



AGENDA

PINE COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

District 1	Commissioner Hallan
District 2	Commissioner Mohr
District 3	Commissioner Chaffee
District 4	Commissioner Mikrot
District 5	Commissioner Ludwig

SPECIAL MEETING-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, June 29, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

The Governor of the State of Minnesota has issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19. On March 24, 2020 the Pine County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency for Pine County.

Based on these conditions, the Chair of the Pine County Board of Commissioners has determined that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subd. (1) have been met and it is not practical or prudent for members of the county board to meet in person. Members of the county board will join the meeting remotely.

The public is invited to join the meeting remotely: by phone call 1-650-215-5226, (access code): 163 076 2722, (password): z5rY4MHPa2W for WebEx. Click the link on the county website (www.co.pine.mn.us) for more information and to watch a live stream broadcast of the meeting.

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Adopt Agenda
- 4) CARES Act Funding Discussion
- 5) Coronavirus Response Update / Public Health Update
- 6) Adjourn



COVID-19: Where are we and where are we going?

Pine County Public Health

Data current as of 6/24/2020



What PCPH is doing?

- ▶ Case Investigation and Contact Tracing (CICT)
 - ▶ Types of questions being asked, how it works
- ▶ Hotline
 - ▶ Still available to the community
- ▶ Essential Services
 - ▶ Required to provide for basic needs to facilitate someone isolating or quarantining
 - ▶ Food, medication, housing, etc.
 - ▶ Anyone in isolation/quarantine qualifies, work to meet needs of individual
- ▶ Consultation as needed to businesses or organizations in community

