

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
	Recent FAQs (as of 5/15/2020)
Will MUHS reopen for face-to-face instruction in the fall of 2020?	<p>Yes, we are planning to return to in-person, face-to-face learning and programs.</p> <p>We will approach this planning process with the understanding that circumstances can rapidly change in this health crisis and any changes in plans will take place based on the most current public health information available at the time as well as any governmental mandates.</p>
Are there any summer activities planned?	<p>School trips outside of Wisconsin for this summer have been cancelled.</p> <p>As to June, courses offered for credit recovery (e.g. if a student must take a course over the summer to make up for a class) will commence in June as online courses. Exact dates and times are to be decided shortly.</p> <p>On July 1, we plan to re-open the school barring changes in guidelines from public health officials.</p> <p>In July, we also are planning for camps and programs that were scheduled for June to commence.</p> <p>In August, incoming freshman summer school will be offered as a one-week academic camp.</p>
Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?	<p>More than 1,438,400 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 86,700 have died, according to a New York Times database.</p>
As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?	<p>In Wisconsin, there are 11,298 people who have tested positive while 437 have died. There have been 242 deaths in Milwaukee County alone.</p>

What is the infection breakdown by gender (in Wisconsin alone)?

Percent of COVID-19 cases and deaths by gender

Gender	Confirmed Cases as of 5/15/2020	Deaths as of 5/15/2020
Female	50%	42%
Male	49%	58%
Unknown	0%	0%
Total Number	11,685	445

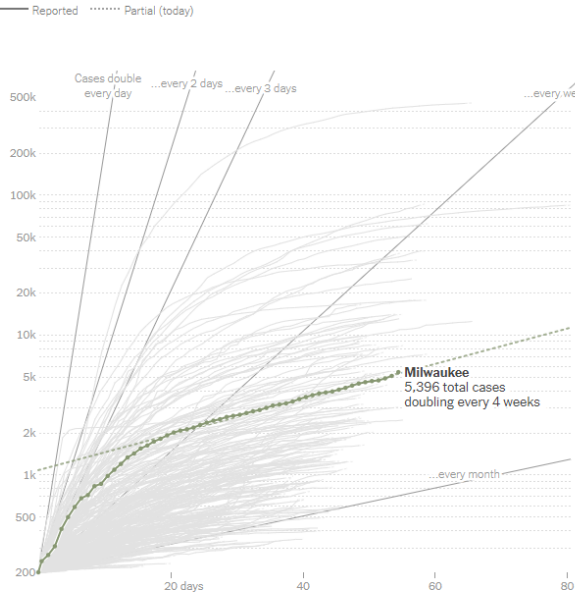
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What states have been hardest hit by COVID19?

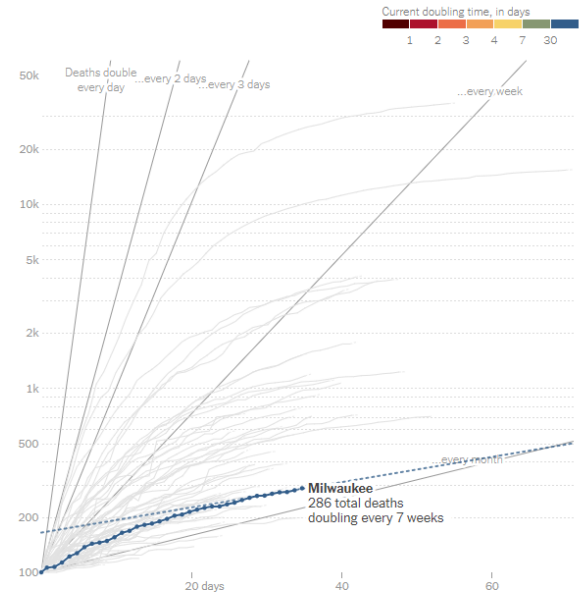
State	Cases	Deaths
New York	350,951	27,755
New Jersey	143,905	10,138
Illinois	88,08	3,945
Massachusetts	82,182	5,482
California	75,435	3,111

What is the COVID19 rate of attack in Milwaukee?

Confirmed cases by metro area
for places with at least 200 cases



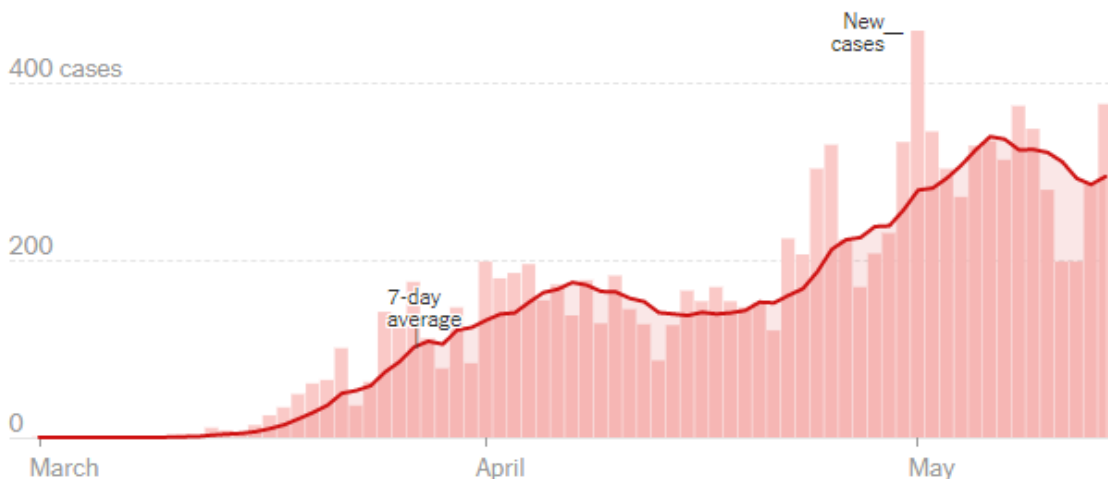
Deaths by metro area
for places with at least 100 deaths



Notes: Cases and deaths are plotted on a log scale. Doubling times are based on growth rates averaged over the previous week. Some data points are interpolated to account for missing values.

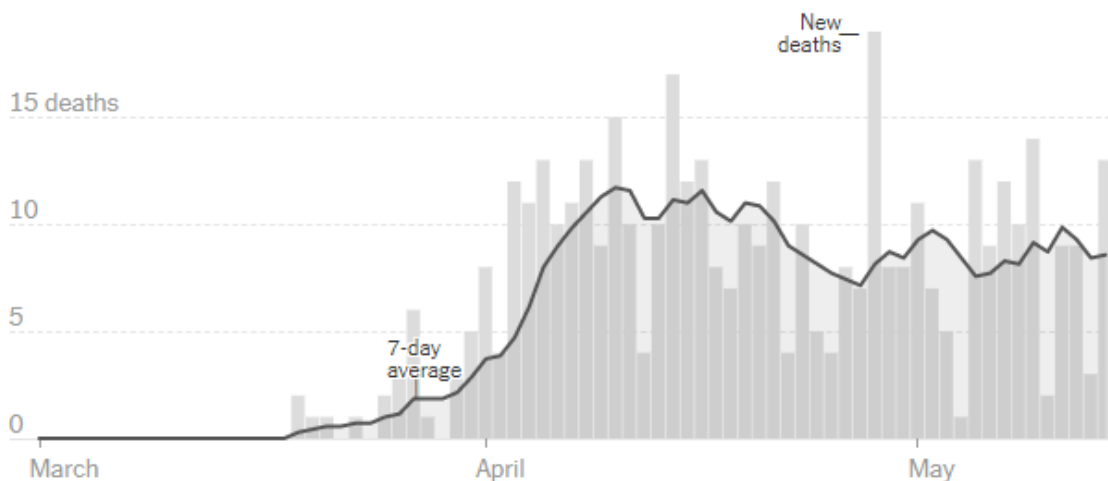
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New reported deaths by day in Wisconsin



What is the status of the stay-at-home order established by Governor Evers?

The Supreme Court has ruled it unconstitutional, thereby terminating the ban, unless local officials say otherwise. For instance, in Milwaukee County, the ban is still in effect according to Mayor Tom Barrett.

