

# COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



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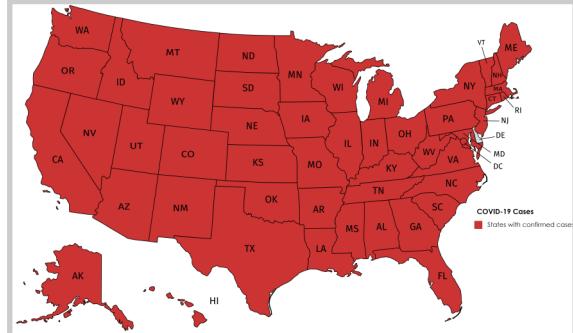
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[CDC Coronavirus Business Response Guidance](#)

[John Hopkins Coronavirus Global Case Map](#)

[Society for Human Resource Management Social Distancing Guidelines](#)

[FEMA's Business Emergency Operations Center](#)



Map depicts 50 US states with COVID-19 cases.

## Key Takeaways

- There are currently 169,387 COVID-19 cases in 147 countries and 6,513 confirmed fatalities worldwide. In the US, there are 3,774 confirmed cases and 69 domestic fatalities across multiple states with the most in WA.
- All 50 US states have confirmed cases of COVID-19 and all 50 have proclaimed states of emergency.
- The number of COVID-19 cases in the United States is growing at an accelerating rate.
- Tests are not yet available in the quantities needed, so the true extent of the disease is not known. Additional testing will be rolled out this week, and a website listing testing sites is under development.
- Federal and state officials are concentrating on slowing the inevitable spread of the illness so that communities and health care providers are not overwhelmed by a large influx of patients simultaneously.
- "Social Distancing" measures designed to minimize the time that people spend in close contact with each other are being implemented throughout the United States.
- Several US states have implemented social distancing policies to include banning public gatherings of 250 or more, closing public schools, and moving university courses online. Some states have closed restaurants.
- Strict social distancing measures in China, including cancellation of public events, quarantining, and closing off heavily-trafficked areas have assisted in reducing the number of new infections.

## Considerations

Not everyone can stay home all the time, and not every business can close down temporarily or shift all employees to telework.

Businesses that continue to operate can reduce the risk to their employees, their customers, and their communities by adopting effective social distancing measures at the workplace.

One of the most important things businesses can do is to ensure that employees who become ill with the virus are identified quickly and do not come to the workplace.

Another effective social distancing technique is to separate employee work stations by a minimum of 6 feet.

Employers should implement generous sick leave policies, cancel large gatherings, limit travel, and communicate the importance of proper personal hygiene.

## Featured Resource

Businesses should develop and implement comprehensive social distancing policies that address the administrative, financial, and legal aspects of social distancing.

Social distancing should enable the company to continue business operations, protect employees and customers, and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Social distancing measures should be sustainable for an extended period of time. Federal health officials estimate that such practices will be required for 2-3 weeks at least, and possibly as long as 8 weeks.

ARMADA Ltd. has developed a Social Distancing policy template that can assist organizations in implementing their own social distancing programs.

[Click here](#) to view ARMADA's Social Distance Policy template.

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