## **Nevada Health Response**

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report**

Friday, September 4, 2020





## #MaskUpNV



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#### **COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data**

For additional statistics visit: Nevada Health Response

#### **Total Tests (molecular)**

875,292 + 7,264

#### **Confirmed Cases**

70,712

#### Deaths

1,375 +12

#### Tests per 1,000 per week\*

11.6

**Daily Positivity Rate\*** 

9.8%

#### **Cumulative Positivity Rate\***

10.5%

Please reference technical notes page for updated methodology.

#### **Current Hospitalizations**

Confirmed Suspected

514 97

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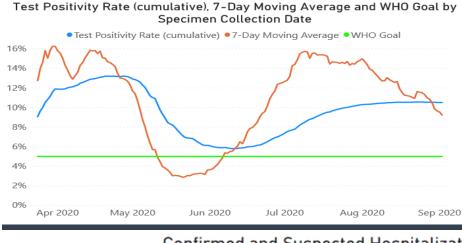
#### **Intensive Care Unit (ICU)**

178 -9

Hospitalization data are not updated on Sundays.

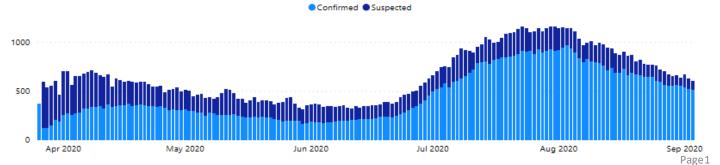


Carson City	56,546	17,489	13,407	3.6%	446	788.7	8	14.1
Churchill	25,876	5,656	4,591	3.2%	113	436.7	1	3.9
Clark	2,318,174	680,716	461,735	11.6%	60,514	2,610.4	1,190	51.3
Douglas	49,695	5,612	4,729	3.7%	257	517.2	1	2.0
Elko	54,985	10,022	8,576	7.9%	853	1,551.3	6	10.9
Esmeralda	974	118	87	0.0%	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eureka	1,966	306	159	1.6%	8	406.9	0	0.0
Humboldt	17,062	2,736	2,264	9.6%	111	650.6	4	23.4
Lander	5,996	1,489	1,167	7.5%	65	1,084.1	1	16.7
Lincoln	5,200	452	359	2.2%	6	115.4	0	0.0
Lyon	57,987	5,364	4,196	4.8%	347	598.4	6	10.3
Mineral	4,561	1,666	1,121	2.1%	12	263.1	0	0.0
Nye	48,864	6,481	4,472	11.2%	478	978.2	15	30.7
Pershing	6,962	3,747	2,800	0.6%	20	287.3	0	0.0
Storey	4,465	118	105	1.7%	7	156.8	0	0.0
Washoe	478,155	113,401	87,456	7.5%	7,446	1,557.2	142	29.7
White Pine	10,586	5,608	3,082	1.1%	29	273.9	1	9.4



Percent Change						
Date	Test Positivity Rate (cumulative)	Test Positivity Percent Change				
09/02	10.5%	-0.0%				
09/01	10.5%	0.0%				
08/31	10.5%	-0.2%				
08/30	10.5%	-0.0%				
08/29	10.5%	0.0%				
08/28	10.5%	-0.0%				
08/27	10.5%	-0.1%				
08/26	10.5%	-0.1%				
08/25	10.6%	0.1%				
08/24	10.6%	-0.1%				
08/23	10.6%	0.1%				
08/22	10.6%	0.2%				
08/21	10.5%	0.0%				
08/20	10.5%	0.1%				
08/19	10.5%	-0.0%				
08/18	10.5%	0.1%				
08/17	10.5%	-0.2%				
08/16	10.5%	-0.0%				
08/15	10.5%	0.2%				
08/14	10.5%	0.1%				
08/13	10.5%	0.1%				

#### Confirmed and Suspected Hospitalizations by Date



### **Governor's Directives and Declarations**

The guidance for businesses reopening was developed in consultation with Nevada's Local Empowerment Advisory Panel (LEAP) created under the <u>Nevada United</u> Plan for reopening Nevada.

