



COVID-19 Compilation

February 25, 2021

Please note this will be the last publication of the COVID-19 Compilation. To access the most recent archives, click [here](#). Over the last 13 months, this update has sought to inform a wide-ranging audience about the U.S. federal response to COVID-19, state-level issues related to the virus, unprecedented scientific developments, the economic implications, and how the pandemic impacted the rest of the world. We hope you have found it helpful as you navigated this difficult year, and that it has in some way prepared you to address the pandemic in the coming months. Unlike the coronavirus, which is very much alive and well, all good things must come to an end- the COVID-19 Compilation is no exception. While we will no longer be sending the Compilation, please know the Cornerstone team will still be happy to answer questions, send important updates, and help with information gathering.

Iowa

The Iowa Department of Public Health on Thursday was reporting 23 additional COVID-19 deaths and an additional 652 confirmed cases.

The latest coronavirus numbers in Iowa

The latest data as of 10 a.m. Thursday, compared to 10 a.m. Wednesday:

- Confirmed cases: 334,758, an increase of 652
- Deaths: 5,438, an increase of 23
- Total tested: 1,550,022
- Total recovered: 312,840

How many Iowans have received COVID-19 vaccinations?

With the expansion of priority groups in Iowa, more people are eligible to get COVID-19 vaccinations, including all Iowans age 65 or older —an age demographic most vulnerable to serious COVID-19 illness and death — and people in certain professions.

- Vaccine doses administered: 604,483
- Individuals receiving first dose: 303,407
- Individuals receiving second dose*: 150,538

How many Iowans are hospitalized with COVID-19?

Coronavirus hospitalizations in Iowa surged in mid-November, with more than 1,500 patients with COVID-19 in hospitals across the state. At that time, there were nearly 300 COVID-19 patients in intensive units. In the months since, hospitalizations have dropped and are at pre-surge levels.

- Hospitalizations: 227, down from 233

- Patients in ICU: 55, down from 57
- Patients on ventilators: 22, down from 23

** Individuals who have received their second dose are not included in the first dose numbers*

Washington, D.C.

- In an analysis released yesterday, the FDA said the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has met the requirements for EUA. Tomorrow, FDA's VRBPAC will meet to discuss the vaccine and next steps. The VRBPAC [meeting agenda](#) and [briefing materials](#) have been released and the meeting will be live webcast [here](#).
- President Biden announced that the Administration will deliver more than 25 million masks to over 1,300 Community Health Centers across the country as well as 60,000 food pantries and soup kitchens, in an effort to provide vulnerable populations with masks. A fact sheet on the initiative is [here](#).
- President Biden signed an [EO](#) on America's supply chains, which includes an order that the HHS Secretary submit a report identifying risks in the supply chain for pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients and policy recommendations to address these risks. The report is meant to complement the ongoing work to secure the supply chains for COVID-19 materials, including PPE.
- The Administration has also extended the COVID-19 emergency declaration, which will be in place for at least the next 90 days.
- Yesterday, the FDA launched a new [webpage](#) with information and resources from the CDC and other trusted partners to help employers in the food and agriculture sector communicate about COVID-19 vaccination in their workforce.
- Today, the FDA announced that it is allowing undiluted frozen vials of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to be transported and stored at conventional temperatures commonly found in pharmaceutical freezers for a period of up to two weeks. The change is reflected in [updates](#) to the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine.
- The FDA issued a safety communication to inform patients and health care providers that pulse oximeters have limitations and a risk of inaccuracy under certain circumstances. The [Pulse Oximeter Accuracy and Limitations: FDA Safety Communication](#) provides:
 - Important recommendations for patients and their caregivers on how to use pulse oximeters at home.
 - Recommendations for health care providers on how to use pulse oximeters for better accuracy.
 - Background on pulse oximeters and the FDA's actions to evaluate factors that may affect pulse oximeter accuracy and performance.
 - Instructions for reporting problems with pulse oximeters to the FDA.
- The most recent White House COVID-19 Response Team briefings is [here](#) (2/24).
- NIH Director Francis Collins [announced](#) the Agency has launched a new initiative to study "Long COVID." The goal is to identify the causes and ultimately the means of prevention and treatment of individuals who have been sickened by COVID-19, but don't recover fully over a period of a few weeks.

