

COVID-19 Travel Trade Update

US Markets

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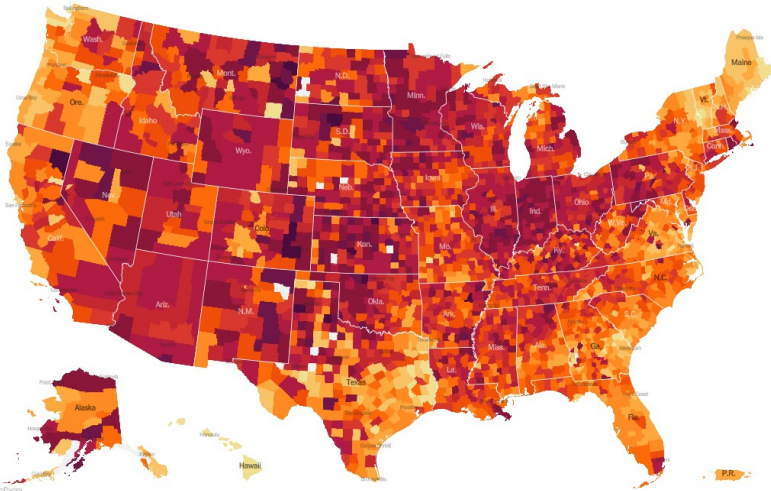
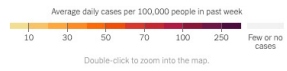
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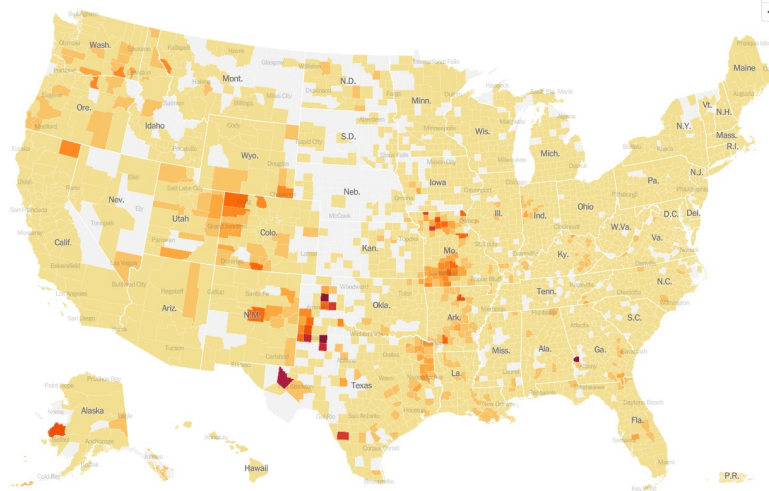
COVID-19 Infections

