MCHD COVID-19 dashboard for April 28, 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>
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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. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for Mobile County, had this comment today, “We anticipate some changes from the governor today in how the state manages COVID-19, but this disease remains very active in our community. We continue to have new cases diagnosed, currently at the rate of more than one per hour in the last 24 hours.”
- The number of tested from Mobile County by a lab is 6,673. According to ADPH, the statewide number of total tested is 74,359. The statewide number of hospitalizations is 900.
- The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) said older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease, or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.
- Airline carrier JetBlue, as of Monday, requires both crew members and customers to wear face coverings during travel. It is the first airline in the U.S. to announce such a policy, which will go into effect May 4 — and could help usher in a new era of flying etiquette.
- The Associated Press reports the medical community in Japan is moving toward a consensus that holding next year’s Tokyo Olympics may hinge on finding a coronavirus vaccine. Japan Medical Association president Yoshitake Yokokura said in a video media conference on Tuesday that the Olympics were possible only if the infections were under control, not only in Japan, but globally.
- CBS reports the scientists at the University of Washington whose data models are most often cited by the White House and state health officials have raised their prediction of how many people the coronavirus will likely kill in the U.S. by more than 14,000 in the space of just two weeks. The university's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) said late Monday that COVID-19 could cause more than 74,000 deaths by the first week of August. IHME director Christopher Murray warned that the predicted death toll would go higher if states reopened their economies too early.
- President Donald Trump doubled down Monday on an effort to enlist major retailers to set up drive-through coronavirus testing locations around the country -- an undertaking that has shown only modest progress since the White House first announced the idea six weeks ago. “Testing is
not going to be a problem at all," Trump said Monday, before inviting the CEOs of CVS, Walmart, Walgreens and Rite Aid to the podium to describe their plans to scale up the nasal-swatting stations. [https://abcnews.go.com/Health/slow-start-white-house-doubles-testing-partnership-retailers/story?id=70376204](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/slow-start-white-house-doubles-testing-partnership-retailers/story?id=70376204)

- In a bid to reopen the U.S. economy over the next few months, the Trump administration is rolling out a new federal "blueprint" for ramping up coronavirus testing and to guide governors as some of them begin to lift their states' stay-at-home restrictions. [https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/live-blog/2020-04-28-coronavirus-news-n11194006](https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/live-blog/2020-04-28-coronavirus-news-n11194006)

- 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/)