Pine County Case Count

97 cases*

Age range 1-74
years old

0 deaths

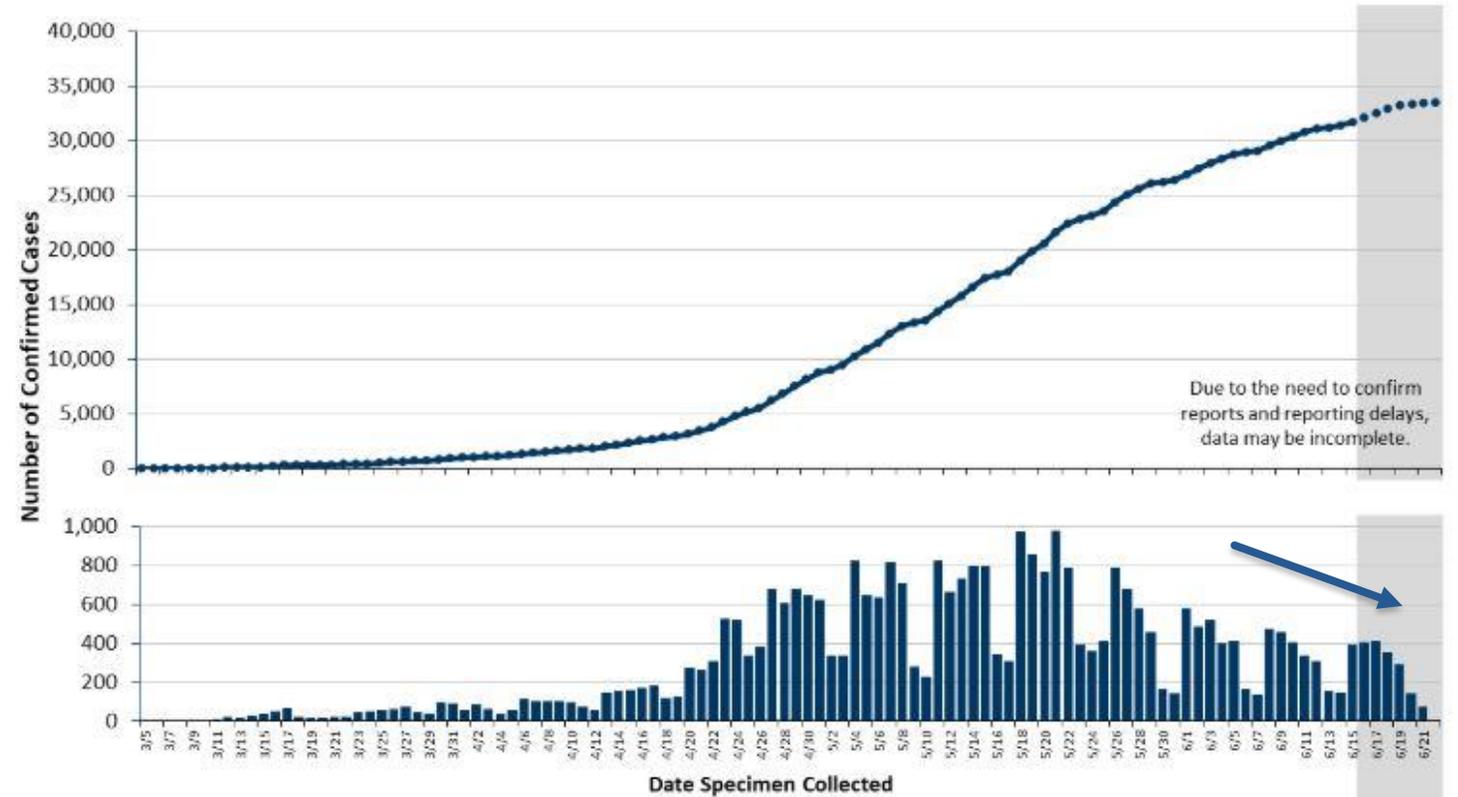
2
hospitalizations

New cases are
found within the
community, not
the prison.