For more information, please read the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel articles linked below:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/13/wisconsin-supreme-court-strikes-down-tony-evers-coronavirus-orders/5179205002/>

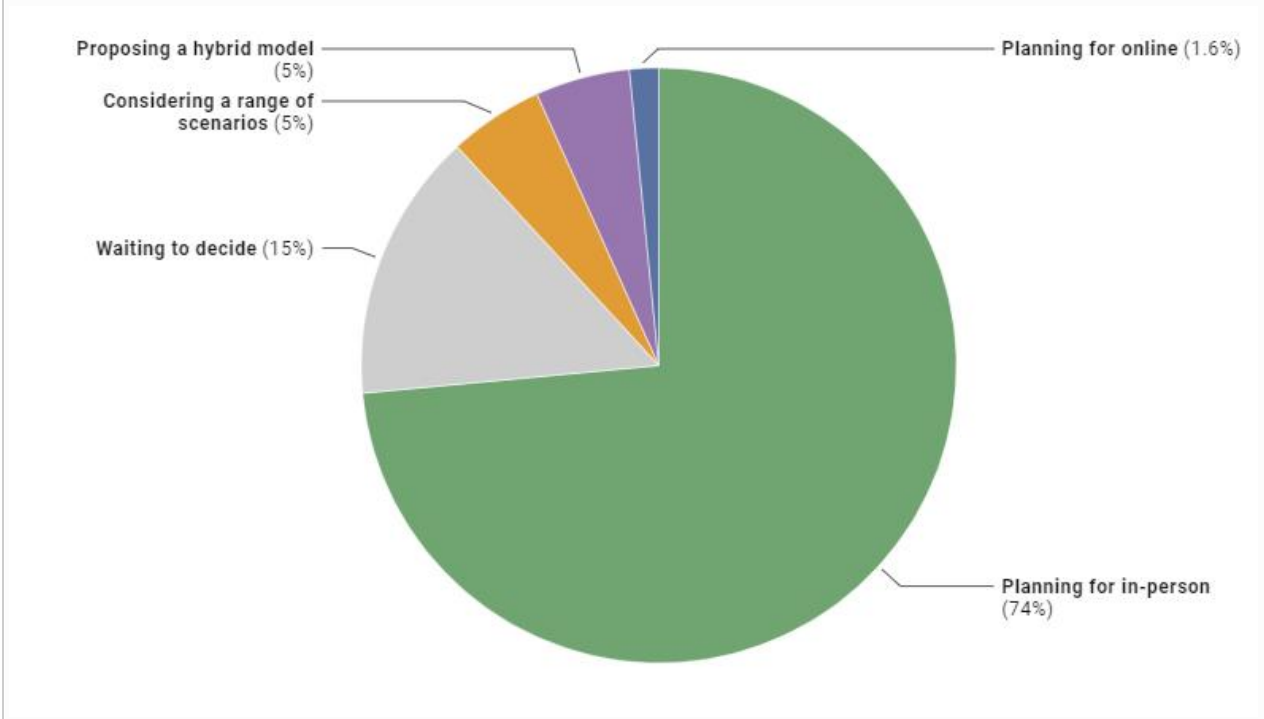
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	<p>Recent FAQs (as of 5/8/2020)</p>
<p>How are colleges planning to respond to the COVID-19 crisis this upcoming fall?</p>	<p>In a recent interview in Forbes (as of April 24, 2020) an interviewer asked the following: Are schools anticipating the prospect of not going back to campus, even in the fall?</p> <p>Here was the response: With so many unknowns, it's impossible to predict what will happen this fall. Most colleges don't want to comment on their fall plans because it could be a competitive disadvantage. However, in a March survey, 36% of college presidents thought this coming school year would be disrupted in some way—such as a later start or restrictions on the number of students on campus. Many schools have already decided to go entirely online this summer.</p> <p>Here is the full article:</p> <p>https://www.forbes.com/sites/timmaurer/2020/04/24/is-covid-19-creating-an-education-planning-crisis/#7089c7d3cbab</p>
<p>Have any colleges decided on whether they intend to hold virtual or face-to-face classes this</p>	<p>As you can see from the pie-chart, there an array of ways that colleges are planning to educate this upcoming fall semester. You can read the entire article by clicking on the link below.</p> <p>https://www.chronicle.com/article/How-Is-Covid-19-Changing/248316</p> <p>For senior parents and students, please note the second link shown below provides you a place to search the</p>

upcoming fall?

plans of the colleges that you have an interest in attending.

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Here-s-a-List-of-Colleges-/248626?cid=RCPACKAGE>



What is Wisconsin’s plan to decrease COVID-19 cases and deaths to a low level and increase capacity in our health care system so that a phased reopening of business is possible?

This plan is known as the **Badger Bounce Back** plan.

Please see below for the whole report:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02653a.pdf>

Please see below for a summary of the whole report:

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Where do all 50 states (and Wisconsin in particular) stand on reopening

Please see the CNN link below for what each state, including Wisconsin, is planning on reopening.

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2020/us/states-reopen-coronavirus-trnd/>

businesses, etc.?	
<p>Are there any new resources available made in response to COVID19?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Apple has partnered with CDC and the White House to create a COVID19 website and app. The App is available on the App Store while the website is available here</p> <p>Furthermore, Governor Evers has announced new online resources for residents to find COVID-19 testing sites.</p> <p>Click the below links for more details:</p> <p>https://madison.com/ws/news/local/health-med-fit/tony-evers-announces-new-online-resource-for-residents-to-find-covid-19-testing-sites/article_8d71d462-4b9c-5cf8-abfe-feedf4f2d78a.html</p> <p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm</p> <p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/help.htm</p>
<p>Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?</p>	<p>More than 1,276,700 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 76,500 have died, according to a New York Times database. More than 1,000 additional deaths have been announced every day since April 2.</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>
<p>As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>In Wisconsin, there are 9,215 reported positive cases of COVID 19 and correspondingly, 374 deaths. There have been 212 deaths in Milwaukee County in particular. This is according to NYT database.</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>

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Female	50%	42%
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Unknown	0%	0%
Total Number	9,590	384

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

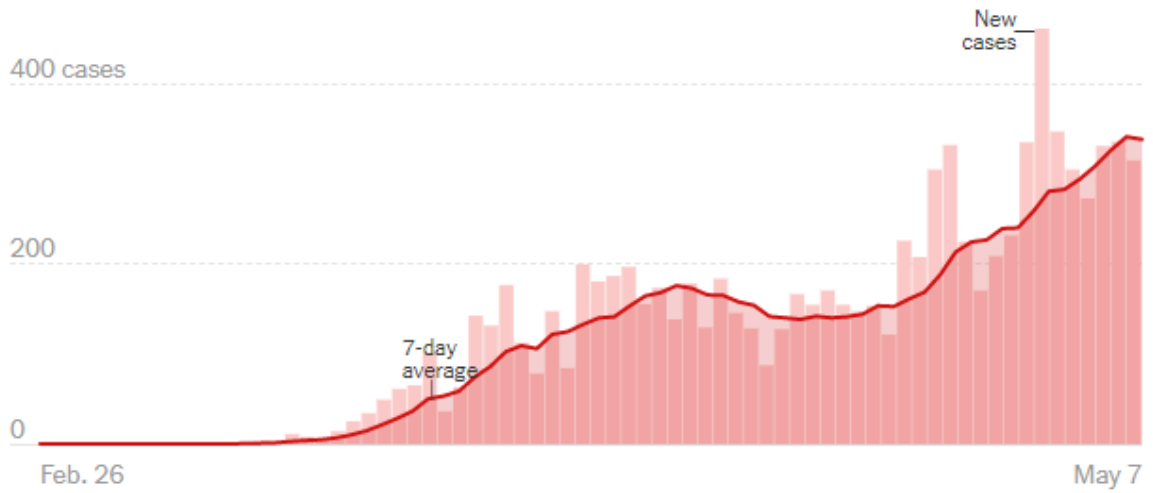
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What states have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 to date?

State	Cases	Deaths
New York	332,931	26,206
New Jersey	135,454	8,952
Massachusetts	73,721	4,552
Illinois	70,802	3,139
California	63,040	2,594

