

CDC website – updated today

Total cases: 1, 698, 523

Total deaths: 100,446 (+ 1,415 new deaths past 24 hours)

See breakdown here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

New/updated guidance:

[Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 (UPDATED)

[COVID-19 Employer Information for Office Buildings](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 (NEW)

[Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 (UPDATED)

[Returning from International Travel](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 (UPDATED)

[When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 (NEW)

CT DPH website – updated today

As of May 27, 2020, at 8:30 PM, a total of 41,559 laboratory-confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 have been reported among Connecticut residents. 648 patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. There have been 3,826 COVID-19-associated deaths.

See breakdown here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary5282020.pdf?la=en>

May 27, 2020: [**Executive Order No. 7SS**](#)

- Creation of temporary nurse aide (to work with non-COVID-19 patients in chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with eight hours of on-line training)

The Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group's community committee this morning held a roundtable discussion regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the state's most vulnerable populations. Members of the public had an opportunity to provide questions to the panel and have them answered during the event.

Press reports

- Gov. Ned Lamont has released the full report on reopening Connecticut after the pandemic.
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/News/20200526-Governors-Reopen-Report.pdf?la=en>
- The U.S. surpassed a jarring milestone Wednesday in the coronavirus pandemic: 100,000 deaths. That number is the best estimate and most assuredly an undercount. But it represents the stark reality that more Americans have died from the virus than from the Vietnam and Korean wars combined.
- Sewage may help guide us through the coronavirus pandemic. Researchers from Yale analyzed sewage from the East Shore Water Pollution Abatement Facility between March 19 and May 1 for a recent study. They found the concentration of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in each sample, present in the stool of COVID-19 patients, was correlated with admissions and coronavirus cases at Yale New Haven Hospital days later.

- Yale New Haven Hospital and the city of New Haven announced Wednesday plans to open a COVID-19 testing site at the Strong School at 130 Orchard St. This will be the city's ninth testing location. A doctor's referral is required for this testing site, and YNHH will schedule a time for the appointment. If a New Haven resident needs assistance with testing or needs a doctor's referral, they can call the New Haven Health Department at 203-946-4949.
- While Connecticut forges ahead with plans to reopen, touting increased testing and capacity to trace new coronavirus cases to control the spread, the system's launch has been delayed. Originally set to be fully operational by May 18, two days before the first phase of reopening began, the statewide contact tracing system is now pushed back into June, state Department of Public Health epidemiologist Kristen Soto said.
- A 60-year-old male is the seventh offender under the supervision of the state Department of Correction to pass away from complications related to the novel coronavirus.
- For places like bars and clubs to reopen when Connecticut reaches Phase 3 of its return to business in late July or August, residents will have to retain the good habits that most people are following when it comes to social distancing, mask wearing and hand-washing
- The Federal Reserve projects that nearly 100,000 Connecticut homeowners and more than 170,000 renters are at risk of missing at least one payment mortgage or rent payment, raising a specter of pandemic-led homelessness, especially when federal unemployment benefits end.
- The Archdiocese of Hartford announced that in-person weekday Masses can resume June 8, but parishioners are under no religious obligation to attend Sunday services until at least September. Officials said no more than 50 people will be allowed attend a given mass, "in keeping with the limitation currently set by the civil authorities," and attendees will be required to observe social distancing and wear masks. Wedding and funeral masses will also be allowed to resume June 8 with the same precautions, officials said.

- Three of Gov. Ned Lamont's top agency leaders on Wednesday got first-hand looks at the preparations for a partial reopening at Foxwoods Resort Casino on June 1. While the trio of commissioners was non-committal toward the early reopening and declined comment, Rodney Butler, chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, took the visit as a positive sign in the tribe's nearly 30-year relationship with Connecticut.
- Stop & Shop is extending a pandemic pay bump through July 4, with the Massachusetts-based chain among Connecticut's largest employers with more than 90 supermarkets statewide.
- As independent contractors unleashed a flood of new unemployment claims in May, the Connecticut Department of Labor has now processed well over a half-million applications with more pending, approaching a third of state residents holding jobs entering March. Under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program created through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, solo entrepreneurs have been able to seek jobless compensation, denied in the past save for those who contribute payroll taxes that underwrite state unemployment trust funds.
- Walt Disney World will reopen this July, after the Orlando, Fla., theme park was forced to close for several months due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Fitness clubs rocked by covid-19 closures face a swell of bankruptcies with more than \$10 billion of revenue wiped out as clients ditch memberships, according to investment bank Harrison Co. In a Harrison survey of 1,000 fitness club users, more than a third said they have canceled or plan to terminate existing memberships.