- The CDC has published and updated a number of COVID-19 and vaccine materials and resources on its [dashboard](#), and you can keep track of vaccinations [here](#). Please continue to check these for information on things like recommended quarantine periods and return-to-work guidance. To highlight a few of the recent updates:
 - [COVID-19 Vaccination Locations on VaccineFinder](#)
 - [Coronavirus Self-Checker](#)
 - [Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
 - [Community-Based Organizations COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#)
- 331 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under EUA. These include 247 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 70 antibody tests, and 14 antigen tests. There are 37 molecular authorizations that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one molecular prescription at-home test, one antigen prescription at-home test, and one over-the-counter at-home antigen test.
- The House Budget Committee approved the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package today, setting up a vote in the full House later this week that could go into the weekend. Text of the bill can be found [here](#) and the press release [here](#). For a more detailed description of the legislative landscape, please refer to Sierra Fuller's [COVID-19 Legislative Update](#).

Updates from the States

- Out of the cases under investigation detected by U.S. surveillance, there are **28,138,938 total cases** and **503,587 deaths**. *The CDC data closes out the day before reporting.*
- The U.S. is averaging fewer than 70,000 new cases a day for the first time since October.
- Deaths are down from their peak, but about 2,000 deaths continue to be announced nationwide on most days. California deaths surpassed 50,000 this week, accounting for roughly one in 10 of coronavirus deaths in the U.S.
- California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) announced that the state is partnering with OptumServe and local counties to open 11 vaccination sites within the next week to serve communities in the Central Valley.
- Colorado Gov. Jared Polis (D) amended and extended an EO establishing directives for the COVID-19 Dial Framework. The order was amended to add level Red into certain restrictions the Colorado Department of Public Health can set by Public Health Order.
- Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment announced that Abbot Binax rapid tests will be administered by medical professionals for the legislative session.
- Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont (D) announced that the state will continue with an age-based approach to expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations. Pre-K-12 school staff and teachers, and professional child care providers will be eligible to receive the vaccine in March at dedicated clinics that will be set up specifically for those sectors.
- Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) announced the establishment of six additional COVID-19 vaccination sites in underserved communities.

- Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker (D) announced the launch of two additional state-supported mass vaccination sites in Rockford and Collinsville. The sites launched on Feb. 23 and each will provide up to 1,350 doses per day at full capacity.
- Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly (D) issued an EO allowing temporary authorization for additional vaccinators during Kansas' state of disaster emergency. The order allows state health care professionals such as pharmacy students, dentists, paramedics, and others who may administer injections or inoculations within their scope of practice to administer a coronavirus vaccine that is approved or authorized by the FDA.
- Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) is working with the Lexington chapter of the NAACP to advance his commitment to providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations across Kentucky. Gov. Beshear also announced an EO that recommends all school districts offer some in-person instructional opportunities beginning March 1.
- Minnesota Gov. Tim Waltz (D) announced Hy-Vee will be added to the expanding network of pharmacies vaccinating Minnesotans across the state. Hy-Vee joins two other retail pharmacies in Minnesota — Walmart and Thrifty White — that are participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program that launched earlier this month.
- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) announced new guidelines for visitation of residents in nursing home facilities in accordance with CMS and CDC guidelines to begin on Feb. 26.
- North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (R) signed an EO to ease COVID-19 restrictions. The order allows bars to offer indoor service, increases alcohol sale cutoff times from 9 PM to 11 PM, and allows businesses to operate at 30 percent capacity up to 250 people.
- Oregon Gov. Kate Brown (D) announced that 16 counties improved in risk level, with 10 of those improving from Extreme Risk.
- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf (D) announced that more than 600 skilled nursing facilities have received first and second doses of the vaccine, and, in total, more than 315,000 doses of vaccine have been administered among all long-term care facilities being vaccinated by CVS and Walgreens.
- Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) announced certain outdoor sports and entertainment venues may begin to operate at increased capacity starting March 1.
- Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) announced the locations of four additional community-based vaccination clinics.
- Useful state data:
 - Use Johns Hopkins University's [COVID-19 U.S. map](#) as a resource for media, policymakers, and communities to view a collection of critical public health data in one online destination and better understand and track the COVID-19 pandemic in populations both large and small across the country. [NPR's map](#) can also be used to monitor you state's heat wave.
 - NASHP has developed a [COVID-19 State Action Center](#) which serves as a state-level policy dashboard. [Governing](#) is also keeping a running tally of coronavirus news and impacts at the intersection of the health and economic crises in the states and localities.
 - This [site](#) from the Kaiser Family Foundation provides state-level information on cases/deaths, social distancing measures, health policy actions, and more.
 - This [series of maps](#) shows how states are responding to COVID-19.