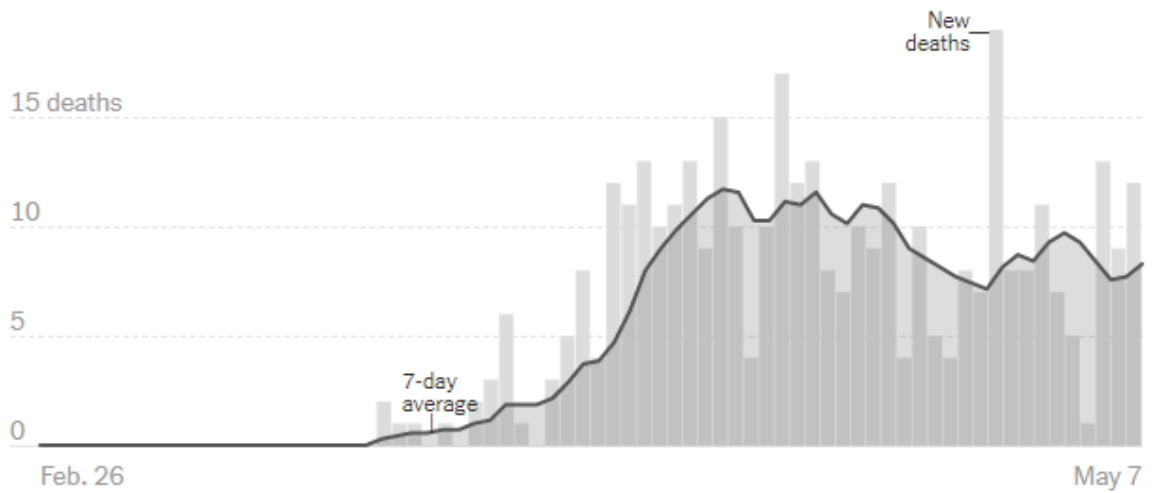
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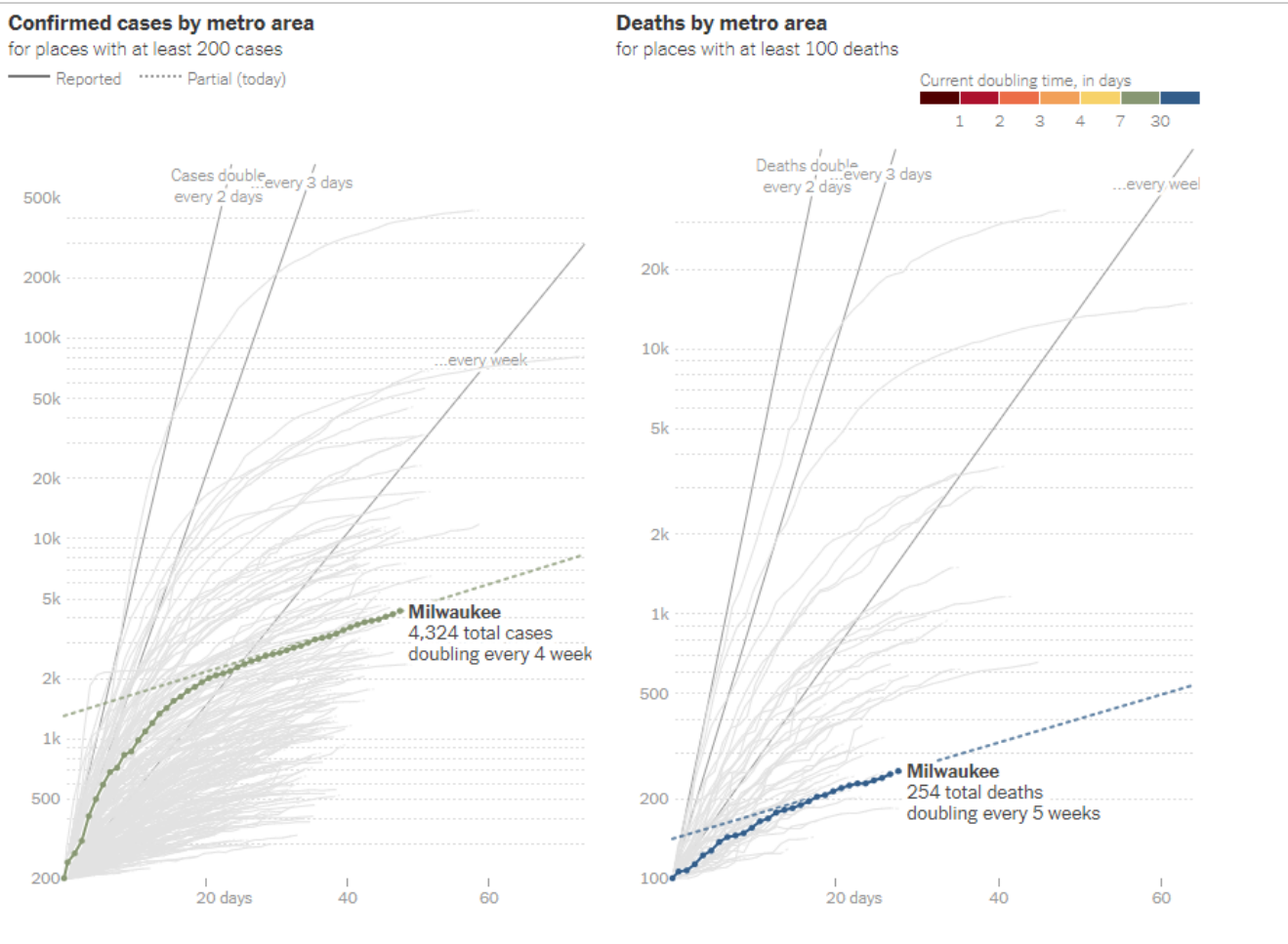


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Has Wisconsin reached its peak for COVID19?

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What is the status of the vaccine for COVID19?

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Recent FAQs (as of 5/1/2020)

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More than 1,075,600 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 63,100 have died, according to a New York Times database.
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?

In Wisconsin, there are 6,854 reported positive cases of COVID 19 and correspondingly, 316 deaths. There have been 181 deaths in Milwaukee County in particular.
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/wisconsin-coronavirus-cases.html>

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breakdown by gender (in Wisconsin alone)?

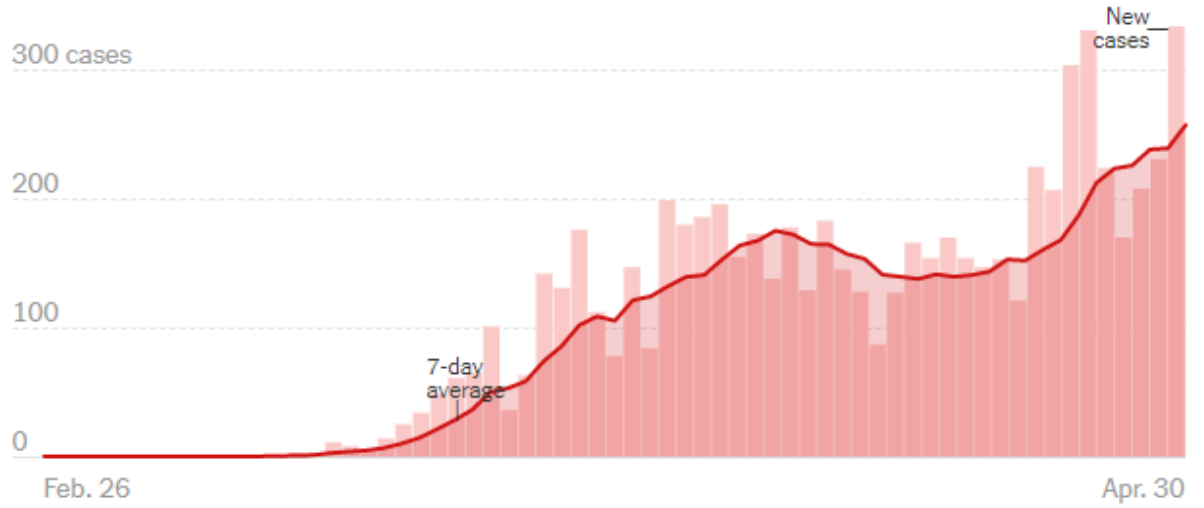
Gender	Confirmed Cases as of 4/30/2020	Deaths as of 4/30/2020
Female	51%	39%
Male	49%	61%
Total Number	6,854	316

What states have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 to date?

State	Cases	Deaths
New York	309,696	23,616
New Jersey	118,652	7,228
Massachusetts	62,205	3,562
Illinois	52,918	2,361
California	50,470	2,057