*Lower than actual number of cases in community due to people not getting tested

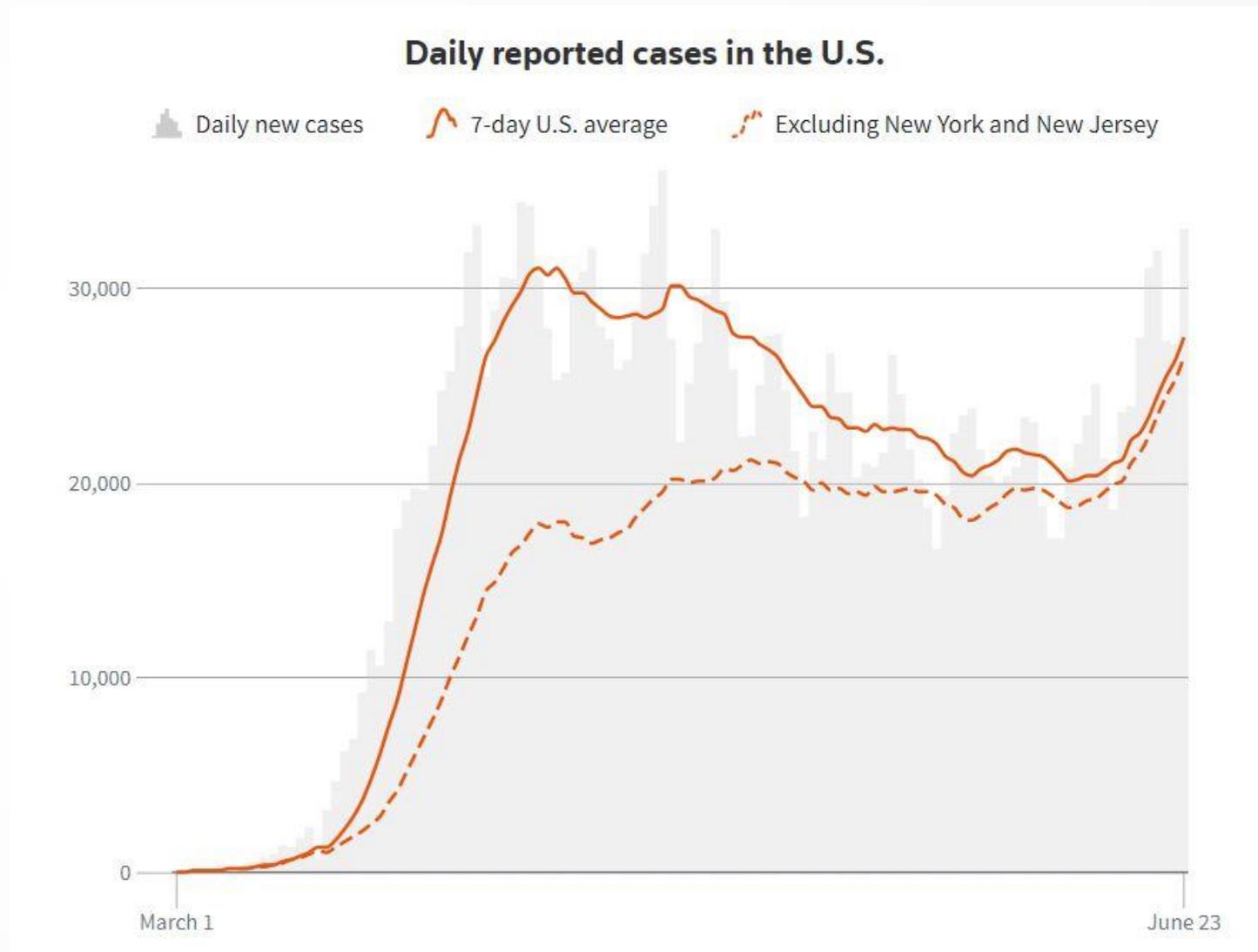
Minnesota

- 33,763 cases to date
- New cases hovering between 200-400 a day.
- 1,397 deaths
- Minnesota is amongst the almost half of states showing a decrease in new cases.