Science, Lifestyle, and Economy

- More than 91.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed across the U.S., and more than 46 million people have received their first dose, according to [CDC data](#).
- Moderna has completed enrollment of 3,000 participants in a clinical trial testing its COVID-19 vaccine in kids between ages 12 and 17.
- CDC released an MMWR on [suspected recurrent SARS-CoV-2 infections among residents of a skilled nursing facility during a second COVID-19 outbreak](#) in Kentucky. Five residents of a skilled nursing facility received positive SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test results in two separate COVID-19 outbreaks separated by 3 months. Residents received at least four negative test results between the two outbreaks, suggesting the possibility of reinfection. Severity of disease in the five residents during the second outbreak was worse than that during the first outbreak and included one death.
- A part of the NIH's Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative, the RADx Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) program is focusing on assessing and removing barriers to testing for populations disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Latinos/Latinas, Native Hawaiians, older adults, pregnant women and those who are homeless or incarcerated. RADx-UP aims to develop strategies to reduce disparities in COVID-19 testing by supporting more than 70 projects across the country that have existing community partnerships. [The Communities Fighting COVID! project](#) integrates a major research center with more than a dozen community organizations and a network of community health workers to boost COVID-19 testing among populations in San Diego.
- Among a group of hundreds of thousands of Americans who tested positive for a SARS-CoV-2 infection, the risk of developing a subsequent infection more than three months later was about 90 percent lower than it was for people who had not been previously infected and therefore had no immunity to the virus, according to researchers from the National Cancer Institute.
- A new Google-funded repository at the Data Science Initiative called [Global.health](#) is collecting an unprecedented amount of anonymized information about individual cases in one place. For each individual, the database includes up to 40 associated variables, such as the date when they first had COVID-19 symptoms, the date they received a positive test, and their travel history.
- Two separate teams of researchers said this week they have found a worrying new coronavirus variant in New York City and elsewhere in the Northeast that carries mutations that help it evade the body's natural immune response, as well as the effects of monoclonal antibody treatments. Genomics researchers have named the variant B.1.526. It appears in people affected in diverse neighborhoods of New York City and is scattered in the Northeast.
- A Danish study suggests that people infected with the B117 COVID-19 variant may have a 60 percent higher risk of being hospitalized. In a Press Conference today, the WHO said the B117 variant is more transmissible and results in more severe illness.
- The WHO has agreed on a no-fault compensation plan for claims of serious side effects in people in 92 poorer countries due to get COVID-19 vaccines via the Covax program.

