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We are so thankful that the Houston city council once again has confirmed our new Board member nominations, including three new members from different ethnic groups.

Over the past several years, IMD board members have worked very hard to improve the public safety, economy and education areas. Especially in this pandemic period, we have tried to help



local residents get assistance to help local businesses overcome financial difficulties.

We are so glad to witness that the City of Houston has budgeted sixty millions

dollars to build a multi-used community service center at the corner of Bellaire and Kirkwood. This center will be the future landmark to our district.



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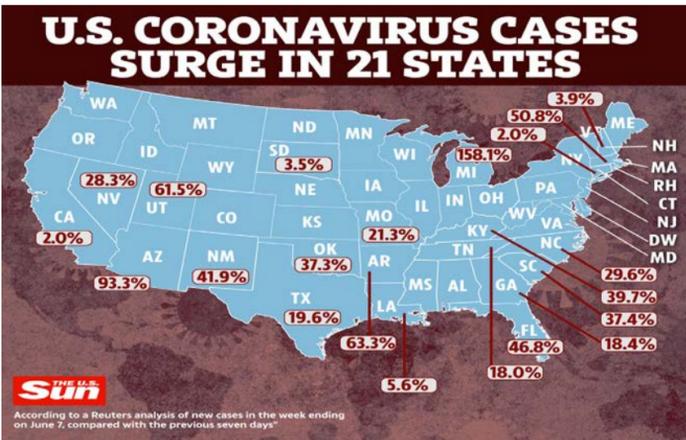
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COVID CLIMBING AGAIN Coronavirus Is On The Rise Again In Arizona, Arkansas, Utah, Texas And 18 Other States



KEY POINTS

*Coronavirus cases across the US are spiking up again after states eagerly reopened and as protesters demonstrated George Floyd's death in large gatherings throughout the country.

*In 21 states, including Arizona, Arkansas, and Utah, cases are rising again after the states reopened local businesses amid the outbreak.

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As of Wednesday, the US reported more than 2,040,000 cases of the virus, with over 114,000 related deaths.

If state governors hadn't enforced coronavirus lockdowns when they did from January to April of this year, the outbreak could have been much worse, a new study claims.

At least 60million cases in the US were prevented by the shutdowns and tough restrictions from health and local officials, according to a team at the University of California, Berkeley.



A concert-goer is seen getting their

temperature checked in Arkansas on May 18. (Photo/ Getty Images)

But as the number of cases dropped because of socially distancing and safety measures, and as governors eagerly and quickly allowed their states to reopen, cases are rising once again.

According to a Reuters analysis of new cases in the week ending on June 7, compared with the previous seven days, Michigan saw 158 percent rise after reporting 5,000 probable cases.

In the southern US, Florida saw a 47 percent rise over the past week, Arkansas saw 63 percent, while South Carolina and North Carolina both shot up more than 30 percent in the past week.

Per Reuters, Florida claims they've been testing more and therefore finding more cases, but South Carolina was investigating outbreaks in three counties.

Health officials in New Mexico said roughly half of the state's new cases — 42 percent rise — were from a prison in Otero County, while Utah said hundreds of the state's 2,269 new cases — 62 percent rise — were linked to a meat processing factory outbreak.



Workers at a meat processing plant in Utah are seen protesting on Tuesday after hundreds of employees at the facility tested positive for coronavirus. (Photo/AP)

In Arizona, new coronavirus cases rose to 12 percent, up from seven percent a month ago, and in Utah, the positive test rate shot from four percent to nine percent.

Texas saw a spike of 20 percent, Massachusetts saw a spike of 50 percent, Kentucky saw 40 percent, Oklahoma saw 37 percent, and Nevada saw 28 percent.

Other states that saw spikes over the past week include: Missouri with 21 percent, Georgia and Tennessee each with 18 percent, Louisiana with six percent, New Hampshire and South Dakota both with four percent, California with three percent, and Connecticut with two percent.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that states wait for new coronavirus cases to fall for two weeks before relaxing restrictions.

According to Reuters, 16 states and Washington, DC, have met that guidance for the week that ended on June 7, compared with 13 states the week before.



A man is seen here wearing a mask at

the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park during Memorial Day weekend. (Photo/Getty Images)

Both New York and Pennsylvania have showed straight declines of cases over the past eight weeks.

Dr Anthony Fauci on Tuesday warned the coronavirus pandemic is far from over.

