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Illinois COVID-19 Open Source Reporting

Madison County will reopen Wednesday, defying Illinois' coronavirus stay-at-home order

Starting Wednesday, Madison County will begin its phased plan to reopen the county, officially going against Gov. J.B. Pritzker's statewide plan to reopen Illinois. The county Board of Health on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to approve the resolution, 26-2, becoming one of the first counties in Illinois to defy the statewide stay-at-home order. The four-phase plan will begin Wednesday, May 13, and stretch until late June. The final phase is estimated to begin June 27 and amounts to the total reopening of the county. During the meeting, State's Attorney Tom Gibbons said the resolution and plan were only recommendations to county residents and emphasized that they were not legally enforceable. "This is, as it's titled, a set of recommended guidelines for reopening," Gibbons said.

Source: <https://www.bnd.com/news/local/article242685486.html>

Illinois numbers adjusted to account for non-COVID cause of death

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) includes everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 in their daily count, including the number of deaths, even if the virus didn't kill them. As of Tuesday, May 12, more than 3,600 with COVID-19 have died in Illinois. "We are reporting those deaths that have laboratory confirmation, meaning that they have been tested and a laboratory test indicates that they were COVID positive," Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of IDPH, said. However, that does not mean every one of these people died from the virus. "There are also some additional deaths that happen in someone who happened to be COVID positive, but where the COVID infection had nothing to do with the deaths," Dr. Ezike said. Dr. Ezike said it is now time to adjust the numbers to reflect the actual death toll from COVID-19.

Source: <https://newschannel20.com/news/local/illinois-numbers-adjusted-to-account-for-non-covid-cause-of-death>

COVID-19: Testing efforts underway at the Illinois Veterans Home

The Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy ramped up COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, amidst a number of precautionary measures to help protect residents. The Illinois Veterans Home currently does not have any confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, and officials are working hard to keep it that way. At last check, more than 750 residents and staff had been tested since testing got underway Tuesday morning. The goal is to administer over 900 tests.

Source: <https://khqa.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-testing-efforts-underway-at-the-illinois-veterans-home>

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Coronavirus Chicago updates for May 12: Illinois provides hospitals \$75M to continue pandemic fight

Illinois hospitals have started to receive \$75 million in new stability payments to help fight COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) announced Tuesday. The funds are meant to help hospitals provide essential COVID-19 services to their communities. Stability payments are being issued in installments until July 1 through the state's Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) partners. Hospitals began receiving the first installments in late April.

Source: <https://wgntv.com/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-chicago-updates-for-may-12/>

Illinois Receives Drug Meant To Shorten COVID-19 Recovery

The state of Illinois is distributing its first shipment of a drug that may decrease the recovery time for COVID-19 patients. Illinois received 140 cases of the clinical trial drug Remdesivir on Saturday. The drugs were shipped to 14 hospitals around the state. Hospitals receiving the drug serve the most critically ill patients, are safety net hospitals, or are treating large communities of color. Supplies could treat about 700 patients.

Source: <https://www.wjol.com/illinois-receives-drug-meant-to-shorten-covid-19-recovery/>

National COVID-19 Open Source Reporting

Fauci: We don't have the coronavirus outbreak under control

The coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. appears to be "going in the right direction," but the nation does not have it under control, Dr. Anthony Fauci said. "If you think we have it completely under control, no we don't," said Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Fauci added that while in some states, such as New York, the number of new cases appears to be going down, but there are other areas in the nation where new cases are rising. When you look at the dynamics of new cases, even though some are coming down, the curve looks flat with some slight coming down," Fauci said. "So I think we're going in the right direction, but the right direction does not mean we have by any means total control of this outbreak."

Source: https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/fauci-testifies-coronavirus-05-12-2020/h_e3a4fa3f9fad41ed91185456741e76e5?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twCNN&utm_content=2020-05-12T16%3A18%3A25&utm_term=link

California state universities to cancel most in-person classes through fall semester

The California State University system plans to cancel nearly all in-person classes through the fall semester to reduce spread of coronavirus. The CSU system, which comprises 23 universities across the state, will be moving most instruction online, Chancellor Timothy White announced Tuesday at a Board of Trustees meeting. The California State University system is the nation's largest four-year public university system with a total enrollment of more than 480,000 students, according to the CSU. A CSU spokesperson confirmed the plans to CNN and said additional details will be released later today. In-person classes at CSU campuses have been canceled since

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March and have since moved to online only. The CSU has previously announced students applying for admission will not be required to take the SAT or ACT.

Source: https://www.cnn.com/us/live-news/us-coronavirus-update-05-12-20/h_4286e1978fceb45345c2ef9b640b25b3

Moderna's experimental coronavirus vaccine gets FDA's 'fast track' status

Moderna Inc. said on Tuesday the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted "fast track" designation to its experimental coronavirus vaccine to speed up the regulatory review process. The company has been racing to develop a safe and effective vaccine against the novel coronavirus that has killed more than 285,000 people globally. It expects to start a late-stage study of the vaccine in early summer. There are no approved treatments or vaccines for the COVID-19 respiratory illness caused by the new coronavirus, though some drugs are being used on patients under an emergency-use authorization. The agency's fast track status is designed to expedite the review of treatments and vaccines meant for serious conditions. A vaccine or treatment that gets the status is eligible for more frequent meetings with the FDA.

Source: <https://news.trust.org/item/20200512112807-gc7p1>

U.S. Customs seize shipments of counterfeit PPE, unapproved COVID-19 drugs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection have been seizing shipments of counterfeit personal protective equipment and unapproved substances said to be medications for COVID-19 in the area. The Baltimore Field Office of the CBP said in a statement Monday that last week they seized a shipment of 1,200 Linhua Qingwen capsules — their effectiveness against COVID-19 is unknown, the agency said, and they are still unapproved for use in the U.S. The parcel had been shipped from Hong Kong and was headed for an address in Union County, Pennsylvania.

Source: <https://wtop.com/coronavirus/2020/05/us-customs-seize-shipments-of-counterfeit-ppe-unapproved-covid-19-drugs/>

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