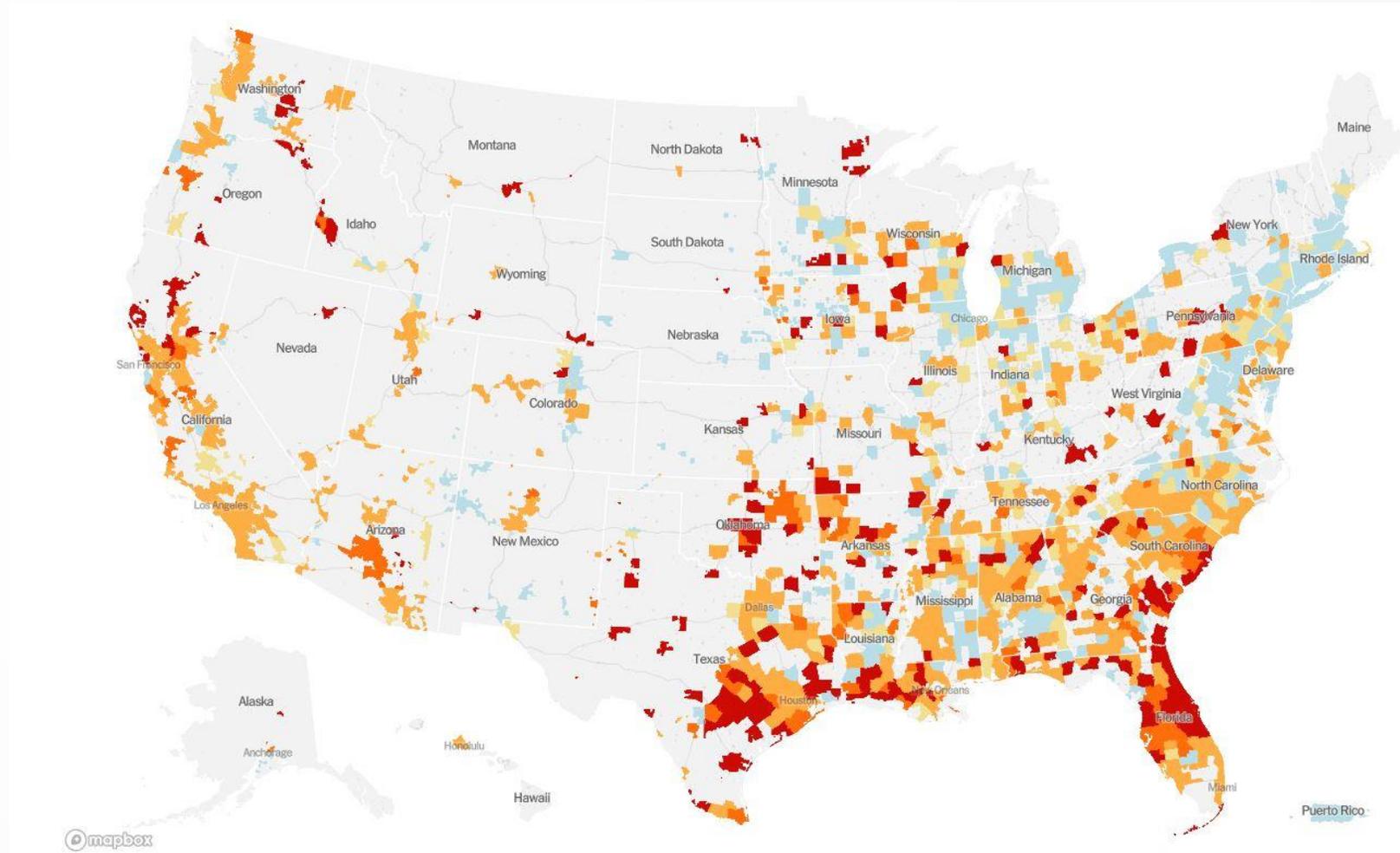
National Level

- 2.3 million cases
- 121,000 deaths
- If deaths continue at this rate
 - will be the 3rd leading cause of death in US, behind heart disease and cancer.
 - About 1 out of every 10 deaths will be caused by COVID.
- Trend:
 - Weekly cases fall every week of May.
 - 6/1 - 3% increase
 - 6/8 - 1% increase
 - 6/15 - 25% increase
- Stay at home orders slowed the exponential growth.

