MCHD COVID-19 dashboard for April 25, 2020

This is a brief summary as of 9 a.m. from various sources for persons seeking in-depth information. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) is the authoritative source of information.

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<th>Locations</th>
<th>Confirmed cases</th>
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<td>Worldwide</td>
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<td>United States</td>
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<td>Alabama</td>
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<td>Mobile County</td>
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* Johns Hopkins University’s map only lists counties with at least 28 deaths.

Current key points:

- Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for Mobile County, had this comment today, "The title of Ernest Hemingway’s classic novel ‘For Whom the Bell Tolls’ is in reference to church bells that are rung when a person dies. If that took place each hour in Alabama for those who have died so far from COVID-19, the bells would not stop for almost nine days. COVID-19 is still in our community, so we must remain vigilant."

- The number of tested from Mobile County by a lab is 4,402. According to ADPH, the statewide number of total tested is 52,641. The statewide number of hospitalizations is 769.

- On Friday, ADPH announced drive-in COVID-19 testing to be available soon in Chilton, Fayette, Walker and Tuscaloosa counties, as well as the communities of Ozark, Geneva, Lineville and Centre.


- CBS reports Georgia and Alaska started reopening businesses Friday, while Oklahoma and Michigan also had limited re-openings. On Monday, Tennessee, Minnesota and Colorado will join them. In Nebraska, Governor Pete Ricketts is in the process of greenlighting non-essential businesses so they can operate, but not necessarily as usual, Michael George reported for "CBS This Morning: Saturday." "So, the hairstylist will have to wear a mask, the tattoo artist will have to wear a mask, and so will the person who is being served, the customer," said Ricketts.

- San Francisco Mayor London Breed warned on Friday that now is not the time to lose sight of the goal. She said the city's stay-at-home order would likely be extended weeks, even a month, CBS SF Bay Area reports. "What we don't want to see is on nice days like this and other days, people who are out there in the communities, and because they have on a mask, they're still not social distancing themselves from one another," said Breed.

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) warned officials in law enforcement and school systems of the security risks posed by cybercriminals and cyber-actors who might want to exploit what has become the new normal of online learning under COVID-19, according to the notice reviewed by ABC News. "We assess cybercriminals likely view schools’ greater reliance on eLearning tools due to the pandemic as an opportunity to conduct a range of criminal activity
against educational institutions, faculty and students who use these tools,” the April 24 document says.

- CBS reports doctors are hoping stem cell therapy could be a weapon in the fight against coronavirus. On Friday, regenerative medicine company Mesoblast announced a 300-person trial to determine whether stem cell treatments will work in COVID-19 patients suffering from severe lung inflammation. [https://www.cbsnews.com/video/could-stem-cell-therapy-help-treat-coronavirus/](https://www.cbsnews.com/video/could-stem-cell-therapy-help-treat-coronavirus/)

- ABC reports: In response to some governments suggesting that detection of COVID-19 antibodies could serve as the basis of an "immunity passport" that would allow people to travel or return to work assuming they are protected from contracting again or spreading the coronavirus, the World Health Organization issued a warning that said such a program is not backed up by scientific evidence. "There is currently no evidence that people who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies are protected from a second infection," the WHO said in a statement Friday.

- MCHD has started to release information characteristics of Mobile County residents who have been confirmed to have COVID-19. The number had to reach 50 without inadvertently releasing individual information protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. The data provides information on ages, gender, race and hospitalization. Some ZIP Code information is also provided, but because of HIPAA we are not able to release the number of cases for ZIP Codes with less than 20,000 residents. The number of cases in a ZIP Code also had to reach five. This information is available on the “IloveMCHD” Facebook page and [http://mchd.org/General/Bulk_Documents.aspx?type=News&index=3&subindex=1](http://mchd.org/General/Bulk_Documents.aspx?type=News&index=3&subindex=1)

- ADPH has created a coronavirus dashboard map. It is reported in real time. It can be found at [https://alpublichealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/6d2771faa9da4a2786a509d82c8cf0f7](https://alpublichealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/6d2771faa9da4a2786a509d82c8cf0f7). The site also lists testing sites in Alabama, case demographics and case characteristics.

- ADPH also provides additional data elements to describe the state residents who are affected by COVID-19. The new data elements from ADPH can be viewed under the “Current Situation in Alabama” header at alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html.

- MCHD is offering Facebook Live segments providing COVID-19 updates. It is set to run at approximately 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on “IloveMCHD.” It is available to the public to view and the media to share. Recorded segments can also be found on our YouTube channel.

- To sign up for the most recent emails from CDC, go to this page [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

- To see the transcript and audio recording of the latest CDC news conference, go to this page [https://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html)

- To see the Johns Hopkins web-based dashboard on COVID-19 cases, go to this page [https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6](https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6)


- To see ADPH guidance, go to this page [http://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/](http://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/)