"In a period of four months, it has devastated the whole world," Fauci said during a virtual appearance at a Biotechnology Innovation Organization event. "And it isn't over yet."

He said there's a lot of uncertainty surrounding COVID, and how it spreads and impacts the bodies.



Dr Anthony Fauci.

Fauci added on ABC News on Wednesday morning: "The issue of physical separation is important. Masks can help, but it's masks plus physical separation and when you get congregations like we saw with the demonstrations, like we have said — myself and other health officials — that's taking a risk."

"Unfortunately, what we're seeing now is just an example of the kinds of things we were concerned about." (Courtesy the-sun.com)



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A child raises his fist during a protest against the police brutality of a man hit by a Florissant detective and the death in Minneapolis police custody of George Floyd, in Florissant, Missouri. REUTERS/Lawrence Bryant



A cemetery worker dig new graves at the Xico cemetery on the outskirts of Mexico City, as the coronavirus outbreak continues in Mexico. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido



State Patrol officers stand guard as employees of Twin Cities Transport and Recovery work to clear the toppled statue of Christopher Columbus on the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds in St Paul, Minnesota. REUTERS/Nicholas Pfosi



A conservationist holds the head of a griffon vulture after it was temporarily captured as part of a national project to protect and increase the population of the protected bird in Israel, at a makeshift data-collecting station near Sde Boker in.



Compton Early College High School graduating student Makayla Moore poses in her car in a parking lot during a drive-thru graduating ceremony in Compton, California. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni



George Floyd's brother, Philonise Floyd, reacts during the U.S. House Judiciary Committee hearing on "Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability" on Capitol Hill in Washington. Michael Reynolds/Pool via REUTERS



Russian army sailors take part in a rehearsal ahead of postponed WW2 victory parade at a military base in Alabino near Moscow, Russia. Russian Defense Ministry



Voters line up at Christian City, an assisted living home, to cast their ballots after Democratic and Republican primaries were delayed due to coronavirus restrictions in Union City, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers

Texas Medical Center Has 40% Increase In Coronavirus Hospitalizations Over Short Time



Coronavirus cases: New numbers show there are 1,935 people in TX hospitals from COVID-19, which surpasses the previous high in early May.

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HOUSTON, Texas (KTRK) -- As Texas continues its reopening, and people are gathering in large numbers for protests, Texas Medical Center leaders are seeing a concerning amount of new patients. In the coming days, if you attend a protest or find yourself around a large group of people, don't get a coronavirus test the following day. Experts say you should wait three to five days, which means now is the time to test if you were at last week's protest with 60,000 people. "Probably the most logical time to get tested is about three days after you've been exposed," Houston Methodist President, Marc Boom, explained. "Obviously, if you have symptoms, you must get tested." Experts hope last week's protest doesn't create a spike in cases. The Texas Medical Center has seen a rise in new patients over the past week. Hospitalizations are up about 40 percent from the low point. Officials say they still have room to handle the caseload, but they're concerned about the growth of new patients.



The Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas.

"It's not yet at a rate where we'd sound a large alarm, but it is certainly something concerning as it has increased," Boom said. "It's well below our previous peak. We still can manage a significant uptick, but we can't manage a rapid, uncontrolled rate of increase." It's not just in Houston. There are 1,935 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals currently, which is more patients in Texas hospitals than at any one point. This week, the state will allow restaurants to increase capacity to 75 percent, and large amusement parks in Texas will reopen soon. "Personally, I would say, right now we're not ready to go through the next gate," Boom explained. "We've seen an uptick in infections. It's gotten steeper. I think we should slow down, pause and see what happens over this next week and 10 days." Especially, experts said, with the large

gatherings the city has seen and may continue to see in the coming days.

Related Doctors Fear COVID-19 Outbreak After George Floyd March In Houston

HOUSTON, Texas (KTRK) -- A packed crowd of 60,000 people in the middle of a pandemic made social distancing nearly impossible.

On Tuesday, demonstrators filled downtown to fight police brutality, inequality and the death of George Floyd, who was killed at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers.

"It's so sad that folks right now are having to choose to put their lives at risk so they can bring attention to this tragic situation," said Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge.

Hidalgo went on to say it's important that their voices are heard. She recommends that everyone that attended Tuesday's march get tested for the coronavirus.

Doctors recommend that you wait about five days to take the test, that's how long it takes before the virus has a stronger presence in your body and a higher viral load.