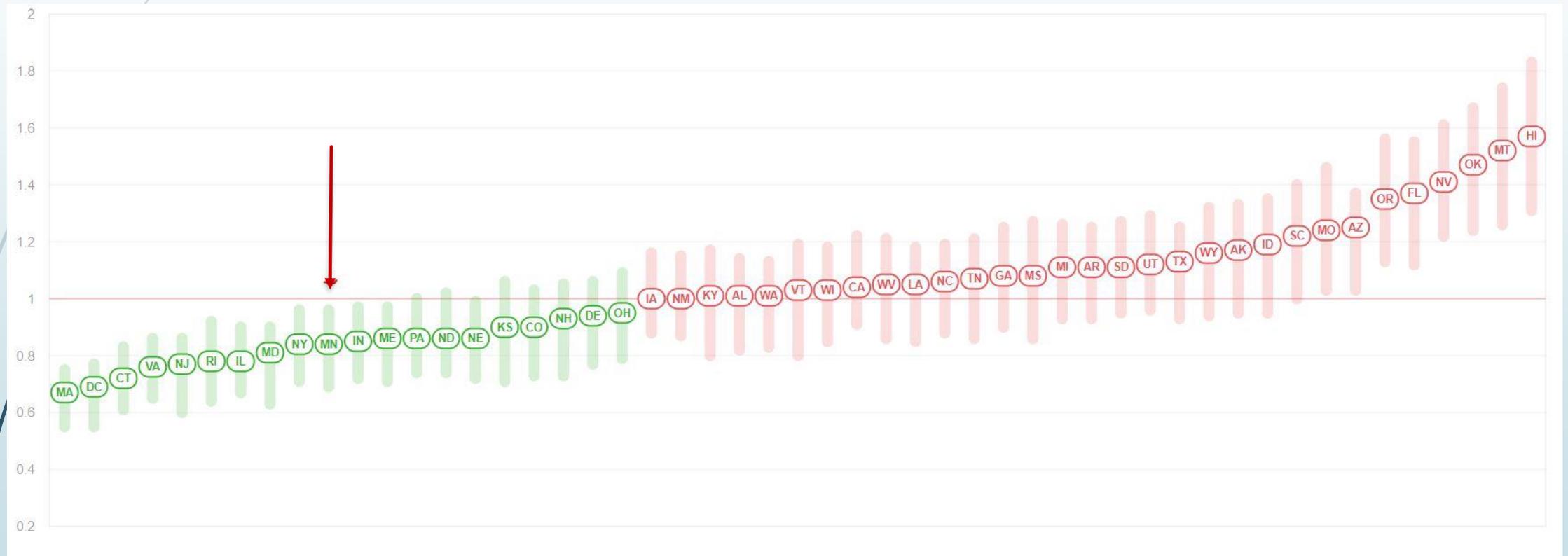


Hot Spots

- ▶ How the number of cases have changed over the past two weeks
 - ▶ Blue = falling
 - ▶ Pale yellow = steady
 - ▶ Dark yellow, orange, red = increasing
- ▶ With reopening, the goal is manageable, steady growth – not a flood with exponential growth.

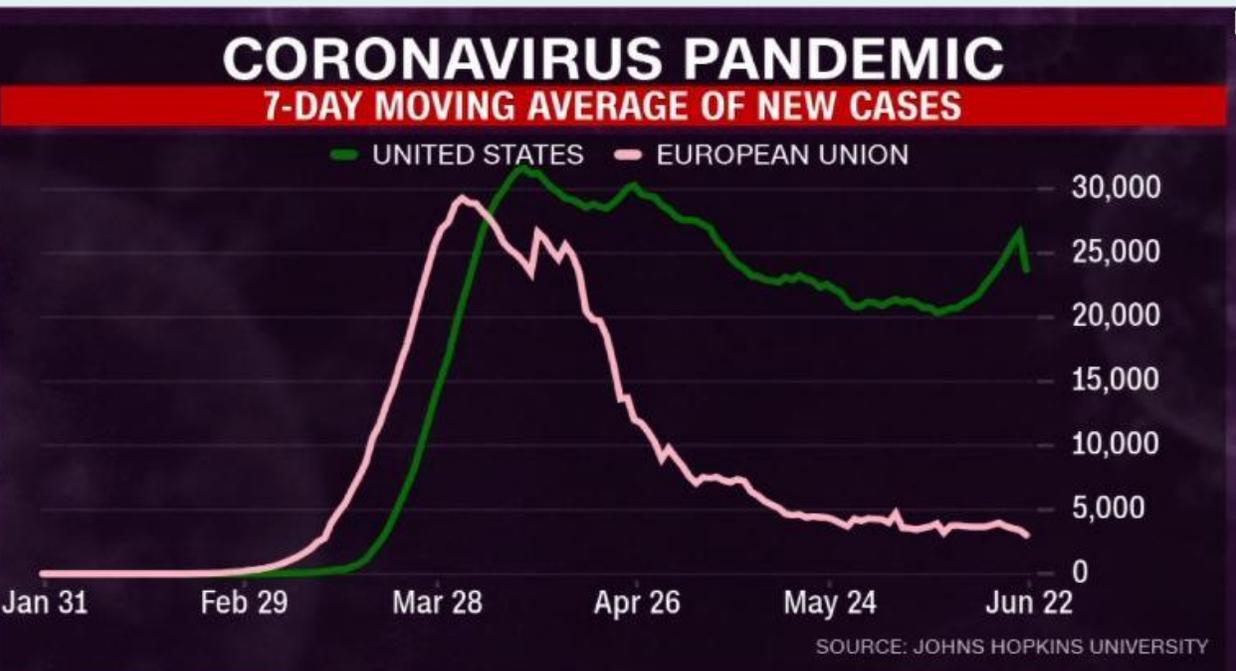
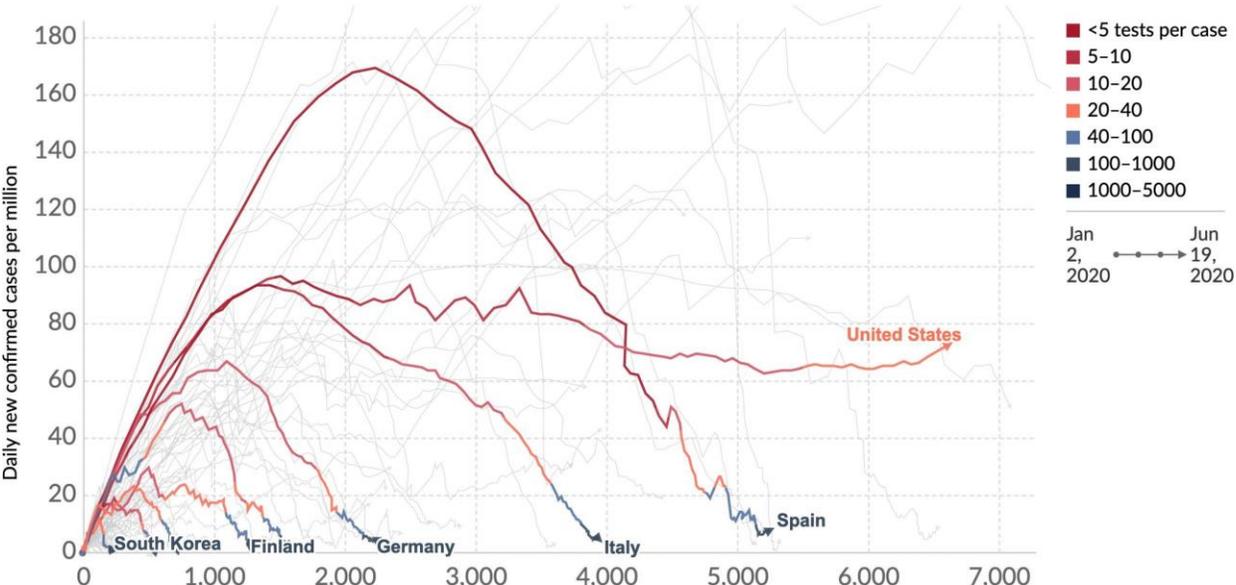


