



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

October 28, 2020

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

As of today, more than 8.8 million people in the U.S. have been infected with the coronavirus. Approximately 50% of U.S. states have seen their highest daily coronavirus infection rates in the month of October, with 72,000 new cases being reported per day -- a 41% increase in the average daily case count over the past two weeks. Specifically, the third wave of the pandemic has been sweeping across the Midwestern and Western states. In particular, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Wyoming are at **highest-risk** and among a group of numerous other states being advised to issue stay-at-home orders.

The spread of the virus is expected to increase and hospitalizations and deaths are expected to grow in the colder months ahead as a greater number of people socialize indoors. In Europe, COVID-19 cases rose by 33% last week, accounting for the greatest

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There are a total of **44,304,816** confirmed cases worldwide, 1,171,119 deaths and 29,888,430 people have recovered.

There are **8,833,396** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., 227,320 deaths and 3,487,666 people have recovered.

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proportion of all new cases globally. The continent's second wave has prompted Ireland and France to reimpose national lockdowns, with countries such as Spain, Italy, Germany, and others announcing [new restrictions](#).

Notably, in an effort to mitigate the second wave of the coronavirus, the Russian government implemented a [nationwide mask requirement](#) in all public spaces.

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Congressional

HOUSE

- Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) [penned](#) a Dear Colleague letter providing an update on the failed coronavirus relief negotiations.

Administration

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- HHS and the Department of Defense [announced](#) an agreement with Eli Lilly and Company to purchase the first doses of the company's COVID-19 investigational antibody therapeutic bamlanivimab, also known as LY-CoV555. These doses will be available for patient care if the FDA authorizes use of the therapeutic.

Articles of Interest

- 10/27 Politico published an article titled, **“White House science office takes credit for 'ending' pandemic as infections mount.”**
- 10/27 The Washington Post published an article titled, **“Some Americans refuse to wear masks even as their hometowns become covid-19 hot spots.”**
- 10/28 New York Times published an article titled, **“Hospitals Are Reeling Under a 46 Percent Spike in Covid-19 Patients.”**
- 10/28 KHN published an article titled, **“Scientists Warn Americans Are Expecting Too Much From a Vaccine.”**
- 10/28 Dr. Peter Marks penned an op-ed in USA Today titled, **“I'm the FDA point person on COVID-19 vaccines. We'll make sure they're safe and effective.”**