

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT



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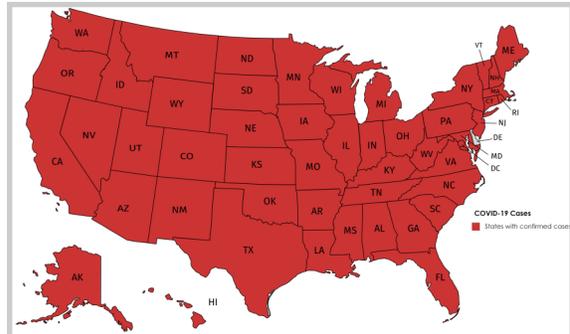
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[CDC Coronavirus Business Response Guidance](#)

[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 now currently 218,825 COVID-19 cases and 8,810 confirmed fatalities worldwide. The number of cases has doubled in two weeks. There are confirmed cases in 158 countries.
- In the US, there are 9,415 cases and 150 deaths. Twenty-one states have reported COVID-19 deaths. Different sections of the country are seeing different levels of infection, due in part to the local public health response. Washington, California, and New York are experiencing sustained community spread.
- US testing is increasing, but issues of availability remain.
- Public Health officials fear that the US will not have enough hospital beds, ventilators, and medical personnel to manage the expected rise in cases.
- The CDC reports that younger persons may be more at risk than originally thought. 38% of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 are between 20 and 54 with nearly half of ICU admissions being under 65.
- On March 18th, China recorded no new local infections.
- Administration officials are warning that the pandemic that could last up to 18 months or longer and include multiple waves of illness. Many officials are expecting US cases to peak in about 45 days.

Considerations

Businesses should expect economic disruptions to last for months. Until an effective treatment or vaccine is developed and is available, social distancing measures will remain the primary method of controlling the spread of COVID-19.

Congress and the administration appear committed to enacting emergency aid and stimulus measures. But a recession due to greatly reduced demand is widely expected. It may already have begun.

Recovery is likely to be slow as waves of illness may occur. Multiple quarters of lower revenue are likely.

For now, businesses should focus on taking care of and building trust with their employees, customers, and suppliers. Their loyalty will be essential during the long recovery period.

Featured Resource

The effects of COVID-19 will be felt for many months. Businesses need to look closely at the short-term, medium-term, and long-term business impacts of the pandemic.

Businesses should update or develop their Continuity of Operations Plans to guide their mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.

Continuity of Operations Plans can help companies identify steps to take to protect personnel, critical systems, and vital records and to sustain business operations through the length of the emergency.

ARMADA Ltd. has developed a Continuity of Operations Planning template with associated worksheets that businesses can use in developing their own plans.

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