MCHD COVID-19 dashboard for April 27, 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>
<td>6,429</td>
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<td>Mobile County</td>
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Current key points:

- Dr. Rendi Murphree, an epidemiologist who serves as MCHD’s Bureau Director of Disease Surveillance and Environmental Services, had this comment today, “A scientific brief released by the World Health Organization cautions against the use of COVID-19 antibody tests as ‘immunity passports.’ The WHO brief states, ‘There is currently no evidence that people who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies are protected from a second infection.’ We are concerned that people who have obtained a positive COVID antibody test results may not comply with public health guidance and, therefore, increase the risk of community transmission.” The full report is available at https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/immunity-passports-in-the-context-of-covid-19
- The number of tested from Mobile County by a lab is 6,598. According to ADPH, the statewide number of total tested is 73,732. The statewide number of hospitalizations is 859.
- CNN reports: Hospitals in New York are giving COVID-19 patients heartburn medicine to see if it helps fight the virus, according to the doctor who initiated the trial. Preliminary results of the clinical trial of famotidine, the active ingredient in Pepcid, could come out in the next few weeks, said Dr. Kevin Tracey, president of Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research at Northwell Health, which runs 23 hospitals in the New York City area.
- NBC reports: As the COVID-19 death toll at nursing homes climbs to nearly 12,000, the nursing home industry is pushing states to provide immunity from lawsuits to the owners and employees of the nation’s 15,600 nursing homes. So far at least six states have provided explicit immunity from coronavirus lawsuits for nursing homes, and six more have granted some form of immunity to health care providers, which legal experts say could likely be interpreted to include nursing homes.
- ABC reports: Volkswagen, the world’s largest automaker by sales, resumed production at its biggest factory on Monday. Some 8,000 employees returned to the plant in the northern German city of Wolfsburg, the largest car factory in Europe, with "significantly expanded" measures to protect the health of the company's workforce, according to a press release from Volkswagen.
- CBS reports: After testing positive for COVID-19 in March, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson kept the world posted on their journey, becoming symbols of hope when they announced they had
recovered in April. Hanks has now revealed that he and his wife are donating blood to aid research on a potential coronavirus treatment.

- ABC reports: France has reported a major drop in its daily death toll from the novel coronavirus. The European country recorded 242 more deaths on Sunday, down from 369 new deaths the previous day, bringing the national tally to 22,856, according to health officials. The number of new deaths that occurred in hospitals -- 152 -- was the lowest daily toll so far in the country’s battle against the outbreak.

- CBS reports: The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the government body tasked with coordinating the massive nation’s coronavirus testing efforts, has advised state governments to stop using COVID-19 rapid test kits procured from two Chinese companies, Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech and Zhuhai Livzon Diagnostics.

- 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

- 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. 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

- To see the transcript and audio recording of the latest CDC news conference, go to this page 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

- To see CDC guidance for Healthcare Facilities, go to this page https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html

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