- A Kaiser Health News [investigation](#) found COVID-19 vaccine registration and information websites at the federal, state, and local levels are flouting disability rights laws and limiting the ability of people who are blind or visually impaired to sign up for shots.
- AstraZeneca has told the E.U. it expects to deliver less than half the COVID-19 vaccines it was contracted to supply in the second quarter. Four out of five of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine doses delivered to E.U. countries are yet to be used on patients.
- The Olympic torch audience has been asked to applaud rather than cheer on the passing runners.
- France's Six Nations rugby game against Scotland has been postponed after another player tested positive for COVID-19, taking the tally of confirmed cases among the French team to 16.
- Ten orangutans have been airlifted back to their natural habitat on Indonesia's Borneo island, due to the dangers of COVID-19 infection.
- The WHO keeps a running list of COVID-19 vaccine candidates, which you can view [here](#). STAT News also has a resource [tracking COVID-19 drugs and vaccines](#). The New York Times has a very helpful vaccine tracker as well, which you can view [here](#). This [AVAC pipeline tracker](#) is great, too.
- The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security has an extensive [list](#) of commercial and lab-developed tests.
- Continue to look at the NIH Office of Portfolio Analysis's (OPA) expert-curated [portfolio of COVID-19 publications and preprints](#). The portfolio includes peer-reviewed articles from PubMed and preprints from medRxiv, bioRxiv, ChemRxiv, and arXiv. It is updated daily with the latest available data and enables users to explore and analyze the rapidly growing set of advances in COVID-19 research.

International Affairs

- [Here](#) is the most recent edition of the WHO's Weekly Epidemiological Update and [here](#) is the most recent edition of the WHO's Weekly Operational Update.
- The WHO says global deaths are down 20 percent since last week, and cases have been declining for six straight weeks. However, more than 2.5 million people around the world have died from COVID-19, according to data compiled by John Hopkins University.
- Ghana received the world's first Covax shipment of 600,000 AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccines yesterday.
- New Zealand has made mask wearing compulsory on all trains, buses, and planes around the country.
- Air New Zealand will trial a digital vaccine passport in April on flights between Auckland and Sydney.
- Oman will not allow people from 10 countries to enter the country for 15 days starting today. The countries are Sudan, Lebanon, South Africa, Brazil, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Ethiopia.
- Greek hospital doctors have gone on strike today and dozens marched in Athens to protest "suffocating" conditions at hospitals during the pandemic. Greece has also delayed lifting lockdown restrictions in the wider Athens area on March 1, as previously planned.
- Israel announced it will send surplus COVID-19 vaccinations to several countries, in the latest move to suggest limited global supplies will lead to a new form of diplomatic currency.
- The Netherlands eased restrictions, allowing schools and hairdressers to reopen.
- Spain has extended a ban on arrivals from Britain, Brazil, and South Africa until March 16.

- Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, and Sweden have been given 10 days to respond to the European Commission's concerns that they have breached commonly agreed upon COVID-19 guidelines.
- France ICU patients with COVID-19 reached a 12-week high of 3,435. The French government has ordered a weekend lockdown in the Dunkirk area.
- Israel will impose an evening curfew of 8:30 PM to 5 AM for three nights to curb the spread of COVID-19 during the Jewish holiday of Purim.
- Israel's parliament has passed a law allowing the government to share the identities of people not vaccinated against COVID-19 with other authorities, raising privacy concerns for those opting out of inoculation.
- Ireland is reopening some schools next week but is extending other lockdown restrictions until April.
- Sweden will ease restrictions on elderly residents of care homes who have been vaccinated against COVID-19. The Swedish government has also said it would reduce opening hours for all restaurants, bars, and cafes, and tighten limits on the number of people allowed in shops.
- Denmark will ease some shopping restrictions and allow schools in parts of the country to reopen on March 1.
- Switzerland is set to ease out of its lockdown beginning March 1, confirming preliminary plans to open shops, museums, and libraries and allow outdoor gatherings of up to 15 people.
- Jordan announced stricter measures yesterday to curb the spread of COVID-19, including a 10 PM curfew effective today.
- Canada's largest city, Toronto, has cancelled all large in-person, city-permitted outdoor events through July.
- Australian airline Qantas is preparing to resume regular international flights beginning late October.
- The Finnish Prime Minister said the country would go into a three-week lockdown beginning on March 8.
- Croatia will allow bars and restaurants to open their outdoor terraces next week after a more than three-month closure due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Afghanistan has launched a COVID-19 vaccination campaign using AstraZeneca vaccines donated by India earlier this month.
- UNICEF has sent 100,000 syringes to the Maldives in preparation for the first deliveries of Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines under the Covax program.
- **Global Cases:** 112,209,815 **Total Deaths:** 2,490,776

