LOUISIANA STATE FUSION CENTER CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
COVID-19 OUTBREAK SPECIAL REPORT
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CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 GLOBAL CASES BY THE CENTER FOR SYSTEMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (CSSE) AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (JHU)
(JHU) Global case tracking and statistics.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK TIMELINE MAP
(HealthMap) Interactive timeline of the outbreak from initial cases to the present.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SITUATION DASHBOARD (WHO)
(WHO) Dashboard for World Health Organization tracking of the outbreak.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (LDH)
(LDH) Louisiana-specific tracking of the outbreak.

FIRST RESPONDER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COVID 19
(HSToday) First responder-specific resources and articles. See linked HSIN posting.

WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
(CDC) Resources for law enforcement officers. See linked HSIN posting.

POLICE & FIRE FAQS - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
(Los Angeles Public Health) Frequently asked questions for emergency services. See linked HSIN posting.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
(CDC) Steps to follow if you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. See linked HSIN posting.

CORONAVIRUS: THE NEW DISEASE COVID-19 EXPLAINED
The Covid-19 outbreak caused China to put much of the country into lockdown but the virus has spread rapidly around the world. Many countries are quarantining travelers from overseas. Find out how it all began.

LOUISIANA NEWS

LOUISIANA ENTERS PHASE 1 OF STATEWIDE REOPENING FRIDAY

Once a hot spot for coronavirus infections, Louisiana is officially easing up Friday on economically devastating business closures and public gathering restrictions that Gov. John Bel Edwards credits with slowing the spread of the virus. With certain limitations, most Louisiana residents can eat inside restaurants again. Indoor church services can resume. Those wanting some exercise can work out in fitness centers. Barbers and hair and nail salons can open again. The limitations: Restaurants, gyms, churches and other service providers where customers enter and linger will have strict limits on capacity. Retail stores, many of which were already able to open under earlier restrictions, still must maintain social distancing from, and among, customers. On Friday, casinos will be allowed to open 50% of their games, such as slot machines and tables, as opposed to the original rule of 25% of gaming positions. The change was ushered in after the state received backlash for the limitations set on the gambling industry.

HOW IS COVID-19 IMPACTING STATE'S HURRICANE RESPONSE PLAN?

As hurricane season nears, the Office of Emergency Preparedness is evaluating its game plan. Hurricane season officially starts on June 1, but with a disturbance in the Atlantic, many people are talking about preparing for whatever this season will bring to our area. Amid the coronavirus pandemic, several of you have asked us how COVID-19 will impact the state's response. "What we don't want to do is to have to change too much on the fly," said Craig Stansbury, the Lafayette Parish Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Stansbury's office is working with the region and state to get a game plan ahead of time, especially in the coronavirus era. "There are some things we're going to have to do a little different and prepare for." Stansbury said they're stocking up on personal protective equipment, sanitizer and disinfectant. "We're going to have masks available for anyone who would have to get on buses, or we would have to transport," Stansbury said. "We'll have masks for first responders, extra disinfectants. Those are some of the basics that we'll have ready that we maybe normally would not."

MOST LA STATE PARKS REOPEN MAY 15

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser announced Wednesday, May 13 that 18 of Louisiana’s 21 state parks will reopen beginning Friday, May 15. All out-of-state bookings at state parks will be canceled through the duration of Phase 1 reopening. Reservations will be taken for campsites, cabins, large capacity lodges, meeting rooms, and group camps at the state’s parks and historic facilities. “The parks will only be able to be enjoyed by Louisiana residents,” Nungesser said during a news conference Wednesday. The lieutenant governor said because of numerous cancellations due to the coronavirus, there’s now plenty of availability at state parks for Louisiana residents. “As we begin a careful, safe process to reopen Louisiana, the tourism and travel industry is faced with the task of recovering to the record-breaking success we saw prior to this crisis,” said Nungesser. “I urge everyone in the state to take this time to be safe, but also get out and enjoy all the wonderful things right here in our backyard, like our state parks, historic sites, and state museums. The road to our recovery starts with the strong people of Louisiana.”
U.S. NEWS

MOST STATES STILL FALL SHORT OF RECOMMENDED TESTING LEVELS
(apnews.com) As businesses reopened Friday in more of the U.S., an overwhelming majority of states still fall short of the COVID-19 testing levels that public health experts say are necessary to safely ease lockdowns and avoid another deadly wave of outbreaks, according to an Associated Press analysis. Rapid, widespread testing is considered essential to tracking and containing the coronavirus. But 41 of the nation’s 50 states fail to test widely enough to drive their infections below a key benchmark, according to an AP analysis of metrics developed by Harvard’s Global Health Institute. Among the states falling short are Texas and Georgia, which moved aggressively last month to reopen stores, malls, barbershops and other businesses. As health authorities expand testing to more people, the number of positive results should shrink compared with the total number of people tested. The World Health Organization and other health researchers have said a percentage above 10% indicates inadequate testing. South Korea, a country praised for its rapid response, quickly pushed its positive cases to below 3%.

