MCHD COVID-19 dashboard for April 26, 2020

This is a brief summary as of 10 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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Current key points:

- Dr. Laura Cepeda, Chief Medical Officer for Mobile County Health Department, had this comment today, "Two weeks ago, the U.S. Surgeon General attempted to create context for the anticipated surge when he said that it would be like Pearl Harbor, but as it turned out, more than five times as many Americans died from COVID-19 that week than were killed in the World War II raid."
- The number of tested from Mobile County by a lab is 6,269. According to ADPH, the statewide number of total tested is 71,344. The statewide number of hospitalizations is 845.
- On Sunday, Johns Hopkins University reported while the United States has the most fatalities from COVID-19 (53,755), the percentage of fatalities (5.7) and deaths per 100,000 (16.43) is actually lower than Italy, Spain, France, United Kingdom and Belgium. For a list of results from countries, visit https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has added six new possible symptoms of the novel coronavirus. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. It had previously only noted fever, cough and shortness of breath as possible symptoms of COVID-19. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
- The World Health Organization (WHO) is warning that people who have had COVID-19 are not necessarily immune by the presence of antibodies from getting the virus again. “There is no evidence yet that people who have had COVID-19 will not get a second infection,” WHO said in a scientific brief published Friday. https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/immunity-passports-in-the-context-of-covid-19
- On Sunday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said at his daily news conference that while there are many indicators that the number of current coronavirus patients are on a downward trend, more "consistency" is needed before the city will begin to consider taking steps towards reopening.
- ABC reports Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer disagreed Sunday that her stay-at-home orders were too aggressive in combatting the novel coronavirus pandemic in her state. "It was hitting (Michigan) incredibly hard and that's why we have a unique solution, even though it was more
aggressive than other states. We have started to really push down that curve and we’ve saved 
lives in the process," the Democrat told George Stephanopoulos Sunday on ABC’s "This Week."

- AFP reports that after six weeks stuck at home, Spain’s children were allowed out Sunday to run, 
play or go for a walk as the government eased one of the world's toughest coronavirus 
lockdowns.

- A Connecticut woman who lost her 32-year-old husband to coronavirus complications on 
Wednesday said she found a heart-wrenching goodbye note that he had left for his family on his 

- CBS reports British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is returning to work Monday after recovering 
from a coronavirus infection that put him in intensive care, with his government facing growing 
criticism over the deaths and disruption the virus has caused.

- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said Saturday that he is in no rush to lift restrictions on the 
state’s businesses shut down due in his executive order that is set to expire Thursday, CBS 
Miami reports. But he is also seeking guidance from the Re-Open Florida Task Force, which is 
expected to submit recommendations to him in the next week.

- 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 

- 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#/6d2771faa9da4a2786a50d82c8cf0f7](https://alpublichealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/6d2771faa9da4a2786a50d82c8cf0f7). 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 

- 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 

- 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 CDC guidance for Healthcare Facilities, go to this page 

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