Helpful Articles/Media

- The CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier will be participating in a [COVID-19 vaccine update interview](#) with JAMA on Feb. 26 at 12:20 PM.
- [Defense Department Has Multiple Priorities in COVID-19 Battle](#)
- [Talking With Children: Tips for Caregivers, Parents, and Teachers During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)
- [Physical Activity Breaks for the Workplace](#)
- [Growing Gaps in COVID-19 Vaccinations among Hispanic People](#)
- [Bloomberg: Can a Vaccinated Person Still Spread the Coronavirus?](#)

- [Can COVID vaccines stop transmission? Scientists race to find answers](#)
- [West Virginia's Vaccination Rate Ranks Among Highest In World](#)
- [To get ahead of variants, Covid-19 drug makers use evolutionary biology as a guide](#)
- [STAT: 'A massive gap in information': Most vaccine clinical trials fail to report data on participants' ethnicity or race](#)
- [As the pandemic ushered in isolation and financial hardship, overdose deaths reached new heights](#)
- [Unprotected African health workers die as rich countries buy up COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Long-Term COVID-19 Vaccine Studies Hampered As Placebo Recipients Get Real Shot](#)
- [Daily COVID-19 Vaccinations Could Nearly Double by the End of March if Supply Keeps Up](#)
- [Can vaccinated people still spread COVID-19? How long does immunity last? Here's what science knows now](#)
- [COVID vaccines and safety: what the research says](#)
- [Will We Be Ready for the Next Pandemic?](#)
- [The Coronavirus Will Become Endemic](#)
- [Q&A: How the U.S. can respond to coronavirus variants, and prepare for future evolution](#)
- [Here](#) is the most recent COVIDView from CDC, a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators that have been adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S.
- [What pregnant people face during COVID-19](#)
- This week's MMWR [podcast summarizes recent reports](#) on the demographics of those who received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, COVID-19 risk factors among sexual minorities, and more.
- [The good and the \(potentially\) bad: What scientists know about variants and Covid-19 vaccines](#)
- [Comparative cost-effectiveness of SARS-CoV-2 testing strategies in the USA: a modelling study](#)
- [The Second COVID-19 Shot Is a Rude Reawakening for Immune Cells](#)
- From Science Magazine: How do the leading COVID-19 vaccines work? ([video](#))
- [Domestic Violence Is a Pandemic Within the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Comparing the Covid-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson](#)
- [Moderna Increases COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments While Pfizer Lags Behind](#)
- [Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Years of Potential Life Lost Attributable to COVID-19 in the United States: An Analysis of 45 States and the District of Columbia](#)
- [Early Data Shows Striking Racial Disparities In Who's Getting The COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [PBS Newshour](#): Fauci on the efficacy of new vaccines and preparing for coronavirus variants
- This [article](#) quantifies pandemic fatigue.
- [Federal Data Reveal Which Hospitals Are Dangerously Full This Week. Is Yours?](#)
- [How Many Vaccine Shots Go to Waste? Several States Aren't Counting.](#)
- Watch a JAMA interview and COVID-19 update with new CDC Director Rochelle Walensky [here](#).
- [What we now know — and don't know — about the coronavirus variants](#)
- [Covid-19 deaths are the highest they've ever been — and the more infectious variants could make things much worse](#)