- > Directive 031 Extension of Residential Evictions Moratorium (08-31-2020)
  - ✓ Guidance forTenants 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
  - ✓ Guidance on Directive 027: Elevated Disease Transmission Criteria
  - ✓ Nevada's County COVID-19 Elevated Disease Transmission Tracker
  - √ Food Establishments
  - √ Bars
- Declaration of Emergency 026
- Declaration of Emergency Directive 025
  - ✓ Guidance for Commercial Properties
  - ✓ Guidance for Landlords and Tenants
- Declaration of Emergency Directive 024
  - ✓ Guidance on Directive 024: Face Coverings
  - ✓ Fact Sheet: What does the science say about face coverings?
  - ✓ Hoja de hechos: ¿Qué es lo que dice la ciencia sobre las cubiertas faciales?
  - ✓ 'No Shirt. No Shoes. No Mask. No Service.' printable sign
  - ✓ Guidance on Improvised Facial Coverings
- **Declaration of Emergency Directive 023** 
  - ✓ <u>Nevada Health Response releases guidance on youth sports</u>
  - ✓ Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Baseball and Softball Practice Only
  - ✓ Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Soccer Practice Only
  - **✓** Roadmap to Recovery for Nevada: Organized Youth Sports Practice Only
- Nevada COVID-19 Disease Outbreak Management Strategy and Concept of Operations

## COVID -19 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.

This new approach will ensure the state, in coordination with each county, can assess all available data, evaluate key metrics, and make timely decisions based on the disease burden and transmission risk in each region throughout Nevada.

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.



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.

## **Testing in Nevada**

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 can also lead to a larger number of Nevadans being made aware of their conditions, knowledge that could contribute to focused social distancing and further slowing community transmissions.

## HAD CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?



Nevada continues to recommend everyone

with symptoms
or
without symptoms
get tested.

Find testing locations at: nvhealthresponse.nv.gov

Testing location information is provided and maintained by <u>Castlight:</u> <u>COVID-19 Resource Center.</u> (Testing 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.

Individuals who need help accessing this content are encouraged to call Nevada 2-1-1. Each testing site has its own criteria. Please call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing. Report incorrect information about testing sites here.

Nevada Medicaid covers COVID-19 testing and related services for most uninsured Nevadans, available under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act. Most Nevadans, 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 for this coverage. To apply for benefits go to accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov



# Need a Test? Just Stop, Swab & Go!

Clark County, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the state of Nevada have partnered to make up to 60,000 drive-thru coronavirus tests available in southern Nevada to anyone who wants to be tested whether you have symptoms of the virus or not.



Testing is free Through Sept. 18,

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fiesta Henderson Hotel and Casino, 777 W. Lake Mead Parkway Henderson

Texas Station Hotel and Casino, 2101 Texas Star Lane North Las Vegas

> Sam Boyd Stadium, 7000 E. Russell Road Las Vegas

#### All location will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observation of Labor Day.

Appointments are not required but encouraged. No health insurance is required. Testing at the hotel sites will take place in the parking garages. Testing at Sam Boyd will be drive-thru in the stadium parking lot and an area will be set up for walk-up testing inside the stadium's concourse. Free face coverings also will be offered to everyone who gets tested. Test results are expected to be available within 3 to 5 business days.



For general COVID-19 questions, call the Southern Nevada Health District information line at (702) 759-INFO (4636) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

To access a continuously updated calendar of testing events across the Las Vegas Valley visit <a href="https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/">https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/</a>. Information is available in Spanish through <a href="Esta En Tus Manos">Esta En Tus Manos</a>.



Contact tracing gives health officials the information needed to draw a road map of how coronavirus is traveling throughout Nevada. This procedure aims to identify and alert people who have come into contact with a person infected. With your help, we can collect the data needed to stop the spread.

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. Your information will not be shared.

#### **Contact tracing involves:**

- > Interview infected people to identify everyone they had close contact with
- Information is obtained for 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 if somebody has been in contact with an infected person.

#### **Contract tracers will not ask for:**

- Social Security Number
- > Bank, credit card or insurance information
- ➤ Ask about your citizenship
- ➤ Offer to sell you a COVID test kit



## Tew COVID Trace App Help Speed Up Nevada's Recovery

COVID Trace is 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. Empowering Nevadans to quarantine effectively, seek medical attention, and reduce risk for your loved ones.