Effective R0 in every state (6/23/2020)



COVID-19 per million: Daily new confirmed cases vs cumulative cases

The line is blue when a country performs many tests relative to the size of the outbreak. Red indicates a low number of tests per case. This suggests that the true number of infections may be far higher than the number of confirmed cases.



US vs Europe

US not seeing same steady decline Europe is



US vs Europe

- ▶ Why compare Western Europe vs US
 - ▶ Similar population size, 1/8th the number of cases
 - ▶ Better comparison than places like South Korea or Singapore, which have dealt with larger pandemics more recently so were more prepared.
- ▶ Why is the US consistently been worse off than other European countries?
 - ▶ Piecemeal approach
 - ▶ Politicized
 - ▶ Push by some to reopen as soon as possible, defying PH guidance
 - ▶ Lack of consistency around basic public health guidance from leadership (mask wearing, testing)
 - ▶ Lack of trust in science
- ▶ European Union to ban travel from US indefinitely



What's helping? What's hurting?

Pushing curve down

- ▶ Wearing masks around other people.
- ▶ How willing people are to following guidance on social distancing.
- ▶ Being outside – the more the air circulates, the quicker the virus dissipates.

Pushing curve up

- ▶ Spending more time indoors – closed air system (air conditioning down south)
- ▶ Relaxing stay at home restrictions early – opening up businesses, restaurants, recreation.
- ▶ Lack of compliance
 - ▶ Survey showed only 1/3 of people wear masks every time they're in public.
- ▶ Protests are NOT having a significant impact

Change the mindset

Cases are low

"Why are we doing all this work when there aren't a lot of cases?"

"I'm glad the interventions are working and everyone is working together to keep cases low."

High number of cases

"Why are we doing all this work when it's not making a difference?"

"What do we need to do better to keep our community safe?"

