

June 3, 2021

Summary

The United States has 33,307,976 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 595,839 reported related deaths. On Wednesday, President Biden laid out the White House's coronavirus response plan for June, aiming to have 70 percent of American adults vaccinated by July 4. As part of the proposed "national month of action," the White House unveiled an array of vaccination incentives, including free food delivery, baseball tickets, Xboxes, and chances to win cruise tickets, groceries for a year, and free airline flights.

Experts continue to predict decreasing numbers of deaths and hospitalizations over the next four weeks. These forecasts come amid positive trends in vaccination rates in many states, including a dozen states reported to have vaccinated over 70% of their adult populations.

On a heat map of the United States indicating which states have the most new daily cases, most are yellow, indicating potential community spread with only 1-9 daily new cases per 100,000 people. Some states, such as Colorado, Wyoming, and Washington are orange, indicating escalating community spread with 10-24 daily news cases per 100,000 people.

As of June 2, New York reported 10 deaths, 970 hospitalizations, and 245 COVID-19 patients in intensive care. Approximately 565, or .44%, of the 128,002 tests administered in New York were positive for COVID-19. New York has administered 19,226,670 doses of the vaccines to patients; 54% of New York residents have received at least one dose of the vaccines; and 46.3% are fully vaccinated. Governor Cuomo announced the launch of a new \$40 million global campaign aimed at revitalizing the State's post-pandemic tourism industry.

U.S. Government Updates

- [*Remarks by President Biden on the COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Program*](#), June 2
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Vaccines and Therapeutics

- [*70% of adults in 12 states have received at least 1 COVID vaccine dose: CDC*](#), June 3
 - 70% of adults in 12 states have received at least one vaccine dose, according to CDC data. The majority of these states are in the Northeast. They include Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey.
 - Other large states are close to hitting this milestone, such as New York (68.1%), Virginia (67.5%), and Washington (69.5%).
 - Some states, most of which are concentrated in the South, have yet to reach the 50% threshold. These include Alabama, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [*CDC Interpretation of Forecasts of New Deaths and Hospitalizations*](#), June 3
 - CDC [consolidated](#) data from 35 models projecting the COVID-19 death rate. Predicted rates differ among the forecasts, depending on assumptions about the prevalence and rigor of social distancing behaviors. CDC's national ensemble forecast indicates that the number of newly reported COVID-19 deaths will likely decrease over the next four weeks. It predicts between 800 and 4,800 deaths over the week ending June 26, 2021, and 601,000 to 614,000 cumulative deaths by that date.
 - CDC [consolidated](#) data from 12 models projecting the number of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations. The forecast predicts daily hospitalizations will likely decrease over the next four weeks, with between 700 and 3,700 new hospitalizations forecasted on June 28, 2021. It predicts that hospital admissions will decrease in 34 jurisdictions while remaining stable or uncertain in the others.

New York State

- [*New York State COVID-19 Updates*](#), June 3
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New York City

- [New York City COVID-19 Updates](#), June 3
 - Mayor Bill de Blasio [announced](#) the start of “NYC Youth Vax Week,” a week-long initiative to combat the misinformation regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. This program aims to encourage parents and guardians to allow their children who are 12 years and older to get the Pfizer vaccine.

International

- As [India](#)’s COVID-19 vaccination drive has slowed, the country’s Supreme Court has demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government explain how it plans to meet its target of inoculating about 900 million adults by the end of the year. So far, India has administered about 220 million doses, and just 45 million people — about 4 percent of the population — are fully vaccinated with two doses. Vaccinating all adults would require at least another 1.5 billion doses.
- Facing vaccine shortages, [Canada](#)’s immunization advisory body is recommending that some Canadians follow up their AstraZeneca shots with a different vaccine on the second dose. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization said on Tuesday that people who had received a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine could be given either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines as their second dose.
- On Monday, the government of [Vietnam](#) ordered a two-week lockdown of the Go Vap District of Ho Chi Minh City, home to about 700,000 people. The country is experiencing a surge in coronavirus cases, with over half of its total cases having occurred in the past month.

Other recent events covered in detail elsewhere:

- [Annual Meetings, Compensation and COVID-19: Where Things Stand](#), April 13
- [Managing Volatility in a Pandemic? Document your Derivatives Transactions Appropriately](#), April 13
- [California Authorities Issue a Wide Range of Rules and Guidance on COVID-19](#), April 10
- [HHS Initiates Initial \\$30 Billion Distribution of the \\$100 Billion Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund](#), April 10
- [Non-binding Guidance: The Defense Production Act and the COVID-10 Pandemic](#), May 27

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