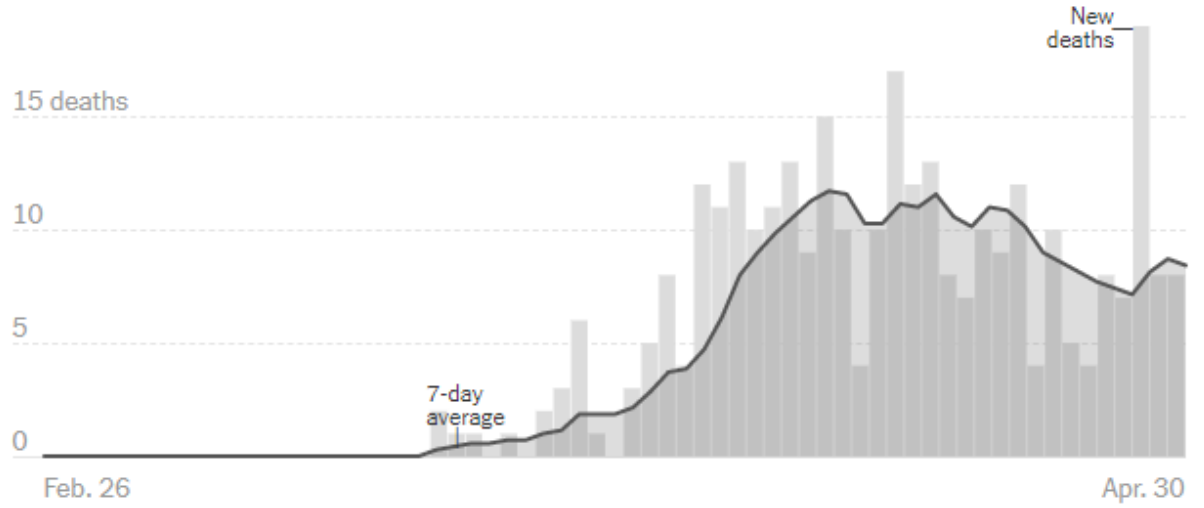
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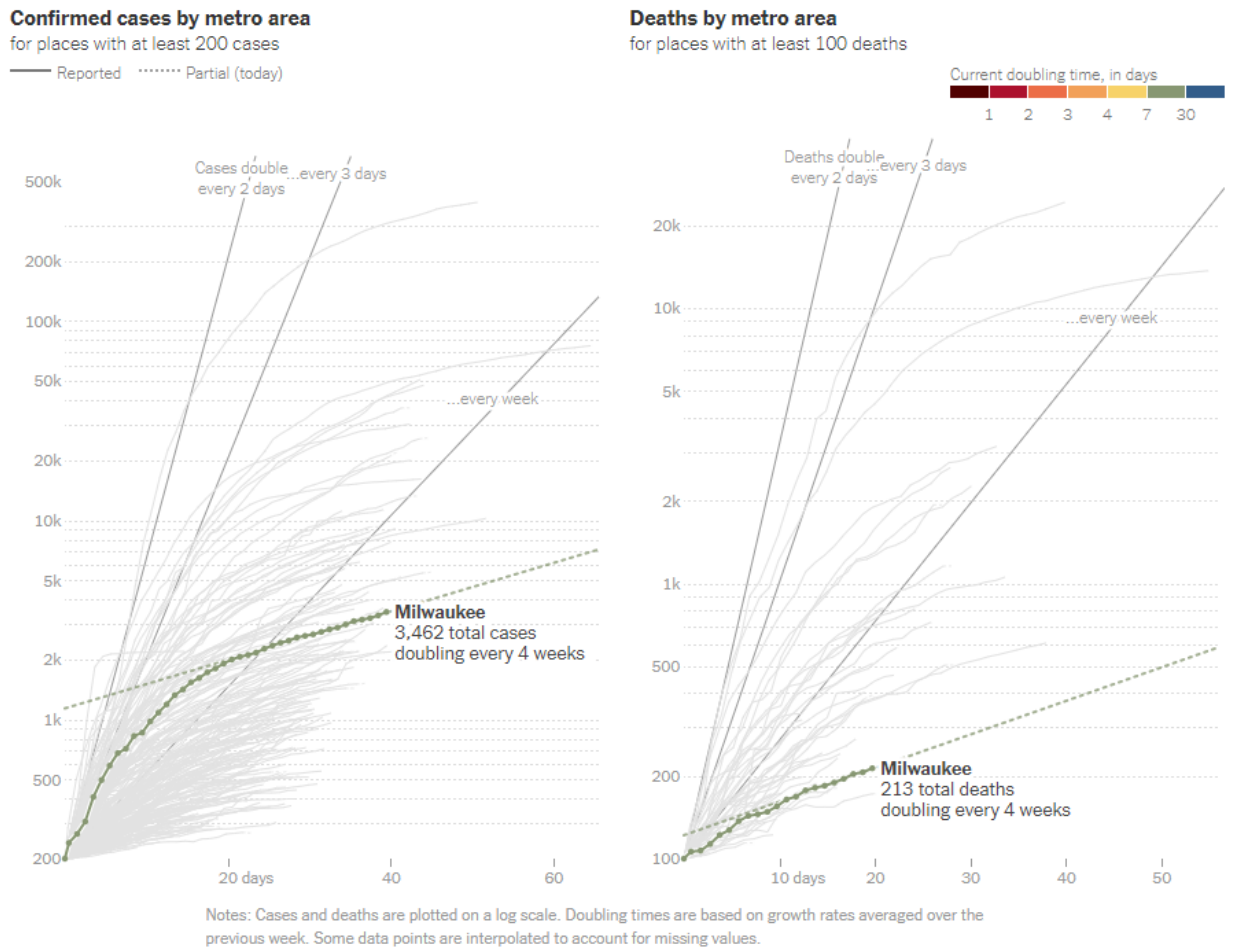


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The rate 3,462 cases doubling every 4 weeks. Please see above graphic.

What is the most recent news on Governor Evers' safer-at-home order?

Gov. Tony Evers' attorney is warning that Wisconsin would see a confusing patchwork of county stay-at-home orders if the state Supreme Court strikes down the existing statewide mandate.

Please click below for more details:

<https://www.wbay.com/content/news/The-Latest-Evers-attorney-warns-of-safe-at-home-patchwork-570072501.html>

What is the status of the vaccine for COVID19?

Dr. Fauci has announced that is in "the realm of possibility" to have a potential vaccine (millions of doses worth) ready for wide distribution by January 2021. Please click below for more details:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/30/848478507/fauci-says-its-doable-to-have-millions-of-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-by-january>

<p>Has Wisconsin reached its peak for COVID19?</p>	<p>Not necessarily.</p> <p>There are, however, a few things we know for certain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The simulations say Wisconsin’s interventions are working. • The timing of a substantial late peak will be determined by the lifting of the Safer-At-Home order and comprehensive testing. • Without follow-up testing and isolation, there will be a substantial peak that would outpace Wisconsin’s health care system’s capacity. • The intervention scenarios suggest we should view the outbreak in terms of two plans: the first plan pertains to acute challenges to hospital capacity and a second plan to suppress or mitigate a second wave. • Hospital capacity was strained during April • With comprehensive testing and isolation, the magnitude of cases in Wisconsin will be below the threshold of hospital capacity. <p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02643a.pdf</p> <p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/model.htm</p>
	<p>Recent FAQs (as of 4/24/2020)</p>
<p>What is the most recent news on Governor Ever’s safer-at-home order?</p>	<p>The order is set to go into effect starting today: April 24, 2020. Click below to find a list of places set to reopen (or at least partially re-open).</p> <p>https://www.nbc15.com/content/news/LIST-What-will-be-open-when-Safer-at-home-extension-starts-Friday-569910901.html</p>
<p>Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?</p>	<p>As of Friday morning, at least 868,954 people across every state, plus Washington, D.C., and four U.S. territories, have tested positive for the virus, according to a New York Times database.</p> <p>More than 44,000 people with the coronavirus have now died in the United States, according to a New York Times database, a figure that is frequently increasing by more than 2,000 per day.</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>
<p>As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>In Wisconsin, there are 5,052 reported positive cases of COVID 19 and correspondingly, 257 deaths. There have been 51,456 negative test results and 1,318 hospitalizations, which is 26% of those who tested positive.</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p> <p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm</p>

What is the infection breakdown by gender (in Wisconsin alone)?

Percent of COVID-19 cases and deaths by gender

Gender	Confirmed Cases as of 4/23/2020	Deaths as of 4/23/2020
Female	52%	42%
Male	48%	58%
Total Number	5,052	257

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

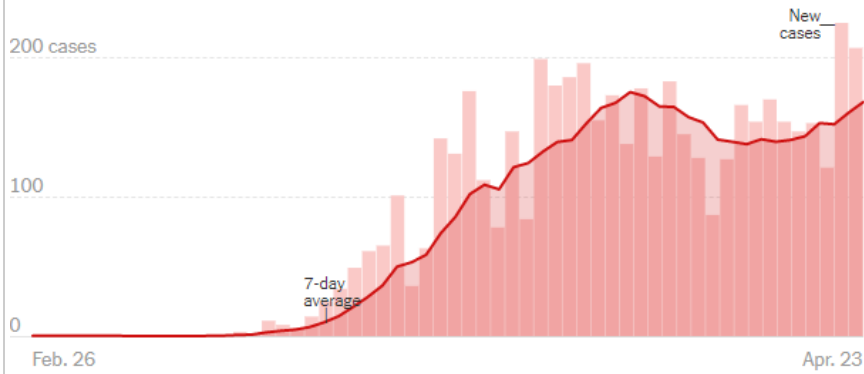
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State	Cases	Deaths
New York	263,460	15,740
New Jersey	99,989	5,368
Massachusetts	46,023	2,360
California	39,707	1,562
Pennsylvania	38,334	1,713

