

## COVID-19 IN THE NEWS UPDATE

Each day of this Pandemic, including the weekends, there is new or updated news. Much of it is correct, at least based on what is known at the time, while other info that is offered as news or science, even from doctors or others who portray themselves as experts, can be very wrong. This occurs everywhere, but particularly in social media, that anyone has access to and has little to no oversight. Included in this list are links to resources that may be helpful in updating the info you have, on a variety of topical subjects. The topics are identified in red.

### **Pandemic:**

**NHTSA – COVID Resources Home Page for EMS & 911:**

[https://www.ems.gov/projects/coronavirus\\_covid-19\\_resources.html](https://www.ems.gov/projects/coronavirus_covid-19_resources.html)

**2021 Comprehensive National Pandemic Plan to Manage COVID & Have Structure in Place to Watch for New Threats and Provide Early Mitigation Warning:**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/National-Strategy-for-the-COVID-19-Response-and-Pandemic-Preparedness.pdf>

### **COVID-19 Searchable Databases & Statistics:**

**CDC COVID-19 Data Website with Interactive Maps & Data Lists for Cases, Vaccinations, Testing, Deaths, Unique Populations, etc.:** [COVID Data Tracker](#)

**NYT – Updated COVID-19 Situation News Story & Comprehensive US National, States & Territories Data:**

[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html?action=click&pgtype=Article&state=default&module=style-coronavirus&region=MAIN\\_CONTENT\\_1&context=storylines\\_covid\\_map](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html?action=click&pgtype=Article&state=default&module=style-coronavirus&region=MAIN_CONTENT_1&context=storylines_covid_map)

### **Vaccine Training, Guidance & State by State Vaccine Program Resources:**

**NHTSA – COVID Vaccination Training for EMTs (designed for EMT-Non Paramedics to become COVID Vaccine Providers within their jurisdictions after application for certification) but is also a good training module for Paramedics and other Allied Health vaccinators (also has links to other EMS-specific programs/videos):**

[Just in Time Training for EMT Vaccination Programs](#)

**CDC -- Education & Training Resources for COVID-19, Vaccinations, Allergic Reactions:** [CDC Learning Connection](#)

**CDC -- COVID Vaccination Toolkit with Links to Resources:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-systems-communication-toolkit.html>

**CDC – Assessment & Management of Anaphylaxis after COVID-19 Vaccination:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/managing-anaphylaxis.html>

**WebMD – Also with a State-by-State List which also includes Vaccine Info and Some Vaccination Sites:**

<https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20201224/state-by-state-guide-to-covid-vaccine-information>

**Google – US States and Territories Breakdown of Vaccinations with Canada & Other Countries too:**

[https://www.google.com/search?q=COVID-19+Vaccination%3A+A+State-by-State+List&rlz=1C1CHBF\\_enUS767US767&oq=COVID-19+Vaccination%3A+A+State-by-State+List&aqs=chrome..69i57.2023j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=COVID-19+Vaccination%3A+A+State-by-State+List&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS767US767&oq=COVID-19+Vaccination%3A+A+State-by-State+List&aqs=chrome..69i57.2023j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

**MedPage Today – Links to State COVID-19 Vaccination Programs with "A Starting Point to Learn When, Where, & Who":**

[COVID-19 Vaccination: A State-by-State List](#)

### **COVID-19 Vaccine-Related:**

**CDC – Vaccine FAQs for Healthcare Professionals (Q & As are very topical and first place I've seen some of the questions I've had, particularly related to Indications for COVID vaccine in special groups):**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/faq.html>

**STAT – Johnson & Johnson Applies for EUA for its Vaccine:**

<https://www.statnews.com/2021/02/04/johnson-johnson-submits-application-for-covid-19-vaccine-to-fda/>

**STAT – Comparing Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines:**

<https://www.statnews.com/2021/02/02/comparing-the-covid-19-vaccines-developed-by-pfizer-moderna-and-johnson-johnson/>

**JAMA – Pfizer Report of 29 Allergic Reactions with Allergy History & Outcomes:**

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2775646>

**Medscape – COVID Vaccine Allergic Responses Could be Pseudo-allergy:**

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/945313?src=WNL\\_dne\\_210208\\_mscpedit&ac=369824CZ&implID=3176203&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/945313?src=WNL_dne_210208_mscpedit&ac=369824CZ&implID=3176203&faf=1)

