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U.S. sets single-day record for COVID-19 cases during new surge



FILE PHOTO: Certified nursing assistant (CNA) Shameka Johnson, wearing NFL Green Bay Packers apparel, processes a nasal swab at a drive-thru testing site outside the Southside Health Center as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak continues in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., October 21, 2020. REUTERS/Bing Guan

NEW YORK (Reuters) - More than 84,000 people were diagnosed with COVID-19 across the United States on Friday, according to a Reuters tally, a record one-day increase in infections during the pandemic as the virus surges again nationwide.

The spike to 84,218 cases, breaking the record of 77,299 set on July 16, comes as University of Washington researchers forecast that the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 could reach a total of 500,000 by February.

Sixteen U.S. states also hit one-day records for new infections of the virus that causes COVID-19 on Friday, including five considered key in the Nov. 3 presidential election: Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Health experts have not pinpointed the reason for the rise but have cited such factors as colder temperatures driving people inside, fatigue with COVID-19 precautions and students returning to schools and colleges.

The latest estimate by the widely cited University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation also reflects fears that cold winter weather will drive Americans indoors, where the virus is more likely to spread.

"We are heading into a very substantial fall/winter surge," said IHME director Chris Murray, who co-lead the research.

The number of possible deaths could drop by 130,000 if 95% of Americans would cover their faces, the IHME said, echoing a recommendation by Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

VACCINES ON THE HORIZON

"The good news on the horizon is that vaccines look promising," Fauci told CNN in an interview. "And hopefully by the time we get to the end of November, the beginning of December we will have shown that we have at least one or two - and maybe more but at least two - vaccines that are safe and effective."

Health Secretary Alex Azar attributed the increase in cases nationwide to the behavior of individuals, saying household gatherings have become a "major vector of disease spread."

Asked about an assertion by President Donald Trump during Thursday night's presidential debate that the United States is "rounding the turn" on the pandemic, Azar told CNN that Trump was trying to provide hope to Americans waiting for a vaccine.

On Thursday there were 916 reported fatalities in the United States, a day after the country recorded over 1,200 new deaths for the first time since August.

Eighteen states have reported their highest daily numbers of hospitalized COVID-19 patients since the pandemic started and on Friday, the number of COVID-19 patients in U.S. hospitals climbed to a two-month high.

There are now more than 41,000 hospitalized patients with coronavirus across the country, up 34% from Oct. 1, according to a Reuters analysis. North Dakota, with 887 new cases on both Thursday and Friday, remains the hardest-hit state, based on new cases per capita, followed by South Dakota, Montana and Wisconsin, according to a Reuters tally.

In Tennessee, hospitals in Nashville said they have experienced a 40% increase in patients admitted for COVID-19.

Dr. Jeff Pothof, an emergency medicine physician at University of Wisconsin Health in Madison, expressed worry about a lack of compliance with public health measures in the state, where some groups have challenged Democratic Governor Tony Evers' COVID-19 restrictions in court.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced a curfew on non-essential businesses from 10 p.m. on Friday. She warned residents to avoid social gatherings of more than six people and end all gatherings by 10 p.m.

Nearly 2,500 people were hospitalized in Illinois, the state's top public health official, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, told a news conference.



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Pelosi, Trump trade blame on COVID-19 stimulus talks; Senate Republicans on sidelines

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Friday it still was possible to get another round of COVID-19 aid before the Nov. 3 general election, but that it was up to President Donald Trump to act, including bringing along reluctant Senate Republicans.

FILE PHOTO: U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks about the need for additional coronavirus relief during her weekly news conference with Capitol Hill reporters in Washington, U.S., October 22, 2020. REUTERS/Hannah McKay/
Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin countered that Pelosi must compromise to get an aid package, saying significant differences remained between the Republican administration and Democrats.

"Now we're talking and we'll see what happens but at this moment I would say that I actually think Nancy would rather wait 'til after the election," Trump told reporters in an Oval Office appearance together with Mnuchin.

"If she wants to compromise, there will be a deal," Mnuchin said.

Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, has been negotiating with Mnuchin to try to reach an agreement that could be worth around \$2 trillion before the presidential and congressional election.



FILE PHOTO: U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks about the need for additional coronavirus relief during her weekly news conference with Capitol Hill reporters in Washington, U.S., October 22, 2020. REUTERS/Hannah McKay/

Congressional committees and staff will work on a possible deal through the weekend, and Pelosi and Mnuchin "will speak again once additional progress is made," Pelosi's spokesman, Drew Hammill, wrote on Twitter Friday evening.