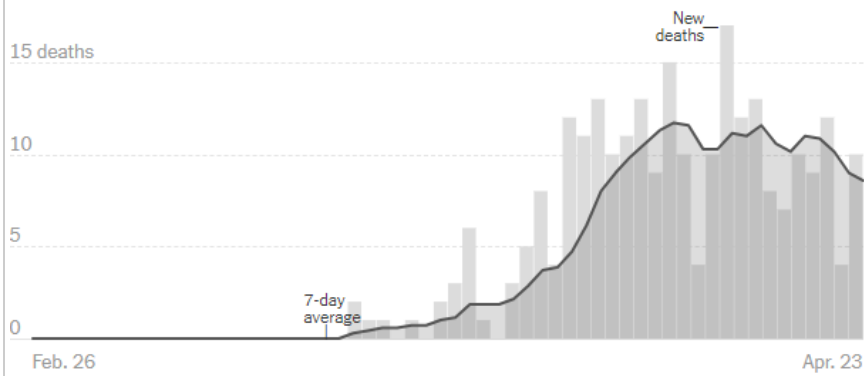
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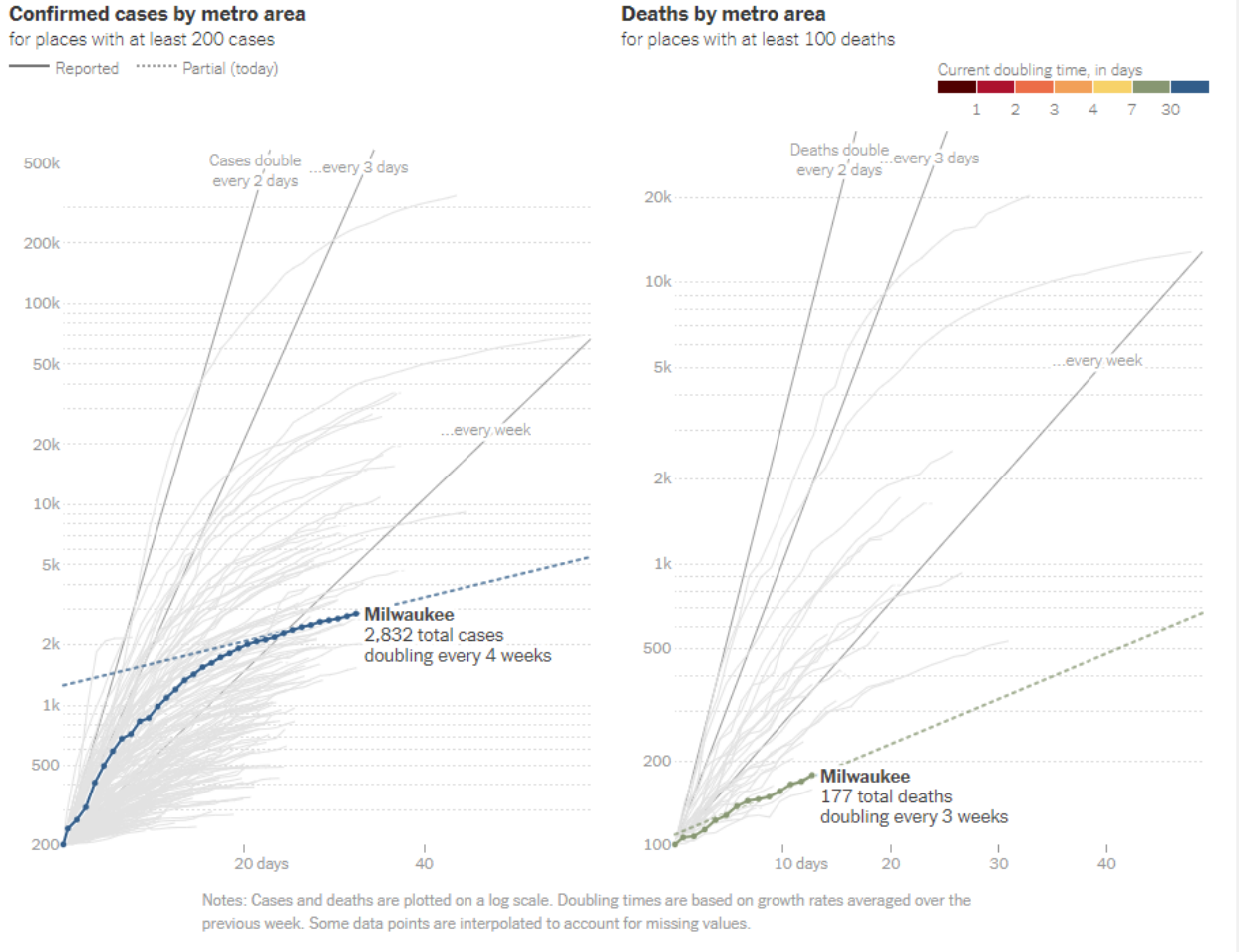
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New reported deaths by day in Wisconsin



What is the COVID19 rate of attack in Milwaukee County?



The rate is 2,832 total cases doubling every 4 weeks. Please graphic above.

How does the virus spread?

The answer to this question has been given before (several weeks ago), but there has been new information—see below.

Original answer:

The virus is now spreading from person-to-person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

Updated answer:

"The virus is found in droplets from the throat and nose. When someone coughs or sneezes, other people near them can breathe in those droplets. The virus can also spread when someone touches an object with the virus on it. If that person touches their mouth, face, or eyes, the virus can make them sick," says DHS.

Who is eligible

Please see the link below for the answer to this question and other FAQs pertaining to this Act.

<p>for the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act)?</p>	<p>https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center</p>
<p>Is there a certainty as to who gets the virus and who does not?</p>	<p>Please see the excerpt below from The Atlantic (Why Some People Get Sicker than Others article from April 21, 2020)</p> <p>https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/04/coronavirus-immune-response/610228/</p> <p>COVID-19 is, in many ways, proving to be a disease of uncertainty. According to a new study from Italy, some <u>43 percent</u> of people with the virus have no symptoms. Among those who do develop symptoms, it is common to feel sick in uncomfortable but familiar ways—congestion, fever, aches, and general malaise. Many people start to feel a little bit better. Then, for many, comes a dramatic tipping point. “Some people really fall off the cliff, and we don’t have good predictors of who it’s going to happen to,” Stephen Thomas, the chair of infectious diseases at Upstate University Hospital, told me. Those people will become short of breath, their heart racing and mind detached from reality. They experience organ failure and spend weeks in the ICU, if they survive at all. Meanwhile, many others simply keep feeling better and eventually totally recover. Kola’s friend Karan Mahajan, an author based in Providence, Rhode Island, contracted the virus at almost the same time she did. In stark contrast to Kola, he said, “My case ended up feeling like a mild flu that lasted for two weeks. And then it faded after that.”</p> <p>Meanwhile, many others simply keep feeling better and eventually totally recover. Kola’s friend Karan Mahajan, an author based in Providence, Rhode Island, contracted the virus at almost the same time she did. In stark contrast to Kola, he said, “My case ended up feeling like a mild flu that lasted for two weeks. And then it faded after that.”</p> <p>“There’s a big difference in how people handle this virus,” says Robert Murphy, a professor of medicine and the director of the Center for Global Communicable Diseases at Northwestern University. “It’s very unusual. None of this variability really fits with any other diseases we’re used to dealing with.”</p>
	<p>Recent FAQs (as of 4/17/2020)</p>
<p>What are the tests generally be used to treat COVID19?</p>	<p>There two key kinds of tests.</p> <p>The first test is PCR test, which refers to tests that test for the presence of an antigen (i.e. COVID19), rather than the presence of the body’s antibodies (which our bodies produce in response to, for instance, COVID19 to protect us). The key benefit of this test is that it gives us 80-85% chance of actually detecting the virus. Of course, there are is up to a 30% chance that a person who tests negative (i.e. does not have the virus) actually has the virus. As such, this test is much better at confirming the presence of an infection than it is at giving a patient the all-clear. It should be noted that this test has generally become less invasive and can now generally be done with a nose sample.</p> <p>The second test pertains to antibody tests, which if positive, reveal not that you currently have the virus, but rather, that you have already had the virus and should be immune to it. That is, there are some people who have gotten COVID19 twice, indicating they never became immune as we expected. The hope with this test is that there is high enough level of people in the population who have immunity, because if that’s the case, then we can</p>

	<p>hopefully stop the virus from circulating further in the population—an idea known as herd immunity. These tests are typically blood tests because our bloodstreams carry significant and measurable amounts of antibodies, which again is the nature and purpose of this test.</p>
<p>What is the most recent news on Governor Evers's safer-at-home order?</p>	<p>Gov. Evers has directed the Department of Health Services to extend the state's safer-at-home order several weeks, as it was set to expire on April 24. It will now last until May 26th at 8am. The goal of the order is slow the spread of COVID19 and the number of cases the state will see at its peak. Further, the order mandates all public and private K-12 schools remain closed for the rest of the school year. People are still allowed outside but are still required to maintain 6 feet between themselves and others.</p>
<p>What is the status of the vaccine for COVID19?</p>	<p>While there are some manufacturers who are racing to create a vaccine as early as June, it is likely the case that we will not have a vaccine for another 12 to 18 months according to US health expert and COVID19 crisis leader, Dr. Anthony Fauci and the UK's chief scientific advisor, Sir Patrick Vallance. To be clear, it truly depends on what you mean by "having a vaccine." If you mean one that can be used in mass vaccination campaign, allowing us all to get on with our lives, then 12 to 18 months is probably right." On the other hand, if you mean an experimental vaccine that is deemed safe and effective enough to be rolled out in a more limited way—to high risk groups, such as health workers, say—that could be ready within weeks or months under the rules set forth by the WHO.</p> <p>For instance, Gilead is experimenting with Remdesivir, showing hopeful signs in small groups of coronavirus patients. Although the group is too small to be representative, the improvements in the small groups offered positive news about a drug seen by global health authorities as offering the best shot at becoming a treatment for the disease.</p> <p>https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/04/10/gileads-experimental-drug-remdesivir-shows-hopeful-signs-small-group-coronavirus-patients/</p>
<p>Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?</p>	<p>As of Friday afternoon, at least 681,727 people across every state, plus Washington, D.C., and four U.S. territories, have tested positive for the virus, according to a New York Times database. Further, more than 31,000 people with the coronavirus have now died in the United States, according to a New York Times database</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>
<p>As of today, how many in</p>	<p>In Wisconsin, there are 4,045 reported positive cases of COVID 19 and correspondingly, 205 deaths. There have</p>