- [FAQ about COVID-19 vaccines](#) from the New England Journal of Medicine
- [Infectious Diseases Society of America Guidelines on the Treatment and Management of Patients with COVID-19](#)
- [The New Yorker: Deciding Who Should Be Vaccinated First](#)
- [People with type 1 diabetes have a higher risk of dying from Covid-19. Why are they lower on CDC's vaccine priority list?](#)
- The New England Journal of Medicine published their top COVID-19 stories of 2020:
 - [2019 Novel Coronavirus: First Reports Published](#)
 - [Clinical Characteristics of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Infection](#)
 - [Genomic Characterization of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
 - [Final ACTT-1: Remdesivir Results](#)
 - [Dexamethasone: First Drug Found to Reduce Mortality in People with COVID-19](#)
 - [Monoclonal Antibody Against SARS-CoV-2](#)
 - [mRNA: A New Vaccine Platform for a Novel Pathogen](#)
 - [Racial Disparities in COVID-19: Present from Diagnosis to Death](#)
 - [Risk Factors for Death from COVID-19 in a Cohort of 17 Million People](#)
 - [Excess Deaths in the U.S. from COVID-19 and Other Causes](#)
- [Decades of basic research paved the way for today's 'warp speed' Covid-19 vaccines](#)
- [A guide to vaccinology: from basic principles to new developments](#)
- [Risk factors for severe illness and death in COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)
- [Covid-19 Will Reduce US Life Expectancy at Birth by More Than One Year in 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic Underscores Importance of Investment in Public Health: 2012 National Academies Report Has Lasting Impact](#)
- ['There absolutely will be a black market': How the rich and privileged can skip the line for Covid-19 vaccines](#)
- [Divisions emerge among U.S. officials over when first Covid-19 vaccine doses will be available — and for whom](#)
- [Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine Across the U.S. - A Look at Key Issues](#)
- [Nature: The COVID vaccine challenges that lie ahead /As positive results emerge at last, researchers must help the world to address vaccine hesitancy, supply logistics and pricing.](#)
- [How U.S. Medical Schools Are Training a Post-Pandemic Generation of Doctors](#)
- [Video replay -- NIH COVID-19 Scientific Interest Group: Ethical Quandaries in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Racial disparities in COVID-19 mortality are driven by unequal infection risks](#)
- [Coronavirus Testing Has Gotten Better, But The U.S. Still Does Not Have Enough Tests](#)
- [Data show hospitalized Covid-19 patients are surviving at higher rates, but surge in cases could roll back gains](#)
- [60 Minutes video: "Post-acute COVID-19 Syndrome": COVID "long-haulers" suffering symptoms months after initial diagnosis](#)
- Listen to KHN's "What the Health?" [podcast](#) with Dr. Tony Fauci. This episode is titled, "What Would Dr. Fauci Do?"

- [Covid-19, Ebola, and HIV — Leveraging Lessons to Maximize Impact](#)
- [Association between SARS-CoV-2 infection, exposure risk and mental health among a cohort of essential retail workers in the USA](#)
- [Will a small, long-shot U.S. company end up producing the best coronavirus vaccine?](#)
- [Effect of Timing of and Adherence to Social Distancing Measures on COVID-19 Burden in the United States](#)
- From the NIH Record: [What We've Learned About Coronavirus Pathophysiology](#)
- [Reimagining America's Infectious-Disease Defense](#)
- [Researchers Find Doubts About COVID-19 Vaccine Among People Of Color](#)
- [Understanding COVID-19 vaccine efficacy](#)
- [Why Covid-19's Impact on Health Is a Long-Term Worry](#)
- [Long-term Health Consequences of COVID-19](#)
- [Why people with diabetes are being hit so hard by Covid-19](#)
- [Nearly Two-Thirds Of U.S. Households Struck By COVID-19 Face Financial Trouble](#)
- [Structural Racism, Social Risk Factors, and Covid-19 — A Dangerous Convergence for Black Americans](#)
- [Long-Haulers Are Redefining COVID-19](#)
- [Vaccine Access and Hesitancy: The Public Health Importance of Vaccines](#)
- Johns Hopkins [data capture](#).
- Other tracking data [here](#).

Common Acronyms

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Central Command (CENTCOM), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), Childrens Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), Executive Order (EO), Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Debunking COVID-19 Vaccine Myths



1. The mRNA vaccines will modify my DNA.

2. Getting COVID-19 is better immunity than receiving the vaccine.

3. If I'm pregnant, I can't get the vaccine.

4. I don't need to wear a mask after getting the vaccine.

1. mRNA vaccines **do not affect or interact with** our DNA in any way.

