

CDC website (updated today)

Total cases: 1,551,095

Total deaths: 93,061

See breakdown here:

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

New/updated guidance on website:

What Construction Workers Need to Know about COVID-19

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 (NEW)

For Parents: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19

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Evaluation and Management Considerations for Neonates At Risk for COVID-19

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Considerations for Schools

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 (UPDATED)

Considerations for Restaurants and Bars

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 (UPDATED)

CT DPH (updated today)

As of May 20, 2020, at 8:30 PM, a total of 39,208 cases of COVID-19 have been reported among Connecticut residents. 816 are currently hospitalized with laboratory confirmed COVID-19. There have been 3,582 COVID-19-associated deaths.

See breakdown here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary5212020.pdf?la=en>

May 20, 2020: [Executive Order No. 7QQ](#)

- Modifications to permit the use of absentee ballots to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission during August 11, 2020 primary
- Clarification that orders by commissioners issued pursuant to the governor's executive orders are not regulations

Press Reports

- For the 29th consecutive day, net hospitalizations declined, which Gov. Ned Lamont said was another encouraging sign that the state is on track for its slow reopening. The reduction of 71 hospitalizations brought the total to 816, the lowest since April 1.
- A lack of federal and state guidance, coupled with limited availability of protective gear, is inhibiting Connecticut's nursing homes residents from getting to shower, with workers instead sponge-bathing many residents in their beds. That's according to the union representing front-line staff at 69 nursing homes in the state, the operator of 24 long-term care facilities, and the leader of the state association representing providers of for-profit nursing homes.
- Connecticut shed 266,300 jobs in April, a record single-month loss that highlighted the devastating toll of the coronavirus crisis. At the same time, Connecticut's unemployment rate spiked to 7.9 percent, but that rate "appears severely underestimated due to data-collection challenges, according to labor officials.
- The same day thousands of workers across the state are returning to work, around 300 showed up at the state Capitol to claim that Connecticut wasn't reopening quickly enough because their businesses were left out of the first phase. Stylists and barbers, whose opening was pushed back to June 1, made up a bulk of the protesters.
- Connecticut restaurants could open for indoor dining on June 20 and bars could reopen a month later under new state recommendations announced Wednesday.

The list of reopenings set for June 20 includes gyms, hotels and motels, movie theaters, museums and aquariums, nail and tattoo salons and

amusement parks. All of it would be worked out with specific rules that have yet to be written.

- UConn is preparing for severe cuts to the athletic, administrative and academic budgets due to the impact of the coronavirus, officials said at a Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday. A fiscal working group assembled to identify potential savings has “recommended pretty deep cuts to the whole university,” Chief Financial Officer Scott Jordan said. The board is expecting to consider spending plans for the 2020-21 school year next month, with significant uncertainty about whether students will be able to return to campus or remain online.
- Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort Casino will reopen on June 1, a move Gov. Ned Lamont discouraged and called “incredibly risky.” State Rep. Steve Stafstrom says if the casinos won’t agree to wait to reopen, the state should “pull their liquor license,” according to a tweet. “It’s not right that the casinos would be permitted to serve indoors when our mom and pop restaurants are not allowed to,” Stafstrom said.
- Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont signed an executive order Wednesday that allows all eligible state residents to vote by absentee ballot in the Aug. 11 primary elections.