## **Still Needing to Prevent COVID-19 Exposure/Transmission:**

**USC Ongoing Life Study Poll – This One on Social Behaviors during COVID:**

[https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/3388/understanding-coronavirus-in-america-mask-use-among-us-adults/?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20210122&instance\\_id=26286&nl=the-morning&regi\\_id=156030006&segment\\_id=49980&te=1&user\\_id=24f9894689eaab989620687786518628](https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/3388/understanding-coronavirus-in-america-mask-use-among-us-adults/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20210122&instance_id=26286&nl=the-morning&regi_id=156030006&segment_id=49980&te=1&user_id=24f9894689eaab989620687786518628)

## **COVID-19 Variants:**

**MedPage – Interview (video & transcript) with Dr. Warner Greene, MD, PhD on the Impact of Variants on the Pandemic Including Transmission, Testing, Vaccines, Adapting Vaccines, etc. It's an easy to read/listen comprehensive piece with the questions everyone is asking:**

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/91122>

**Medscape – COVID Mutations Demand Immediate Action (video & transcript):**

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/944617?src=mkc\\_covid\\_update\\_210126\\_M\\_SCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=3154953&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/944617?src=mkc_covid_update_210126_M_SCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=3154953&faf=1)

**MedRxiv (Preprint Server) – Study Confirms CDC Projections for UK Variant:**

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.06.21251159v1>

**Minnesota State Health Dept – First Person with COVID Variant P.1:**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2021/covid012521.html>

## **Mask Update:**

**CDC – New Guidance for Improving Mask Wearing to Prevent COVID Illness (2/11/21):**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

**MMWR/CDC – Improving Performance of Cloth and Procedure Masks to Reduce COVID Exposure (you) and Transmission (others):**

[Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure, 2021](#)

**Dr Fauci Suggests Double Masking as COVID Variants Cases Increase:**

<https://www.today.com/video/dr-fauci-double-masking-against-mutant-coronavirus-just-makes-common-sense-99959365958>

**MMWR – Report on Decline in Hospitalizations in States with Mask Mandate:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7006e2-H.pdf>

**Kaiser Health News on Why Masking is Important after Vaccination:**

<https://khn.org/news/article/5-reasons-to-wear-a-mask-even-after-youre-vaccinated/>

## **COVID-19 Testing:**

**National Geographic – How Effective Is COVID Testing Now?**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2021/01/how-good-is-covid-testing-in-the-us-one-year-after-first-positive-case/>

**CDC Updated Guidance for Point-of-Care SARS-CoV-2 (antigen) Testing):**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/point-of-care-testing.html>

**CDC/FDA Alert Notice of SARS-CoV-2 Test (Curative) Has False Negative Results:**

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/point-of-care-testing.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC\\_1052-DM45920&ACSTrackingLabel=COCA%20Now%3A%20Laboratory%20Alert%3A%20FDA%20Issues%20Safety%20Communication%20About%20Risk%20of%20False%20Results%20with%20the%20Curative%20SARS-CoV-2%20Test%20for%20CO&deliveryName=USCDC\\_1052-DM45920](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/point-of-care-testing.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_1052-DM45920&ACSTrackingLabel=COCA%20Now%3A%20Laboratory%20Alert%3A%20FDA%20Issues%20Safety%20Communication%20About%20Risk%20of%20False%20Results%20with%20the%20Curative%20SARS-CoV-2%20Test%20for%20CO&deliveryName=USCDC_1052-DM45920)

## **COVID-19 Antibodies & Immunity:**

**CIDRAP – Significant Numbers of EMS & other Public Safety Have COVID Antibodies in Their Blood without Known Infection:**

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/01/covid-19-scan-jan-26-2021>

**Medscape – COVID-19 Immunity May Last Longer Than 8 Months:**

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/943826?src=mkc\\_covid\\_update\\_210108\\_MSCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=2949005&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/943826?src=mkc_covid_update_210108_MSCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=2949005&faf=1)

**Medscape – FDA Warns that of False Negative COVID Tests with Virus Variants:**

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/943845?src=mkc\\_covid\\_update\\_210108\\_MSCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=2949005&faf=1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/943845?src=mkc_covid_update_210108_MSCPEDIT&uac=369824CZ&impID=2949005&faf=1)