2. We don't know how long protection lasts for those who get infected or those who are vaccinated. **Since COVID-19 can cause serious illness, get vaccinated.**

3. **If you are pregnant, you may choose to be vaccinated** when it's available to you.

4. **You should still wear a mask and avoid large crowds after vaccination** until otherwise guided.

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From NYT's vaccine tracker. Updated 2.25.21.

DOD COVID-19 Cumulative Totals

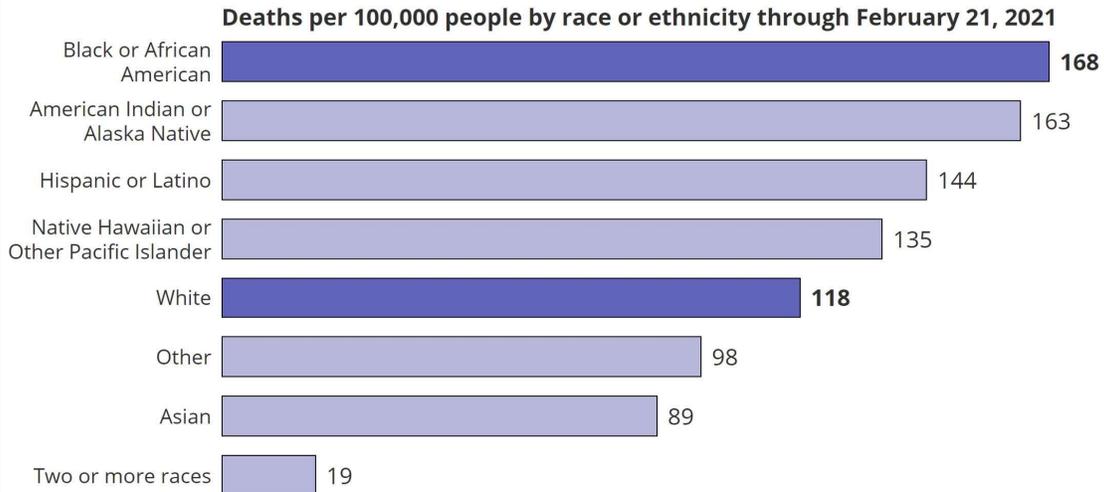
	Cases	Hospitalized	Recovered	Deaths
Military	160,315	1,391	117,660	24
Civilian	45,509	1,292	29,664	192
Dependent	24,607	361	17,550	10
Contractor	15,526	476	10,564	67
Total	245,957	3,520	175,438	293

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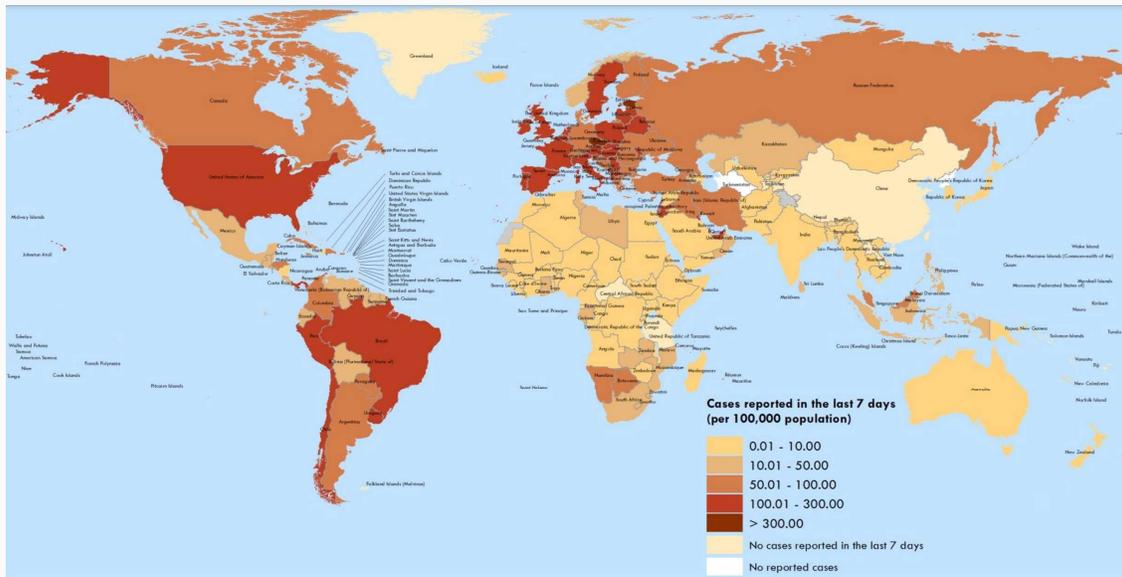
					