Senate Republicans are skeptical of a possible deal costing trillions of dollars. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the top Republican in Congress, does not want to bring a large bill to the Senate floor before the election.

Congress has already appropriated \$3 trillion in relief, including money for the unemployed and for small businesses. But no money has gone out the door since

the spring, and members of both parties say more is needed now.

Pelosi, in an interview on MSNBC, said differences could still be resolved.

"We could do that before the election if the president wants to," she said. "He (Trump) has to talk to the Senate Republicans."

Republican Senator Richard Shelby told reporters that he had spoken at length to Mnuchin on Thursday, and had asked him

for details of his talks with Pelosi.

"I told him honestly that we need particulars," Shelby said on Friday. A Shelby aide said no specifics had been provided.

Shelby, who chairs the Senate appropriations committee, remained skeptical that a deal could be reached before the Senate is expected to leave town next week to campaign.

At the White House, Mnuchin said there had been lots of progress but "significant

differences remained," while Trump reiterated that he did not support more federal financial aid for U.S. states and cities run by Democrats.

"She wants to bail out poorly run Democrat states - they're poorly run both in terms of crime and in terms of economics. And we just don't want that. We want COVID related," Trump said.

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Remdesivir Gets Full FDA Approval As An Official Treatment For COVID-19



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Seven months after the World Health Organization first declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, the world now has an official treatment for the virus. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has given the drug remdesivir full approval to be used as a treatment for coronavirus patients.

"The FDA is committed to expediting the development and availability of COVID-19 treatments during this unprecedented public health emergency," says FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn in an Oct. 22 press release.

"Today's approval is supported by data from multiple clinical trials that the agency has rigorously assessed and represents an important scientific milestone in the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the FDA's Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program, the agency will continue to help move new medical products to patients as soon as possible, while at the same time determining whether they are effective and if their benefits outweigh their risks."

Officials gave the antiviral drug, also known as Veklury, the green light for use on hospitalized adults and children over the age of 12. Hospitalized youths will

also need to weigh at least 88 pounds to receive the newly approved treatment. The FDA notes remdesivir is the first medication to receive the agency's approval for general use amid the pandemic.



Remdesivir had previously received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) in May, along with other medications that have shown mixed results against COVID-19. Previous studies have discovered remdesivir can effectively fight the virus and also reduce patient recovery times. The drug gained even more attention after doctors used it to treat President Donald Trump. The president was briefly hospitalized at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for treatment; where he received a remdesivir injection. (Courtesy www.studyfinds.org/)

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What Is Remdesivir? The COVID-19 Treatment Was Also Used On President Trump

The antiviral medicine remdesivir gained publicity when the president took it to treat his case of COVID-19, but the drug isn't exclusive to the highest office in the country. In fact, Carroll Hospital in Maryland reports that about half of those hospitalized for the disease there have taken remdesivir to treat their symptoms. Carroll Hospital administered its first dose of remdesivir, brand name Veklury, in mid-May, according to Dr. Mark Olszyk, chief medical officer. At least 62 patients have taken it since, Olszyk said Monday. Between May 15 and Oct. 19, Carroll Hospital had 121 patients who were COVID-19 positive and hospitalized, according to spokesperson Simone Lindsay.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted emergency use of remdesivir in the spring and on Thursday approved it as the first drug to treat COVID-19. The drug reduced recovery time from 15 to 10 days on average, a large study led by the U.S. National Institutes of Health found, according to The Associated Press. The average person probably never heard of remdesivir before the coronavirus pandemic, Olszyk said, but it was originally made as a possible treatment for hepatitis C and was tested against other RNA viruses, including Ebola and earlier forms of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), the latter of which COVID-19 is a variety, according to Olszyk.



Earlier this month, President Donald Trump spent three days at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda being treated for COVID-19. There, he was given remdesivir, as well as steroids and an experimental antibody

treatment from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., The Associated Press reported. Once it's injected, remdesivir is designed to be converted by the body into a different chemical that disrupts the replication of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, Olszyk said. It is administered through a vein and is typically given in doses over five days.

"Imagine that the RNA virus is trying to reproduce itself. And so it's making lots and lots of photocopies, and this basically introduces a scrap of last Sunday's newspaper into the photocopier," he said. It's like reading furniture assembly instructions and suddenly finding Sunday comics where the next step should be, he added — without those instructions, the virus can't replicate.