<p>Wisconsin are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>been 120 deaths in Milwaukee County in particular.</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>						
<p>What is the status of \$1,200 tax stimulus payments to help us over the hump of our current times?</p>	<p>COVID19 has upended the 2020 tax season, causing the IRS to extend more filing deadlines for individuals and businesses. The agency has also launched an online tool to help non-filers get their tax stimulus payment sooner. Another Web-based tool is scheduled to debut next week that will allow people to track how soon they'll receive their stimulus money.</p> <p>As part of the \$2 trillion stimulus package, eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 will get refund rebates of up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples. Those who qualify for a stimulus payment get an extra \$500 for each qualifying child under 17. The economic impact payments will either be delivered via direct deposit or mailed. Payments are being distributed automatically to most people, the IRS said.</p> <p>The article below provides a more detailed account of this plan that will be supposedly fine-tuned by next week.</p> <p>https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/04/13/irs-is-launching-new-online-tool-people-track-their-1200-tax-stimulus-payments/</p>						
<p>In Wisconsin, has COVID-19 disproportionately affected some communities over others?</p>	<p>Notable is the situation in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Of the 945 cases counted at the end of last week, half were black. Twenty-seven people who tested positive for COVID-19 had died there as of Friday; 81 percent of them were black.</p> <p>From: https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2020/04/covid-19-hits-black-milwaukee-and-other-communities-hard.html</p> <p>“Locally, we are already seeing evidence that communities of color, including immigrant communities, have higher rates of coronavirus cases, even though testing is still not widely available,” Castro, who is the chairman of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, told the Hill.</p> <p>https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/us-black-latino-communities-hit-hard-by-covid-19/1796150</p>						
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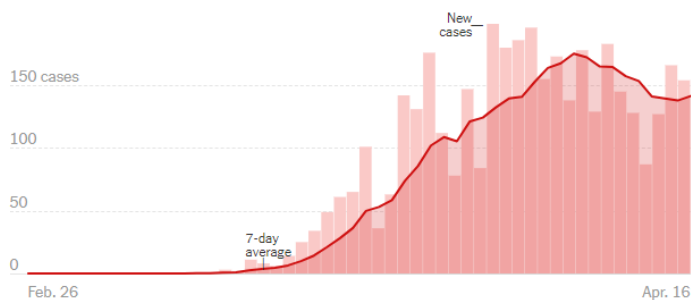
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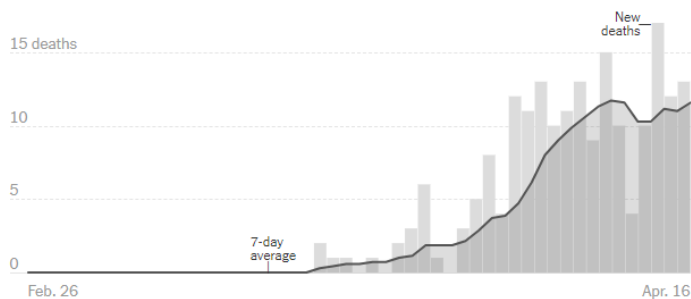
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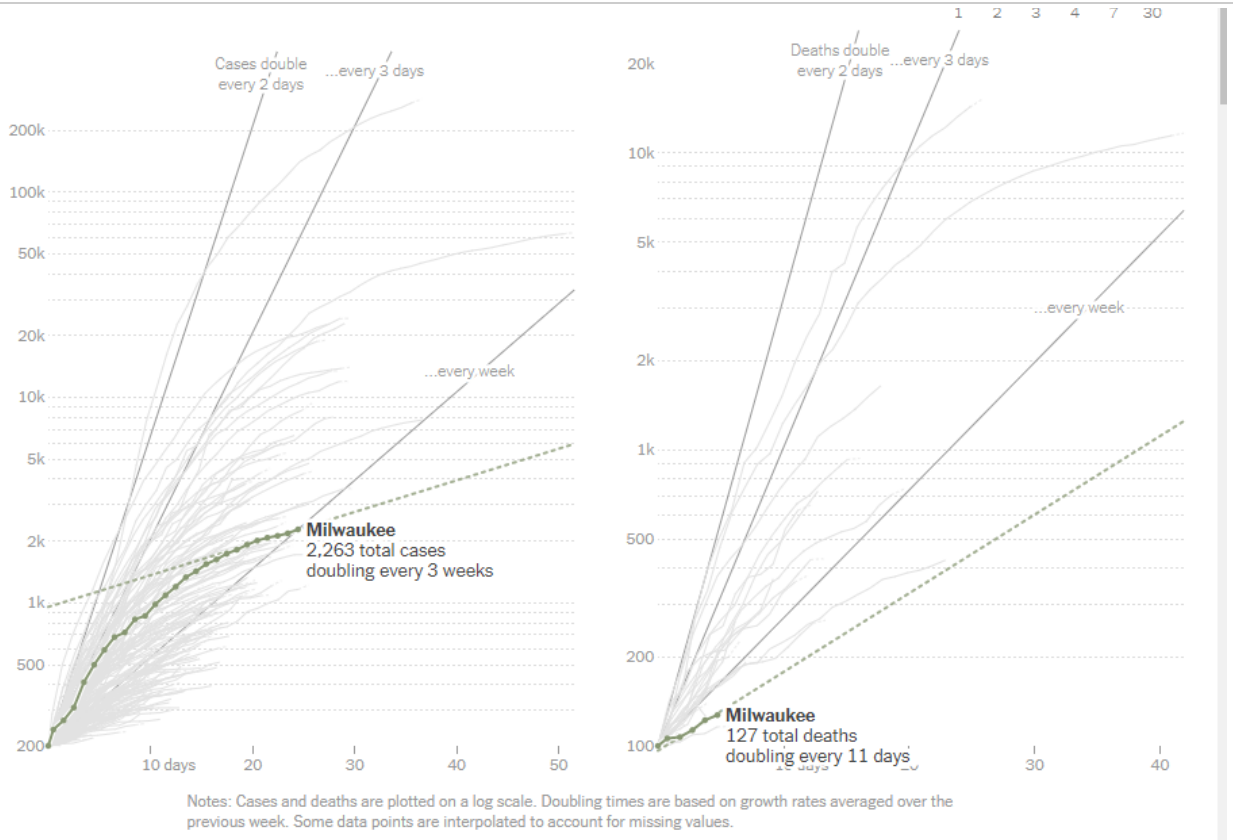


New reported deaths by day in Wisconsin



<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/wisconsin-coronavirus-cases.html>

What is the COVID19 rate of attack in Milwaukee County?



The NYT reports that confirmed cases are growing in Milwaukee at rate of 2,263 cases every 3 weeks. Please see the chart above.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/03/upshot/coronavirus-metro-area-tracker.html>

Has Wisconsin reached its peak for COVID19?

Again, the peak here refers to Wisconsin using its hospital and associated medical resources to the maximum degree possible. The peak was supposed to occur on April 14th; however, the model has variability and the new projection puts the peak as occurring sometime between April 23 and May 23.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/model.htm>

Recent FAQs (as of 4/3/2020)

What is the status of finding a vaccine for COVID-19?

Currently, there is still no definitive vaccine available; however, scientists at the leading edge of these efforts are working around the clock to understand how to interrupt the replication of this virus and develop treatments and effective vaccines. Yesterday virologists at UW-Madison working with FluGen and Bharat Biotech have begun development and testing of vaccines for COVID-19. These efforts are being replicated around the world daily.

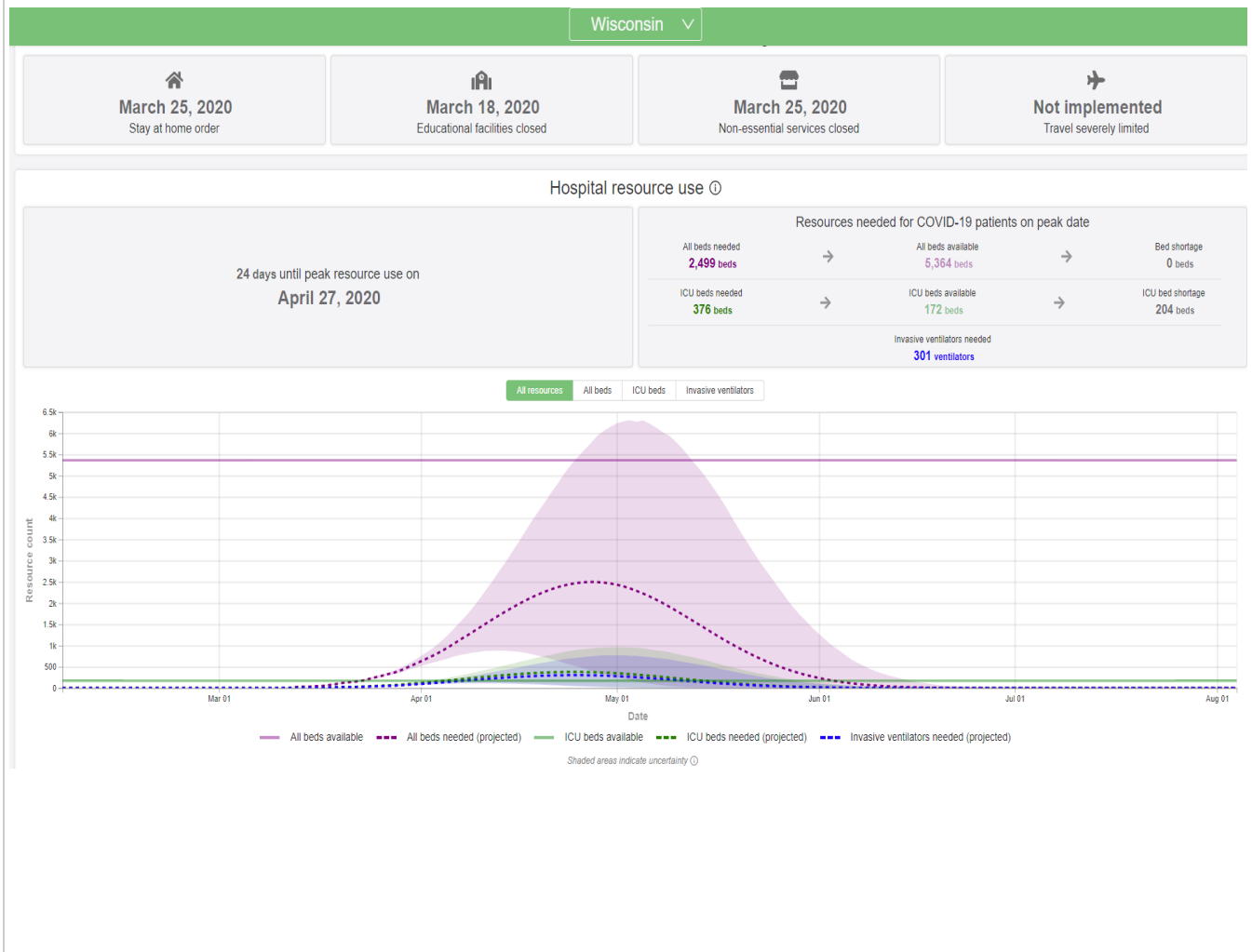
Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?