Average daily cases per 100,000 people in past week

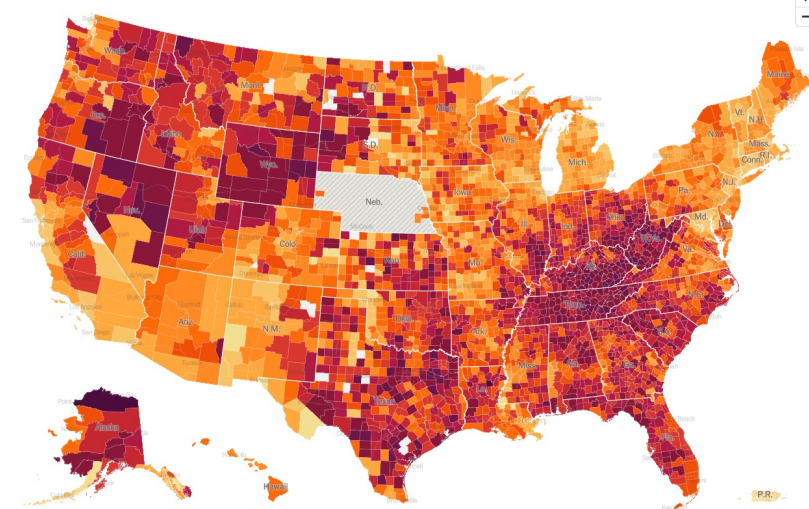
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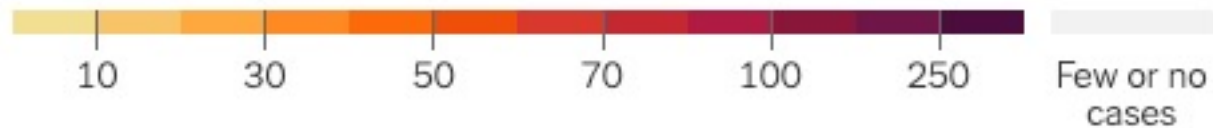
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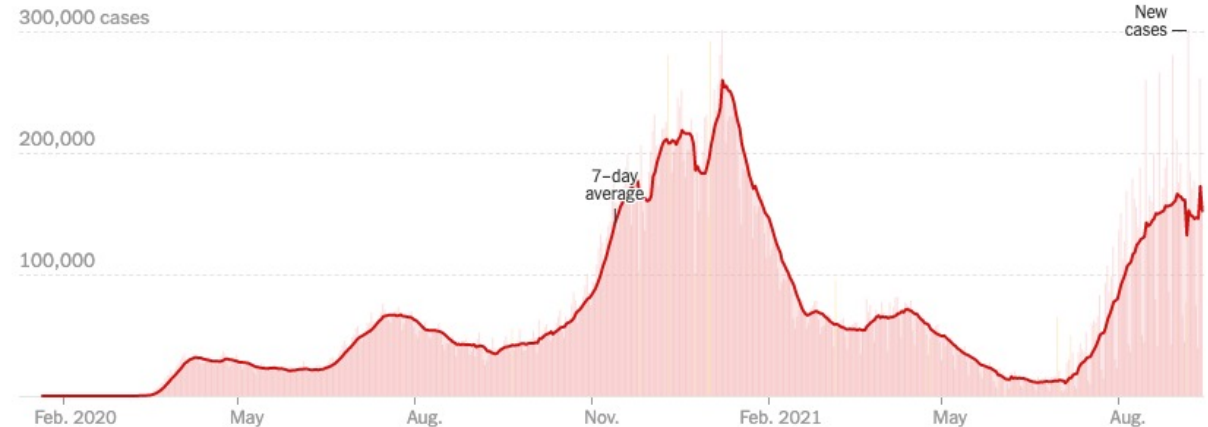
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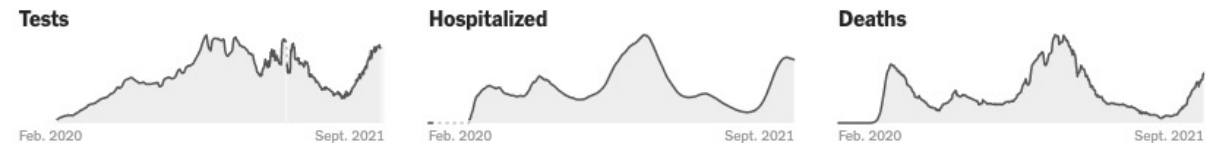
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- An average of 150,000 new cases per day (was less than 15,000 new cases per day in June and nearly 300,000 in January)
- An average of 1,888 deaths per day (was 350 deaths per day in June and over 3,000 in January)
- 4% of the world’s population, 14.6% of COVID deaths (down from 20%)
- Active cases of 2,876/100,000 population (was 1,535 in June and nearly 5,000 in Jan)
- 682,400+ deaths – more than World War II, Korea and Vietnam wars combined
- Americans still not permitted to freely enter Norway and Norwegians still not permitted to freely enter the USA

New reported cases



These are days with a reporting anomaly. Read more [here](#).



| | DAILY AVG. ON SEPT. 14 | 14-DAY CHANGE | TOTAL REPORTED |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cases | 152,177 | -5% | 41,448,621 |
| Tests | 1,583,940 | +16% | — |
| Hospitalized | 99,275 | -3% | — |
| Deaths | 1,888 | +40% | 664,231 |

