Good evening,

Please find today's Daily COVID-19 Update below and attached. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you,

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**INFORMS Members in the News**

* [Morning Report - Trump to Democratic negotiators: 'They know my phone number' (The Hill)](https://thehill.com/homenews/morning-report/511432-the-hills-morning-report)

Member: Sheldon Jacobson

* [Professor warns that university towns in Illinois vulnerable for COVID-19 spread (The Center Square)](https://www.thecentersquare.com/illinois/professor-warns-that-university-towns-in-illinois-vulnerable-for-covid-19-spread/article_28a7969a-db2d-11ea-bd17-7f9d50de603c.html)

Member: Sheldon Jacobson

* [Specialized clinics could ‘flatten curve’ of pandemics, influenza outbreaks, NCSU study finds (WRAL Tech Wire)](https://www.wraltechwire.com/2020/08/10/specialized-clinics-could-flatten-curve-of-pandemics-influenza-outbreaks-ncsu-study-finds/)

Member: Julie Swann

**U.S. Federal Policy Update**

* The Food & Drug Administration released [three guidance’s](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/coronavirus-covid-19-drugs/hand-sanitizers-covid-19) for companies and employers to meet the increased need for hand sanitizer amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
* The White House published a [readout](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/readout-vice-presidents-governors-briefing-covid-19-response-best-practices-081020/) from Vice President Mike Pence’s briefing with governors on COVID-19 response and best practices.
* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an [update](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/overview/index.html) of its COVID-19 and IPC Overview, which is a resource that provides information on infection prevention and control priorities in non-U.S. healthcare settings.

**Global Response**

* Pan American Health Organization Director Carissa Etienne cautioned that the Americas “remain under the grip of COVID-19,” warning that “people are dying at higher rates than normal – especially because of the impact of this pandemic on essential health services.”
* The New Zealand government announced that they were moving back to level 3 coronavirus restrictions after a growth in local infections, which will – among other things – require restaurants and other non-essential businesses to close their operations.
* French Prime Minister Jean Castex extended the government’s ban on mass gatherings of over 5,000 people until October 30th.
* Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard stated that the country will begin their phase 3 vaccine trials from one US company (Janssen Pharmaceuticals) and two Chinese companies (Cansino Biologics Inc and Walvax Biotechnology).

**State Update**

* Ohio Governor Mike DeWine responded to Trump’s executive orders over the weekend, stating that the state government will not have the ability to contribute to the unemployment benefits as mandated by one of the orders – emphasizing that “there’s no money in the unemployment fund to do this.”
* Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced that it’s imperative for students to return to school in the fall, stating that “if Connecticut can’t get their kids back into the classroom safely – no state can.”
* Governor Chris Sununu announced that any gatherings of more than 100 people will be required to have attendees wearing facial coverings.

**Economic Update**

* U.S. stocks were on the decline today, with all three indices closing the day with decreases. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 1.69%, the S&P 500 by 0.80%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 0.38%.

**Latest Impact Data**

* In the United States: Over 5,300,914 cases and 167,472 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
* Worldwide: Over 20,486,643 and 743,952 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

**In the News**

* [Derailment of small business rescue clouds U.S. recovery (Politico)](https://www.politico.com/news/2020/08/11/derailment-small-business-recovery-393909)
* [McConnell: Time to restart coronavirus talks (The Hill)](https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/511554-mcconnell-time-to-restart-coronavirus-talks-amid-stalemate-on-deal)
* [White House clarifies limits of jobless aid plan as talks with Congress dim (The Washington Post)](https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2020/08/11/trump-unemployment-aid-congress/?hpid=hp_hp-banner-main_bailouthill-6p%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans)
* [White House, congressional Democrats go fourth day without coronavirus talks (Reuters)](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-congress/white-house-congressional-democrats-go-fourth-day-without-coronavirus-talks-idUSKCN2572I0)