As of April 3, 2020, the numbers have jumped significantly from the last FAQ update. As of Friday evening, at least 272,502 people across every state, plus Washington, D.C., and four U.S. territories, have tested positive for the virus, according to a New York Times database. In addition, more than 7,000 have died. Please find more information, including a map, on the following link:

	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html												
<p>As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>In Wisconsin, there are at least 1,916 cases confirmed cases of COVID-19. In addition, there are 49 deaths in the state of Wisconsin as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>Please see below for more information on Wisconsin:</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/wisconsin-coronavirus-cases.html</p>												
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<p>There seems to be confusion on whether to wear a mask. What is the right thing to do?</p>	<p>Here is some helpful on this topic from the WHO and the CDC:</p> <p>https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html</p>												

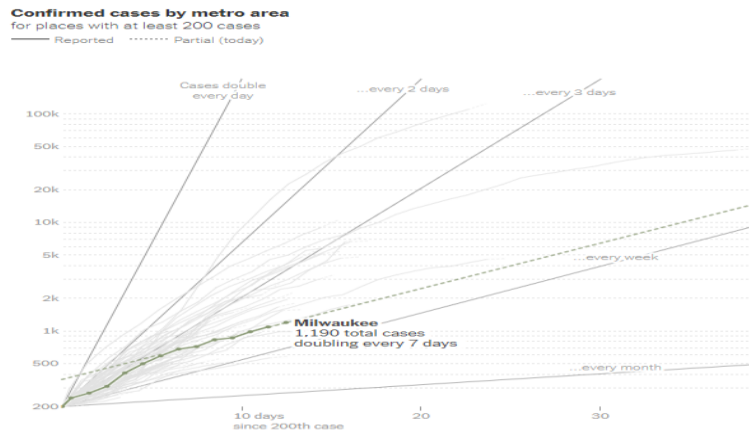
When is the virus supposed to peak in Wisconsin?
 What should we do when it does?

We do know that Wisconsin will experience peak resource use from the virus on April 27, 2020. In other words, this refers to the time when all Wisconsin hospital resources will be used at full capacity. This is also the time that every person in Wisconsin must be diligent in following CDC guidelines in their strictest sense.



What is the growth rate of COVID-19 in the Milwaukee metro area?

Please see the below NYT graph for this answer (as of April 3, 2020).



<p>Are all restaurants mandated to be closed?</p>	<p>Although Governor Evers ordered all restaurants as well as certain bars to close a few weeks ago, there are approximately 440 Milwaukee area restaurants that are providing carry-out meals.</p> <p>Please see the following link to those restaurants: https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/heres-how-you-can-get-your-favorite-food-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak</p> <p>Please also keep in mind that services, such as GrubHub and UberEats may provide affordable or discounted alternatives to carry-out.</p>												
<p>Will there be Easter services around Milwaukee?</p>	<p>See the following link, which contains the Archbishop's letter: https://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/attachments/LiturgicalDirectivesApril12020.docx</p> <p>For streaming of mass, please use the below link per directions of the Archbishop: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrw_JySXFU94eYPgE_ILokQ</p>												
	<p>Recent FAQs (as of 3/27/2020)</p>												
<p>Are there any new drugs or vaccines that will be available in the new future?</p>	<p>President Trump announced today that the FDA is working diligently to test the safety and efficacy of certain repurposed drugs that previously have been used for malaria and arthritic treatment. There are also other drugs in clinical trial tests currently in progress; however, these tests could take up to 18 months to be approved. There is another possibility previously used in last resort cases called convalescent plasma. This process entails collecting blood from people who have recovered from the virus, concentrating it, making it pathogen free and finally, and giving it to patients in an effort to mitigate the effects of virus (when other treatments fail).</p>												
<p>When would any vaccines be available?</p>	<p>The drugs previously used for malaria and arthritis could be available soon given that they are already tried and tested drugs. The exact dates are not yet known, but assuming the drugs are approved, they would be released soon.</p>												
<p>Is testing available at this time?</p>	<p>As of today, testing is available in all states and increasingly, for greater hours during the day as the government has partnered with commercial labs. Further it is now mandated that state and private labs are required to report results immediately to CDC. We are still cautioned that if we do not have symptoms, a test is not needed.</p>												
<p>Is there any indication of how many tests have so far been positive?</p>	<p>While data and answers evolve minute by minute, we know from reports so far that 50% of the positive tests are coming from 3 states: New York, Washington, and California. See below data for more details from NYT:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>State</th> <th>Cases</th> <th>Deaths</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New York</td> <td>4,152</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washington</td> <td>1,026</td> <td>68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>California</td> <td>876</td> <td>17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	State	Cases	Deaths	New York	4,152	27	Washington	1,026	68	California	876	17
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<p>When will we see a difference in our implementation of self-quarantine and isolation?</p>	<p>With the states and cities that are putting CDC guidelines into practice, it is hoped that we will see a slowing of the virus at the end of 15 days. That does not mean entire elimination of the virus, but rather the hope is that we will have slowed the virus enough so that the country can regather.</p> <p>These guidelines should be practiced by every American in every community to protect the most vulnerable among us.</p>
<p>What are the remedies for the instances in which people develop feelings of isolation as a result of self-quarantine or social distancing of some form?</p>	<p>Social distancing does not mean social disengagement. Everyone agrees that this virus spread has had a great social impact on people and families. It is tremendously disruptive on so many levels, much like 9/11 changed everything. One's perspective on the world and safety has been turned upside down in what seems to be a moment. Yesterday, you were at school. Now, you are at home dealing with school and family issues all at once, but now is also a time for families to spend time together and for us to reach out to others who are alone and have no support system.</p> <p>Read here for more: https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2020/coronavirus-social-isolation-loneliness.html?intcmp=AE-HP-TTN-R2-POS2-REALPOSS-TODAY</p>
<p>Why are there so many hospitals and healthcare providers without protective gear?</p>	<p>Given the large populations of people who became ill, the inventory on hand fell short of what was anticipated. However, today the president told the nation that 3M in Minnesota has ramped up production of N95 Masks (industrial masks) will be made at the rate of 35 million per month and made available to hospitals and healthcare providers. The production, however, actually started back in January, but the order to proceed with monthly production is now in effect.</p>
<p>As of today, how many countries are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>As of 3/19/2020, we know that 141 different countries are affected by the COVID-19 virus.</p> <p>For a map that shows that routinely updates the global number of COVID-19 cases, see below:</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/world/coronavirus-maps.html</p>
<p>As of today, how many in Wisconsin are affected by this virus?</p>	<p>As of 3/19/2020, there 106 positive cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.</p> <p>For a map that routinely updates and shows totals for both the US and Wisconsin, see below:</p> <p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html</p>
<p>Are any real efforts being made to help support citizens and their families during this difficult economic time?</p>	<p>Over 5,000 state and local officials are in partnership with all 50 US States and Territories to look at what benefits could be made available during this time to provide economic relief to our citizens. Leaders are looking for ways to help our citizens by way of supplemental checks, revised mortgage payment structure, waiving ATMs, late fees, overdrafts, etc.</p>