COVID-19 Situation Update

- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has now received full approval from the American FDA whereas it was only previously authorized by an “Emergency Use Authorization” (EUA). This full approval has opened the door to vaccine mandates. Similar approval is expected for Moderna and J&J vaccines which were initially approved for emergency use after Pfizer.
- The US is anxiously anticipating authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for use in children younger than 12 years old. This could come as soon as October and is expected to cover children ages 5-12 years old, which could mean all children in schools would be eligible for vaccines.
- It is largely believed that the US has reached the limit of voluntarily vaccinations. Therefore, President Biden has in the last week mandated the full vaccination of all federal employees, federal contractors and Medicaid- and Medicare-funded health care facility workers. He also directed the Labor Department to draft an emergency rule requiring private companies with 100 or more employees to ensure their workers are either fully vaccinated or take weekly Covid tests. These rules would cover over 100 million Americans. Vaccine mandates in the US are extremely controversial.
- Vast differences in vaccine and masking policies from state-to-state. For example, Florida now seeing the worst effects of COVID-19 to date with hospitals overflowing and deaths surpassing 200/day.
- Travel ban against European citizens remains in place as does ban prohibiting American tourists from visiting Norway.



COVID-19 Situation Update (cont)

- Booster shots are top of mind across the US right now however guidance for their application is still a bit muddled. As of now Pfizer is giving booster doses to those that need them (immuno compromised) and Moderna is working on a half-dose booster that is expected to be administered 8 months following second dose.
- All individuals (citizens and non-citizens) entering the United States are required to be tested within three days prior to arrival. One particular home test is now approved by CDC for this use and travelers can take it with them when they depart the US initially.
- After failing to develop a digital health passport for the US, many European (and other nations) have given in to accepting the US CDC vaccine card as proof of vaccination.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.
 Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

Last Name: *Digregorio* First Name: *David* MI: *[redacted]*

Date of birth: *[redacted]* Patient number (medical record or IIS record number): *[redacted]*

| Vaccine | Product Name/Manufacturer Lot Number | Date | Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 st Dose COVID-19 | <i>moderna</i> <i>014M20A</i> | <i>[redacted]</i> mm dd yy | <i>Lincoln HI</i> <i>DOH</i> |
| 2 nd Dose COVID-19 | <i>MODERNA</i> <i>010B21A</i> | <i>[redacted]</i> mm dd yy | <i>A. LINCOLN HS</i> <i>DOH</i> |
| Other | | mm / dd / yy | |
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COVID-19 and Travel

- While air travel neared pre-pandemic levels in July, flight bookings dipped in August amid soaring infection rates fueled by the highly contagious delta variant.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screened less than 1.4 million travelers last Tuesday, the lowest single-day total since early May, and a 34 percent decrease from the same day in 2019.
- Flight bookings for Labor Day weekend were down 15 percent from pre-pandemic levels as of late August, according to Adobe Digital Insights.
- International travel remains 55 percent below 2019 levels, according to industry trade group Airlines for America.
- Although Americans generally continue to see travel and leisure activities as safe rather than unsafe, air travel, indoor attractions and restaurants have suffered notable declines in safety perceptions.
- The percentage of American travelers with travel plans over the next six months remains strong at 88 percent, though more than 3 in 10 American travelers report that the delta variant is having a negative impact on their travel plans. According to an executive at the U.S. Travel Association, domestic business travel sentiment has also declined considerably in recent weeks.



Key Takeaways

- 1. The United States is still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic with many key metrics moving in the wrong direction since June.**
- 2. Voluntary vaccinations have peaked creating a “Pandemic of the Unvaccinated” and spurring both controversial vaccine mandates and equally controversial resistance to vaccines and masking.**
- 3. Americans are continuing to book travel, although positive sentiment has decreased since the height of the summer.**
- 4. Norway continues to be closed to Americans making it very difficult for American tour operators and travel advisors with diminished resources to prioritize against destinations currently open and ready to be sold.**



Thank You

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