Low cases just in our area

"Well it's not happening here so why worry about it? We're fine."

"Let's keep doing what we need to so our cases stay low."

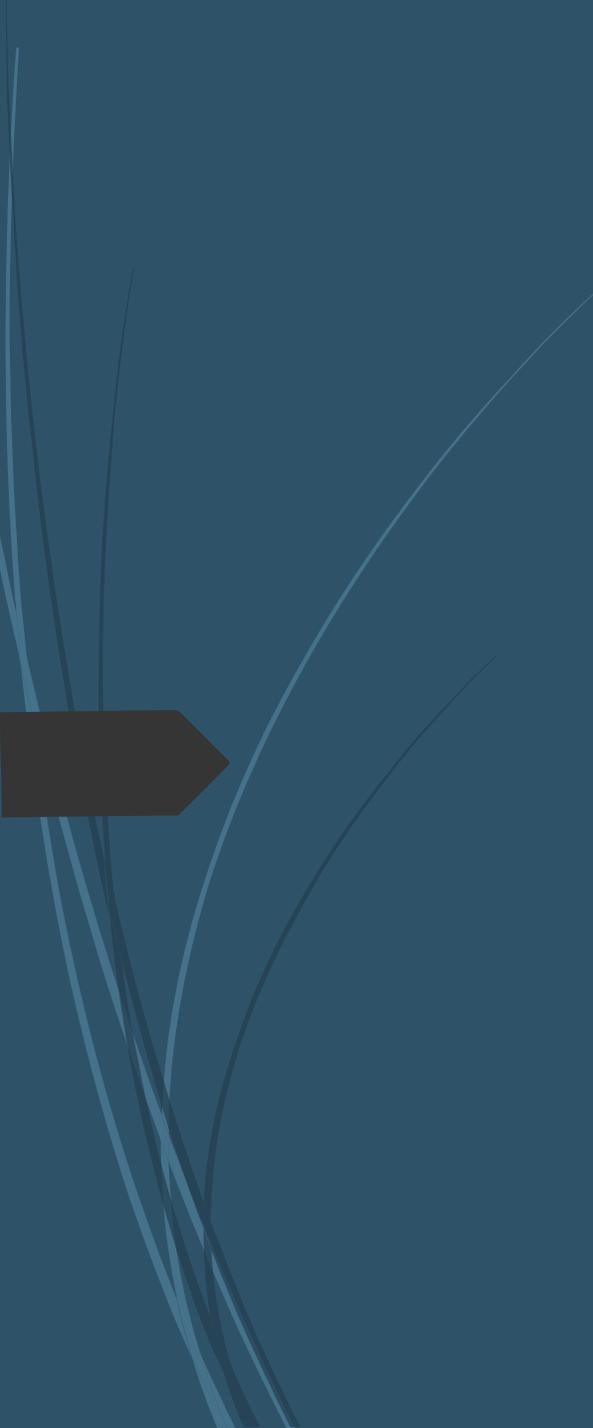
Just the flu?

	COVID-19 (6 months)	1918 Pan Flu (over 2 years)	2018 Flu season (fall '18-spring '19)
Cases in US	2.35 million	25-30 million est.	3.5 million est.
Deaths in US	121,000	675,000	34,000 est.
Cases globally	9.3 million	500 million est.	?
Deaths globally	480,000	17-100 million est.	250-500,000 est.
Seasonality	Probably not	Yes	Yes
Mutates?	Not often	Frequently	Frequently



Moving Forward

- ▶ Not going away. Pandemic fatigue is setting in, people are over it.
- ▶ Cycling through our communities for months (years?) to come.
 - ▶ Right now an estimated **5%** of US have had COVID-19.
 - ▶ Herd immunity is achieved when we reach about **70%** of community is immune. Happens when either everyone catches the disease or a vaccine is created.
- ▶ Balancing act:
 - ▶ Public health
 - ▶ Economics/Business
 - ▶ Healthcare capacity
- ▶ Need to be playing the long game – how can we successfully live with this while reducing risks as we wait for a vaccine?



Questions?