages** - Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment.
- **Job Opportunities** - Scammers pay for online ads, promising you ways to earn money online. But [do your research](#) before you sign up and certainly before you pay. [Avoid job scams](#)
- **Mortgage** - It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with [your mortgage](#). Talk with a [legal services organization](#) first.
- **Donations** - Do your homework. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
- **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.
- **Rate Schemes** - It is illegal for a company to charge a fee before performing a debt relief service. Report credit card interest schemes to: [FTC complaint](#)
- **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 [phishing scam](#).

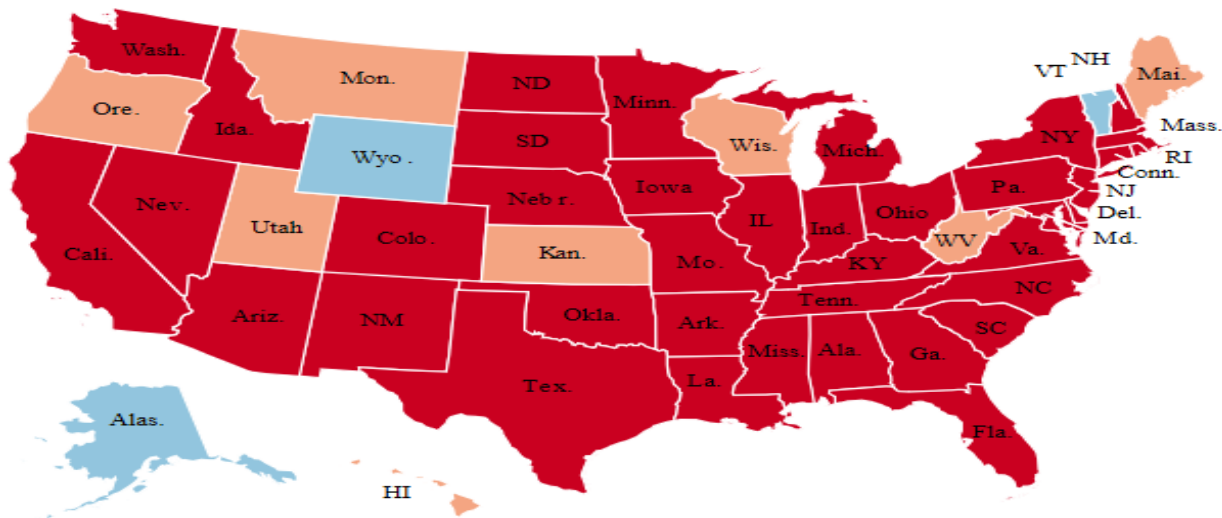


USA COVID -19 Data

Number of confirmed Covid-19 deaths per 100,000 Americans



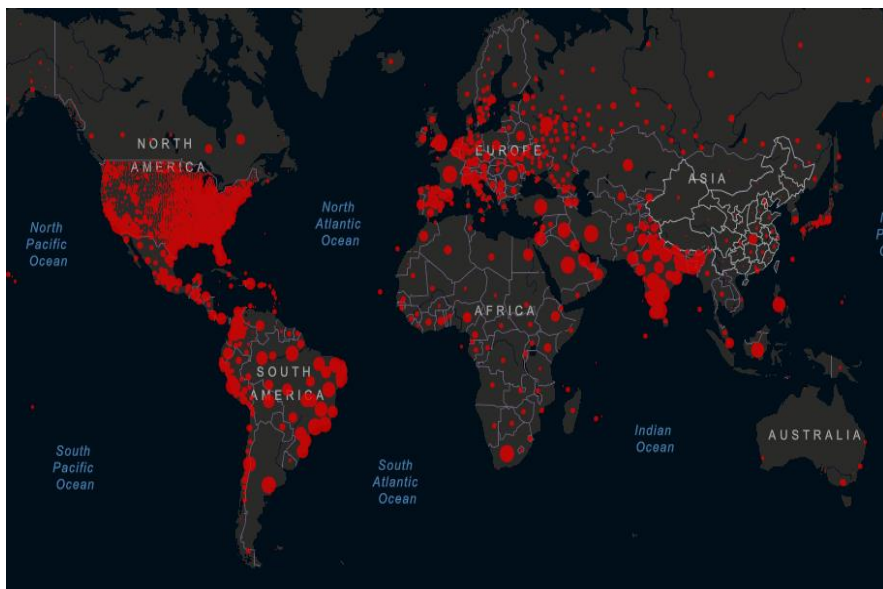
Confirmed Cases: 7,299,080 **Deaths: 208,191**



U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory

- [U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories](#)
- [Update on U.S. Passport Operations](#)
- [COVID -19 Travel Information](#)
- [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)

Worldwide COVID-19 Data



Total Confirmed Cases
34,423,675

Total Deaths
1,024,958

[*U.S. State Department](#)

[*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)