U.S. TO STOCKPILE VACCINE CANDIDATES AS TRIALS CONTINUE: HEALTH SECRETARY
(reuters.com) The U.S. government plans to stockpile hundreds of millions of doses of vaccines that are under development to combat the novel coronavirus with the goal of having one or more vaccines ready to deploy by the end of the year, the health secretary said on Friday. “We’ve got over 100 vaccine candidates that have been discovered,” Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar told Fox Business Network. “What we’re doing now is we’re narrowing those down to the core group that we’re going to place huge multi-hundred million dollar bets on and scale massive vaccine domestic production so that we by the end of the year, we hope, would have one or more safe and effective vaccines and hundreds of millions of doses.” The White House has set a target of having 300 million vaccine doses by the end of 2020. No such vaccine for this pathogen has been approved though a number are under development, and producing and distributing an effective vaccine are seen as key steps to jumpstarting the U.S. economy.

WHICH STATES ARE REOPENING? A STATE-BY-STATE GUIDE
(npr.org) Every U.S. state has implemented restrictions designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. Businesses reduced or ceased operations, people transitioned into working and learning remotely, and nonessential activities were paused. At least temporarily, much of the country was under strict orders to stay home. State officials are now charting paths to a new normal, seeking a balance between reopening economies and protecting public health. Many governors are outlining new frameworks and timelines for their states as they ramp up testing and contact tracing efforts. Some have also formed regional partnerships to coordinate economic recovery. Most are releasing general and industry-specific reopening guidelines for businesses and individuals. President Trump's federal guidelines for social distancing and mitigation expired on May 1. Many states are modifying stay-at-home orders, prolonging school closures or delaying elections until after that date. Many are also lifting certain restrictions as they embark on phased-in recovery plans. And while more than half of states have partially reopened, public health experts say that some are doing so too quickly, as they warn of a second wave of infections. At a May 12 Senate hearing, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S.'s top infectious disease expert, expressed concern about some states and localities skipping federal guidelines to open prematurely.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**AS NATIONS REOPEN, WARNING EMERGES ABOUT VIRUS TRACING VOIDS**

(apnews.com) A top world health official Monday warned that countries are essentially driving blind in reopening their economies without setting up strong contact tracing to beat back flare-ups of the coronavirus. The warning came as France and Belgium emerged from lockdowns, the Netherlands sent children back to school, and many U.S. states pressed ahead by lifting business restrictions. Tesla CEO Elon Musk announced the company’s 10,000-worker electric car factory near San Francisco was operating Monday in defiance of coronavirus health orders that closed nonessential businesses. Authorities have cautioned that the scourge could come back with a vengeance without widespread testing and tracing of infected people’s contacts with others. Fears of infection spikes in countries that have loosened up came true in recent days in Germany, where new clusters were linked to three slaughterhouses; in Wuhan, the Chinese city where the crisis started; and in South Korea, where 85 new cases were linked to nightclubs that reopened after anti-virus measures were eased. The World Health Organization’s emergencies chief, Dr. Michael Ryan, said that robust contact tracing measures adopted by Germany and South Korea provide hope that those countries can detect and stop virus clusters before they get out of control.

**MEXICO AT 'PEAK MOMENT' OF CORONAVIRUS CRISIS AFTER BIGGEST DAILY RISE IN CASES**

(bbc.com) Mexico has reached "the peak moment" of its coronavirus outbreak, officials said, as the country recorded its largest one-day rise in cases so far. More than 2,409 new cases of the virus were confirmed on Thursday - the first time this figure has exceeded 2,000. The total number of confirmed cases in the country is now more than 40,000. The grim milestone comes amid preparations to ease lockdown measures and reopen the economy, particularly factories near the border with the U.S. Assistant Health Secretary Hugo López-Gatell - an epidemiologist and Mexico’s coronavirus tsar - described this as "the most difficult moment of the first wave of the epidemic." He said that the country "could not relax measures" in place to stem the spread of the virus, and instead needs to embrace a "new normal" to avoid another wave of infections. On Monday, some key industries - including mining, construction and automobile assembly - are scheduled to partially reopen. Mr. López-Gatell stressed that the re-opening of these industries will be largely preparatory, with a broader restart of businesses not scheduled until June 1.

**VIRUS COULD CUT UP TO 9.7 PERCENT OFF GLOBAL ECONOMY: ADB**

(afp.com) The coronavirus pandemic could cut up to 9.7 percent off the global economy, the Asian Development Bank said Friday, doubling its previous estimate as the virus stifles trade and leaves millions jobless. The estimated impact would cost as much as $8.8 trillion based on a range of scenarios, but ADB said government interventions could help offset the losses inflicted by the crisis. Up to 242 million jobs will be lost due to the virus, more than seven times higher than the employment losses seen during the global financial crisis a decade ago. Foregone labor income could top $1.8 trillion. "These will be difficult to recoup," the Manila-based lender said, warning it could not discount the possibility of a financial crisis if the pandemic was not contained quickly enough to prevent defaults and bankruptcies. The coronavirus has killed 300,140 people worldwide, according to an AFP tally based on official sources. The World Health Organization has said the virus may become just another endemic virus in communities and populations will have to learn to live with it. Over 4.4 million cases have been officially recorded in 196 countries and territories, with the United States recording the most deaths at 85,906. To stem the economic losses, governments have announced a range of stimulus measures such as payroll support to keep jobs, cash transfers and tax breaks. "These helped counteract some of the adverse economic
impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,” ADB said. The bank noted the United States stands to lose up to $2.2 trillion or a tenth of its GDP while losses in China, where the virus first surfaced, could top $1.6 trillion or 11 percent of its economy.

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