- ✓ 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

## LICAL Battle Born Business Nominations

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



With vulnerable patient population primarily 65 and older, Cleveland Clinic for Brain Health Ruvo Center (@CCNevadaKMA) pivoted operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and suspended all in-person group programming on March 10. In less than a week staff went virtual, converting nearly all programming, including music therapy and Lunch & Learns to virtual platforms. As a result, the center is now reaching more patients and caregivers through these programs than ever before. Today, medical continue conduct providers to extraordinary amount of virtual patient appointments - 60% of pre-COVID volume ensuring patients receive the care they need from the comfort and safety of their own home.

Griddlecakes in Las Vegas didn't waffle when it came time to decide how to stay safe to stay during the pandemic. Ownership scrambled to create a plan that included disposable utensils, condiments only upon request, curbside pickup options, reduced contact payment methods and sanitization stations. The customer nominating Griddlecakes said, "We adore this place and they have worked so hard, from day one, even before masks were mandated for all, to keep people safe." Owner Fatemah Emamzadeh said the motivation to stay in compliance was easy: "Our goal is to make every visit to Griddlecakes a break from the daily stress and put the focus back on enjoying a good meal with friends and family!"

Send nominations with a photo and description to: <a href="mailto:BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com">BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com</a>.



## **My Coronavirus Story**

Share your story, at: <a href="https://www.nvcovidStory@gmail.com">NVcovidStory@gmail.com</a>

Daryl Hollenback received word he may have come in contact with COVID-19 while at work. A few days later while working in his garage his body confirmed it. "I completely lost my breath," said Daryl, of Spanish Springs, Nevada, who works in federal law enforcement. "Immediately after that I began feeling feverish so I went to bed praying I'd wake up fine. Once morning came I was feeling worse so I called in sick to work and went to the VA for a test."

Daryl's son experienced mild symptoms. His wife avoided the virus because she was on military orders in Las Vegas when both of them were sick at home. For several days, Daryl's temperature remained above 102, topping out regularly at 104. His heart rate remained at 140 for long



periods of time, he said. "A debilitating headache had set in and I had completely lost my sense of taste and smell," he said.

Eventually it became too much. Daryl left his home in an ambulance and headed to the VA in Reno. "The hardest part was looking at my wife staring out the window as I got on the ambulance," he said. "Once on the ambulance a young man immediately got me on oxygen and hooked up to an IV."

From the first day of his diagnosis, Daryl drank excessive amounts of water. According to the doctors at the VA, Daryl drank too much water and had arrived overhydrated. "All the water I'd drank over that week had depleted my sodium so they put me on a two-cup per day ice restriction," he said.

By the time Daryl was ready to leave, he had lost 20 pounds. He also noticed that the ICU beds were increasingly taking more COVID-19 patients. "I learned that when I was admitted I was the eighth person in the COVID ICU," Daryl said of his time in intensive care, which coincided with the second spike in Nevada during the summer. "By the time I was ready to leave there were 25 (people in the COVID ICU)."

Finally, on July 4, Daryl was released to go home on oxygen and the medication dexamethasone. "I'll never forget how beautiful my wife looked when she picked me up from the hospital," he said. Within five days back home, Daryl's health improved. "The main reason I wanted to talk about this is to say what I learned and witnessed through all of this," he said. "I've spent my entire adult life working with great Americans that selflessly serve their communities. Never have I ever been more impressed with the American spirit than what I've seen from our healthcare workers."

He added: "I saw the helpers — the true spirit of America. ...If you're down on things and wondering what direction the world is taking, look at them. We live among giants. Everyone can do their part from this point on even if all you have to offer is kindness."

#### **Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

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

#### **Helpful Resources for Parents and Children**

Schools have opened in Nevada with a lot of variation and nuance by school district. With these changes, children may have questions or may have anxiety with the new guidelines. Tips from the CDC to help parents talk to their kids about COVID-19.

Helpful tip: Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online. Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Listen to what your children are talking about. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.