	<p>Earlier FAQs (before 3/19/2020)</p>
<p>How has MUHS handled the COVID 19 so far? Has MUHS been compliant to date with CDC prevention and spread suggestions?</p>	<p>At the time of closure, there was no reported cases of COVID-19 and absenteeism was minimal and not related to COVID-19. In the weeks prior to closing, MUHS adhered closely to CDC guidelines to prevent, contain, and mitigate the spread of disease. Those guidelines can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html</p>
<p>What is the source of the virus?</p>	<p>Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. The COVID-19 virus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The first infections were linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now spreading from person-to-person.</p>
<p>How does the virus spread?</p>	<p>The virus is now spreading from person-to-person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.</p>
<p>Can someone who has had COVID-19 spread the illness to others?</p>	<p>The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading from person-to-person. Someone who is actively sick with COVID-19 can spread the illness to others. That is why CDC recommends that these patients be isolated either in the hospital or at home (depending on how sick they are) until they are better and no longer pose a risk of infecting others. How long someone is actively sick can vary so the decision on when to release someone from isolation is made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with doctors, infection prevention and control experts, and public health officials and involves considering specifics of each situation including disease severity, illness signs and symptoms, and results of laboratory testing for that patient. Current CDC guidance for when it is OK to release someone from isolation is made on a case by case basis and includes meeting all the following requirements: The patient is free from fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. The patient is no longer showing symptoms, including cough. The patient has tested negative on at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected at least 24 hours apart. Someone who has been released from isolation is not considered to pose a risk of infection to others.</p>
<p>Can someone</p>	<p>Quarantine means separating a person or group of people who have been exposed to a contagious disease but</p>

<p>who has been quarantined for COVID-19 spread the illness to others?</p>	<p>have not developed illness (symptoms) from others who have not been exposed, in order to prevent the possible spread of that disease. Quarantine is usually established for the incubation period of the communicable disease, which is the span of time during which people have developed illness after exposure. For COVID-19, the period of quarantine is 14 days from the last date of exposure, because 14 days is the longest incubation period seen for similar coronaviruses. Someone who has been released from COVID-19 quarantine is not considered a risk for spreading the virus to others because they have not developed illness during the incubation period.</p>
<p>How would I self-quarantine if an older relative (or another vulnerable person) lives with us if we do not have the resources to place someone in quarantine or hospital? What should I do?</p>	<p>Again, quarantine means keeping a physical distance between yourself and those not in your immediate circle (i.e. you do not know where they have been or if they regularly wash their hands). Isolate means a stricter policy. In this case, if possible, isolate your elder relative by giving them their own room and if possible, bathroom. Clean every surface in the home, especially their area, to keep the house as clean as possible. Leave food outside of this person's door. Clean bathroom after each use of bathroom. Employ frequent handwashing.</p>
<p>Can the virus that causes COVID-19 be spread through food, including refrigerated or frozen food?</p>	<p>Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets. Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food, it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water vigorously for 20 seconds for general food safety. Throughout the day wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, or going to the bathroom. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. In general, because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from food products or packaging that are shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient, refrigerated, or frozen temperatures.</p>
	<p>Risk of exposure:</p>
<p>Am I at risk for COVID-19 in the US?</p>	<p>The immediate risk of being exposed to this virus is still low for most Americans, but as the outbreak expands, that risk will increase. Cases of COVID-19 and instances of community spread are being reported in a growing number of states. People in places where ongoing community spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been reported are at elevated risk of exposure, with the level of risk dependent on the location. Close contacts of persons with COVID-19 also are at elevated risk of exposure. Travelers returning from affected international locations where community spread is occurring also are at elevated risk of exposure, with level of risk dependent on where they traveled.</p>
	<p>Risk of Severe Illness:</p>

Who is at higher risk for serious illness for COVID-19?	Early information out of China, where COVID-19 first started, shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes older adults, with risk increasing by age. In addition, higher risk populations include people who have chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.
What should people at higher risk of serious illness with COVID-19 do?	If this is the case for you, you should: stock up on supplies; take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others; when you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick; limit close contact and wash your hands often; and avoid crowds and non-essential travel, especially cruises. Watch for symptoms and emergency signs. If you get sick, stay home and call your doctor.
Has anyone in the United States gotten infected?	Yes, click on this link for an updated map of the reported infections in the US and around the globe: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html
How can I help protect myself?	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fprevention.html
What should I do if I had close contact with someone who has COVID-19?	Refer to the below to find specific information as to what to do under specific case scenarios: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html
Can people transmit high levels of COVID-19 virus?	Current studies indicate that people can ‘shed’, or transmit, high levels of coronavirus, but after recovery begins, such persons are not likely infectious.
Will this virus stop in the summer heat?	While there may be seasonal element that affects the virus, we do not know for sure. There is much to learn about transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with COVID-19 and investigations are ongoing. Even if the virus does abate over summer months, we may see a resurgence in the fall without a vaccine. ~Dr. Margaret Hamburg, former FDA head, Harvard U
	Other FAQs:
Should asthmatics be extra cautious?	Yes, there are certainly at increased risk regardless of age and whether mild or severe asthma, although we cannot say exactly to what extent they are at risk.
How do I clean my iPhone, keyboard, etc. ?	You can use .5% bleach or any antiviral with disinfectant in them such as Lysol, you will be able to clean your phone, keyboard, monitor, remote, etc. sufficiently.
Should I use water fountain?	Avoid touching your mouth on the faucet, the water is not contaminated.
I have heard	False. Hot liquid cannot neutralize the virus.

drinking hot beverages can stave off the virus. Is that true?	
How many days is someone contagious before symptoms begin to appear?	The time from exposure to the time one develops symptoms is known as the incubation period and in this case, typically last 2-14 days. We do know that people who are in that incubation period, aka asymptomatic, that they can transmit the virus, as can people who are experiencing both early and mild symptoms. I don't know when the contagion begins: day 1 of exposure or closer to when the symptoms present.
<p>FRIDAY MARCH 27 WEEKLY FAQ UPDATE</p> <p>WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ANECDOTES FROM RECENT PRESS REPORTS, CDC, WHO, AND LOCAL NEWS</p>	
If I test, will my test be added to the list provided earlier by the CDC?	No, the CDC is no longer reporting the number of persons under investigation (PUIs) that have been tested, as well as PUIs that have tested negative. Now that states are testing and reporting their own results, CDC's numbers are not representative of all testing being done nationwide.
What is the latest map and case count as of study of COVID-19?	There are more than 1,000 deaths in the United States to the COVID-19. This figure continues to rise as thousands of new cases are reported each day. As of Thursday, at least 81,578 across the country have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least 1,180 patients with the virus have died. Again, see the link below: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html
What state has reported the most cases?	New York has had by far the most cases, totaling 35,258 confirmed positive cases with 387 deaths, but other northeastern states have also seen totals rise rapidly.
How many cases and deaths have been reported in Wisconsin?	As of Thursday afternoon, there are 754 confirmed positive cases and 10 deaths reported in Wisconsin. Please see here for the most recent county-by-county count as well as for specific Milwaukee county data: https://www.nbc15.com/content/news/DHS-8-deaths-707-tested-positive-for-COVID-19-in-Wisconsin-569132431.html https://mcoem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/018eedbe075046779b8062b5fe1055bf
Have there been any changes as far as what we know about the risk factors for COVID-19?	There have been no changes in the CDC guidelines as to those who are at highest risk for serious illness or death from COVID-19. But again, those at highest risk include the elderly, especially those with underlying conditions, such as heart disease, chemotherapy, patients with cancer, and immunosuppressed individuals. Because this is a virus that is spread via the respiratory system (e.g. coughing, close conversations, etc.), people who already have lung disease from smoking (or other reasons) are also at high risk.
Are e-cigarettes or vaping associated with lung injury?	Reported effects of vaping on the pulmonary system impairing oxygen exchange have been found to be correlated with E-Cigarette use/vaping. E-cigarettes and vaping are associated with lung and pulmonary injury. It is smart to rethink using these products at any time, but especially during an outbreak of COVID19, which can

	<p>attack the respiratory system.</p> <p>www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease/healthcare-providers/index.html</p>
<p>Are any measures being taken to help families who have lost their jobs or otherwise facing financial hardship due to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Here is a list of 7 potential sources of financial assistance: your employer, unemployment, banks, city housing departments, service providers, federal government, and nonprofit help.</p> <p>See the below link for more details.</p> <p>https://www.fool.com/personal-finance/2020/03/25/need-help-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-check-th.aspx</p>
<p>What action has the federal government taken to alleviate the COVID-19 and the resulting economic crisis?</p>	<p>The House of Representatives will move quickly on Friday to approve the Senate’s massive \$2 trillion coronavirus relief package through the lower chamber and on to President Trump, who has vowed to sign it immediately.</p> <p>Among the major provisions, the bill provides cash payments up to \$1,200 for individual Americans (more for families); expands unemployment insurance by \$250 billion for those who lost their jobs during the crisis; offers more than \$350 billion in low-cost loans to affected small businesses; and bails out the hardest-hit industries — including airline and hotel companies — to the tune of \$500 billion.</p>
<p>How can the MUHS community help alleviate the hardship of this virus?</p>	<p>It bears repeating that EVERYONE must cooperate for the sake of their own families and the greater community by following CDC guidelines and State of Wisconsin mandates. In particular, it is important to remember the following: social distancing, hand washing, and the avoidance of crowds. Please also be advised of Governor Evers’ safer-at-home order, which imposes the following social restrictions and provisions:</p> <p>The order will require people to stay at home during the continued COVID-19 crisis and require all non-essential businesses to close their doors. Folks will still be able to do things like go to the grocery store, go to the pharmacy, or walk their dogs, and restaurants will still be able to offer curbside delivery. “Workers providing essential care or services in our communities will be allowed to continue to travel to and from work,” Evers said.</p>