"The virus has to start replicating so it starts going. We know that it peaks around day five to seven, that's where we have," said Dr. Laila Woc-Colburn with Baylor College of Medicine Infectious Diseases.

If you took the test the day after the march and it comes back positive, Dr. Woc-Colburn said that could be too soon.

"Let's say you went yesterday and you test today and you come back positive, that doesn't mean you acquired it during the protest," said Woc-Colburn.

If you did attend the march, doctors rec-

ommend you stay hydrated in the days to come and monitor any symptoms.

While health officials understand the importance of protesting, they are concerned about the impact the protest and the state's reopening could have.



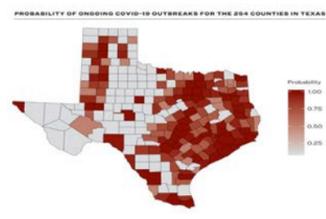
"Does that mean now that we're going to see increased transmission for a variety of activities that are now happening in more robust fashion and the answer is, we don't know but we're concerned about it," said Dr. Umair Shah, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health. (Courtesy abc13.com)

Related Texas sees record number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized for third day in a row

Hospitalizations of patients infected with the novel coronavirus have hit a record high in Texas for the third day in a row.

Wednesday, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported 2,153 patients are hospitalized with COVID-19 — an increase of 97 patients from Tuesday when 2,056 were hospitalized and 218 more than the 1,935 people hospitalized on Monday.

Hospitalizations have been on an upward trend since late May, and have increased by nearly 42.5% since the 1,511 patients hospitalized on Memorial Day. Before Monday, the previous record for hospitalizations was on May 5 when 1,888 patients were hospitalized.



As the state reopens and businesses

increase the number of customers allowed in person. Gov. Greg Abbott has stressed that hospitalizations and the rate of positive cases are some of the key metrics he is assessing.

John Wittman, a spokesman for Abbott, wrote in email Wednesday that "every Texan who needs access to a hospital bed will have access to a hospital bed." The state has 13,645 available beds, 1,508 intensive care unit beds and 5,934 ventilators available, and Wittman noted the state has "the ability to surge capacity in regions across the state if necessary." (Courtesy star-telegram.com)



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美女修脚

林念北大学毕业后，自己创业，开了一家修脚店，得到了全家人的反对，她妈妈吴美丽更是气得住进了医院。

林念北没日没夜地在床前伺候，吴美丽也没给她好脸色看。闺女不听话，干修脚这行，找对象也是老大难，当妈的心里急啊。

林念北从事修脚让人觉得奇怪，可是还有比这更怪的——原来本市资产最雄厚的华联股份的老总，竟然在电视上给儿子打出了征婚广告，除了年龄要求30岁以下外，规定报名的女孩必须是从事理发的、修脚的、当厨师的，除了这三个行业，其他一概不考虑，你说怪不怪？

华联股份不仅是全市的纳税大户，还建起了全市最大的一家养老机构，免费让没儿没女70岁以上的老年人入住，在社会上的口碑那是响当当的。老总盛百万的儿子盛春天，更是年轻有为，30岁不到，现在是企业的一位部门经理，人们都说将来华联股份迟早是盛春天的。

天上掉馅饼了。当一个要好的姐妹跑到医院，把这个消息告诉吴美丽时，吴美丽的病第一时间全好了。出院后，她直接去华联股份给女儿林念北报了名。

对征婚这事，林念北有点排斥，尤其是全市第一企业的公子哥征婚，林念北更是有点嗤之以鼻，可是一想到妈妈替自己着急的样子，林念北没再坚持，答应可以去试试。

林念北是抱着玩的心态去的，没想到，在资格审查阶段，她和另外5位姑娘竟然入选了。入选的6人，除了林念北从事修脚行业，1个女孩从事厨师行业外，其他4人都是理发的。看来，女孩子修脚还真没人看好。

接下来是考试。第一关，竟然是考理发，时间定在三天后。

林念北对理发就是个门外汉。不过这不要紧，吴美丽第一时间给她请了名

师，让她抓紧学。

临阵磨枪，不快也光。三天后，林念北给人理起发来，就有点像模像样了。吴美丽的头发也不知被林念北折腾了多少遍，熟人现在见了她，恐怕都不敢认了。不过，为了闺女的婚姻大事，吴美丽豁出去了。