When remdesivir became available in the spring, LifeBridge Health (of which Carroll Hospital is a part) developed criteria for patients to receive the medicine in accordance with FDA recommendations, Olszyk said. This typically applies to those with more serious cases, he said. A Carroll Hospital patient is eligible if they test positive and their oxygen saturation while breathing room air drops below 94%, or if they test positive and need supplemental oxygen or a ventilator, according to Olszyk. Normal oxygen levels are 100% or close to it, he said.



A patient must also not have any liver or kidney issues, he said, because a side effect of remdesivir is raising blood levels of liver enzymes, higher levels of which can indicate injury or damage to the liver. Other side effects include nausea, sweating and low blood pressure. Side effects are presented to patients in a fact sheet prior to them deciding whether they'd like to take remdesivir, Olszyk said. He wasn't aware of any reported side effects among Carroll Hospital patients.

About 70 different ingredients comprise the medicine, which requires 25 steps and six to nine months to manufacture, Olszyk said. Remdesivir, which was created by Gilead Sciences Inc., is approved for people at least 12 years old and weighing at least 88 pounds (40 kilograms) who need hospitalization for their coronavirus infection, according to The Associated Press. "It's not something you could cook up in your garage, by any means," he said.

And the treatment can be expensive. The New York Times has reported that it costs \$3,120 when purchased by private insurers and \$2,340 through public programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Olszyk couldn't speak to how much remdesivir could cost a Carroll Hospital patient, as insurance policies vary. Thus far, it appears remdesivir can reduce the severity of symptoms, but hasn't proven to be a life-saving treatment, Olszyk said.



A recent study sponsored by the World Health Organization examined more than 11,000 people across 30 countries and found that remdesivir did not definitively reduce COVID-19 deaths. An earlier study led by the U.S. National Institutes of Health determined the drug shortened patients' recovery time by an average of five days.

In June, Gilead Sciences announced that the results of a trial showed patients in a five-day remdesivir treatment group were 65% more likely to improve clinically within 11 days, compared to those who received standard care. A 10-day treatment group also saw improvement, according to Gilead Sciences. Olszyk acknowledged remdesivir's use in COVID-19 cases is fairly new. He said health care professionals will continue to learn more about its effectiveness. (Courtesy www.baltimoresun.com)

Editor's Choice



Pro-democracy protesters march towards the Government House during an anti-government protest in Bangkok, Thailand. REUTERS/Athit Perawongmetha



Pro-democracy protesters make a three-finger salute at 6:00 Pm, at the time the national anthem is usually played in all public transport stations in Bangkok, Thailand. REUTERS/Chalinee Thirasupa



Women spectators cheer during a match in an annual local soccer tournament played by an all women teams, at the village of Sahel, in the mostly Berber Kabylie region in the mountains east of Algiers, Algeria. REUTERS/Ramzi Boudina



Stephanie Goulsby, 21, whose boyfriend Fred Williams Jr. was shot by sheriff's deputies, listens to a news conference outside Sheriff's Department headquarters, in Los Angeles, California. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



A protective mask is seen on a street in Tomares, Spain. REUTERS/Marcelo del Pozo



An inmate takes part in early voting for the upcoming election at Cook County Jail in Chicago, Illinois. Cook County Sheriff's Office/Thomas G Quinn



A rescued short-beaked echidna puggle that was brought to Taronga Wildlife Hospital is pictured in Sydney, Australia. Taronga Zoo Sydney/via REUTERS



A man resembling Peter Madsen sits up against a fence surrounded by police forces in Albertslund, Denmark. Ritzaa Scanpix/Nils Meilvang via REUTERS

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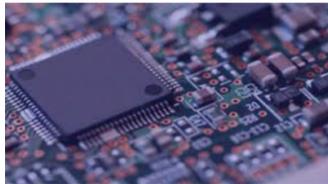


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"It is the latest of HCC's ongoing efforts to embrace new technologies and keep a pulse on the ever-changing needs of the industry," he said.

HCC Southwest President Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Ed.D., said the new program continues the college's initiative to develop curricula relevant to the 21st century technological landscape.

"AI has been transforming many aspects of the workplace today and will have a growing impact on our economy and lives," she said.

The new curriculum will provide students with fundamentals of the best practices in



Josh Bankston with MACE Virtual Labs, a partner of HCC, said the new AI program is a "win for MACE."

"The future of technology and the scope of all the industries HCC services can only stand to benefit from more understanding and integration of things like machine learning and artificial intelligence," he said.

Registration for the AI program is underway at HCC. To enroll, call 713.718.2000 or visit hccs.edu/apply.



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