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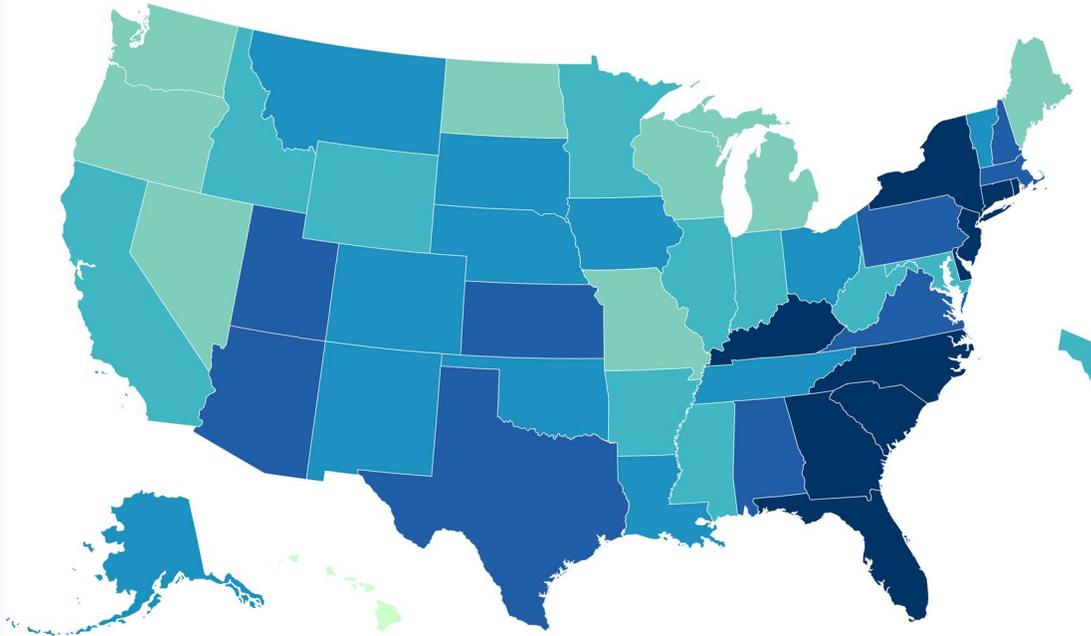
Nationwide, Black people have died at 1.4 times the rate of white people.



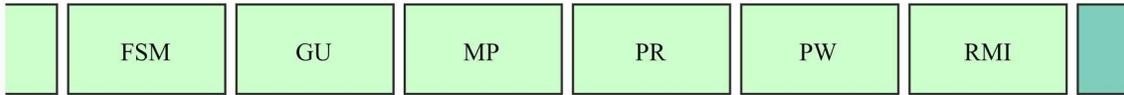
Graph from the COVID Tracking Project's [Racial Data Tracker](#) 2.22.21



WHO, 2.23.21



Territories



Average Daily Cases per 100,000 in Last 7 Days



(Updated 2.25.21 from CDC's [platform](#).)

For more information, visit [CDC's Novel Coronavirus 2019 website](#) or the [WHO's dashboard](#).

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