林念北学理发，根本就是人多掌握一门技术的角度出发的，可是没承想，她竟然顺利通过了这第一关。第一关过后，还剩下林念北、厨师女和一个理发女，竞争还是相当激烈。

第二关考的是炒菜。这一关，那个厨师女洋洋得意，看来，她是志在必得。不过，林念北从小在家就帮妈妈做家务，炒几个小菜，对她来说，也不在话下。

林念北做的是一盘五花肉炒芹菜，这完全是吴美丽的主意。最俗的就是最雅的，吴美丽专门找人从乡下买来了上好的土猪五花肉，还买到了用泉水浇灌长大的芹菜。还别说，有了这两样食材，林念北做出来的五花肉炒芹菜，味道还真没的说。

另外两个姑娘，一个做了糖醋鱼，一个做了葱烧海参，看来都是请了名家指点的，做得都有鼻子有眼，味道也让人叫绝。

这一关考试的结果是三个人都顺利过关。接下来是第三关，也是最后一关，这一关考的是修脚，正是林念北的特长。吴美丽得到消息后，高兴得手舞足蹈，像是林念北已经成了盛氏集团的准儿媳。

可是越擅长的往往越容易马虎大意。林念北竟然在这一关栽了跟头，她在往洗脚水中加艾叶时，竟然稀里糊涂地加成了菊花，也不知这姑娘当时在想什么。

最后，华联股份的老总盛百万亲自出场，请最后入围的三位姑娘还有她们

的父母，一块儿去全市最有名的成和酒店吃饭，说是谁入选他们盛氏集团的准儿媳，将在宴会上当场公布。

酒过三巡，菜过五味之后，终于有人等不及了，一个劲儿地要求公布入选者姓名。

盛百万笑眯眯地站起来，当场宣布，林念北将成为他们华联股份盛氏集团的准儿媳，而且华联股份的那家养老机构正缺一个像林念北这样的当家人。盛百万说，三轮考试让他看到了林念北这姑娘的服务态度和技术，他很满意。

林念北倒没看出什么来，吴美丽已经高兴得几乎要昏厥了，一个劲儿地连说“老天有眼”。

这时，盛春天一身名牌西装，款款地步入了宴会厅。

吴美丽一看，愣住了，原来这个盛春天她认识，就是前几天跟她一个病房一口一个“阿姨”叫得她心里怪热乎的那个小家伙。盛春天跟林念北也见过面，而且两个人还很聊得来。

只见盛春天走到吴美丽面前，亲切地叫了声“阿姨”。吴美丽激动得眼泪都出来了。

盛春天说：“阿姨，当我看到念北在病房里给您洗脚的那一刻，我就深深喜欢上她了。”

原来，盛春天得了严重的伤寒，住进了医院，原本住的是贵宾病房，那天他感觉好点了，出门散步，在走廊里看到了端着洗脚水的林念北。接着，他透过病房的玻璃门看到了林念北给吴美丽洗脚的场景。

后来，吴美丽邻床的病友出院了，盛春天找人把自己从贵宾病房调到了那个病床上，跟吴美丽成了同一个病房的病友。盛春天隐瞒了自己的身份，一来二去，跟吴美丽一家人熟悉了，而且很快赢得了吴美丽和林念北的好感。

为了让爸爸盛百万接受林念北，盛春天想出了这个征婚的办法，并征得了爸爸的同意。

挑明了这一切，盛春天面对林念北，单膝跪下，动情地说：“念北，给我个机会，让我们好好相处，好吗？”

整个宴会，自始至终，林念北一句话也没说。至此，当她看到盛春天跪在面前时，还是没说一句话，只是微笑着跑了出去。盛春天站起来，快步追了出

去。

看到两个年轻人的举动，人们开始起哄，大声喊着“在一起”。

成和酒店外面，林念北对追上来的盛春天说：“春天，谢谢你，通过这个方法，让我妈接受了我干修脚这一行。”

盛春天说：“客气啥，谁叫我喜欢上你了呢？”

林念北故作生气地说：“哼，美的你，接不接受你，还得看你能不能通过我的考试呢？”

盛春天自信地说：“没问题。什么样的考试，我都接受。”

这一刻，成和酒店里面，吴美丽端着酒杯，走到盛百万面前，笑着说：“百万，谢谢你让念北去你的养老机构工作。念北终于可以不用再干修脚了，太感谢你了。”

盛百万说：“老同学之间就不用客气了。不过，我最愿意看到的还是念北这孩子给我当儿媳。”

吴美丽说：“孩子们的事，咱当家长的就不要干涉了，还是看他们自己的意思吧。”说着，她和盛百万都笑了。