- ✓ <u>Nevada Children's Mobile Crisis</u> Mobile Crisis Response Team supports youth and families of youth in crisis over the phone so that the proper care is given, and emergency room visits are reduced. MCRT offers Telephone triage, Crisis response, Crisis stabilization, and After care.
- ✓ <u>Boys & Girls Clubs</u> Visit the website of your local facility. Fills the gap between school and home, providing safe, fun environments, with a variety of programs.
- ✓ <u>The Children's Cabinet</u> Keeping children safe and families together with a variety of services and resources. Call 800-536-4588 or text "SAFE" and current location to 4HELP (44357)
- ✓ <u>Healthy Children</u> Information on kids returning to school during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ✓ <u>CDC back-to-school decision making tool</u> Questions that address how your school is preparing for school year 2020-2021.
- ✓ <u>The Solace Tree</u> Peer-to-Peer Grief Support availability for remote areas such as rural, mountain or military base communities.
- ✓ <u>Mental Health America</u> Visit for a "back to school" kit. Community-based nonprofit, dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and promoting the overall mental health of all.
- ✓ <u>Safe Voice</u> Call 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) This program provides students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others and is available 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.



# Unemployment Resources COVID-19 UNEMPLOYMENT

The Division of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) has launched a new 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.

**Learn more: COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Information** 

**Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** is 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 COVID-19 pandemic and who are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

<u>Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)</u> a temporary federal program that provides up to 13 weeks of regular unemployment insurance (UI) for eligible claimants whose claims have been exhausted.

#### You MAY BE ELIGIBLE for unemployment if:

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

#### How to apply for unemployment:

- > File online at <u>ui.nv.gov</u> (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
- ➤ No in-person claims offices are closed
- 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
- Be cautious of scams

#### **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

#### **Quick Links:**

- DETR website
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits Tutorials
- Claimants Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19
- Rapid Response Resource Packet for Laid Off Workers
- Relief for Workers Affected by COVID 19 CARES Act



# Scams and Fraud Alerts

**WhatsApp/Facebook** - Messages all offer money to people who need it — through grants, coupons for food support, or other giveaways. They're all fake, and not from those companies at all.

**COVID-19 Treatment** – Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. <u>FTC Details</u>.

**Contact Tracers** - Don't pay, give out your social security number or financial info to a contact tracer. File a complaint.

**Stimulus Packages** - Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment. File a complaint.

**Mortgage** - It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with <u>your mortgage</u>. Talk with a <u>legal services organization</u> first.



**PPE Supplies** - Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card. File a Complaint.

**Government Grants -** Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds. File a complaint.

**Job Opportunities** - Scammers pay for online ads, promising you ways to earn money online. But <u>do your research</u> before you sign up — and certainly before you pay. <u>Avoid job scams</u>



**Unemployment Insurance** – UI fraud is a crime in Nevada. You may even 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

**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: <a href="fc.gov/complaint">ftc.gov/complaint</a>.

**College 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 <a href="mailto:phishing.cam">phishing.cam</a>.

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### We All Play a Role Keeping Nevada Safe.







#### Do you know when & where it's required to wear a face covering in public?

- Inside of, standing in line, any indoor space.
- While outside in a public space when 6 ft. of social distancing isn't possible.
- Public or private transportation that others HAVE or WILL
- At work and when interacting in-person with members of the public.
- While working out indoors at a gym, fitness center, dance studio, or boutique fitness facility
- In any space where food is prepared.
- In any room or enclosed area where other people are present.
- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms.

### **Getting together for Labor Day?**

Keep it small. Keep it outdoors. Keep your mask on.







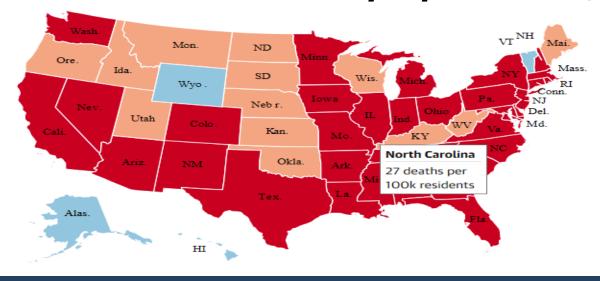
#### **USA COVID -19 Data**

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

Fewer than 5
At least 5 per 100k
At least 10 per 100k
At least 25 per 100k

## Confirmed Cases: 6,173,562

**Deaths:** 187,152



#### **U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory**

STEP March 22, 2020 **Enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program)** 

COVID-19 Travel August 6, 2020 For COVID-19 Travel Information click here

COVID-19 Alert September 3, 2020 Update on U.S. Passport Operations
U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories

#### **Worldwide COVID-19 Data**



**Total Confirmed Cases 26,410,996** 

Total Deaths 870,650

\*U.S. State Department

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention