

# Tracking the Media Tracking the Coronavirus: Revelations, Openings, and Bans

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# Trump and Woodward

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## Fox News hosts are scrambling to defend Trump's disastrous interview with Bob Woodward where he said he deliberately played down COVID-19

Ashley Collman Sep 10, 2020, 7:19 AM 📧 📧 ⋮



Tucker Carlson, left, and Sean Hannity, right, seen on their shows Wednesday night. Center: The cover of Bob Woodward's coming book, "Rage." Fox News/Simon & Schuster

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# Should Bob Woodward have reported Trump's virus revelations sooner? Here's how he defends his decision.



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# Woodward's position

First, he didn't know what the source of Trump's information was. It wasn't until months later — in May — that Woodward learned it came from a high-level intelligence briefing in January that was also described in Wednesday's reporting about the book.

# Woodward's position

In February, what Trump told Woodward seemed hard to make sense of, the author told me — back then, Woodward said, there was no panic over the virus; even toward the final days of that month, Anthony S. Fauci was publicly assuring Americans there was no need to change their daily habits.

Second, Woodward said, “the biggest problem I had, which is always a problem with Trump, is I didn't know if it was true.”

# Woodward's position

But why not then write such a story later in the spring, once it was clear that the virus was extraordinarily destructive and that Trump's early downplaying had almost certainly cost lives?

Again, Woodward said he believes his highest purpose isn't to write daily stories but to give his readers the big picture — one that may have a greater effect, especially with a consequential election looming.



# Woodward's position

Woodward's effort, he said, was to deliver in book form "the best obtainable version of the truth," not to rush individual revelations into publication.

And always with a particular deadline in mind, so that people could read, absorb and make their judgments well before Nov. 3. "The demarcation is the election.

# Margaret Sullivan's Conclusion

I don't know if putting the book's newsiest revelations out there in something closer to real time would have made a difference. They might very well have been denied and soon forgotten in the constant rush of new scandals and lies.

Still, the chance — even if it's a slim chance — that those revelations could have saved lives is a powerful argument against waiting this long.

# Citizen chart

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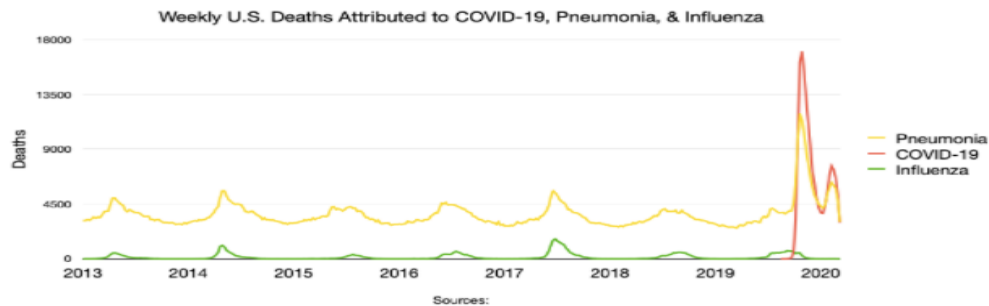
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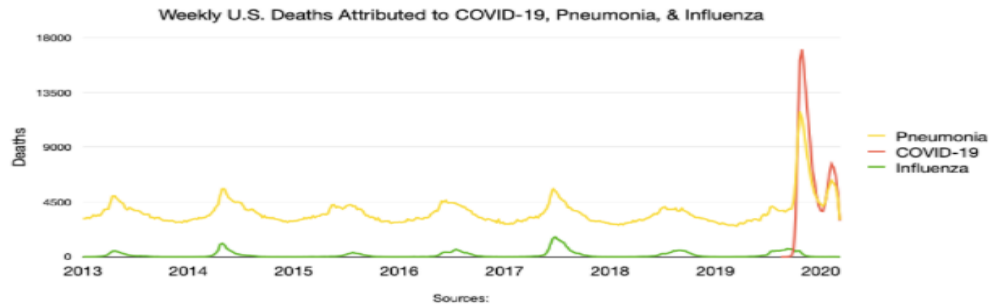
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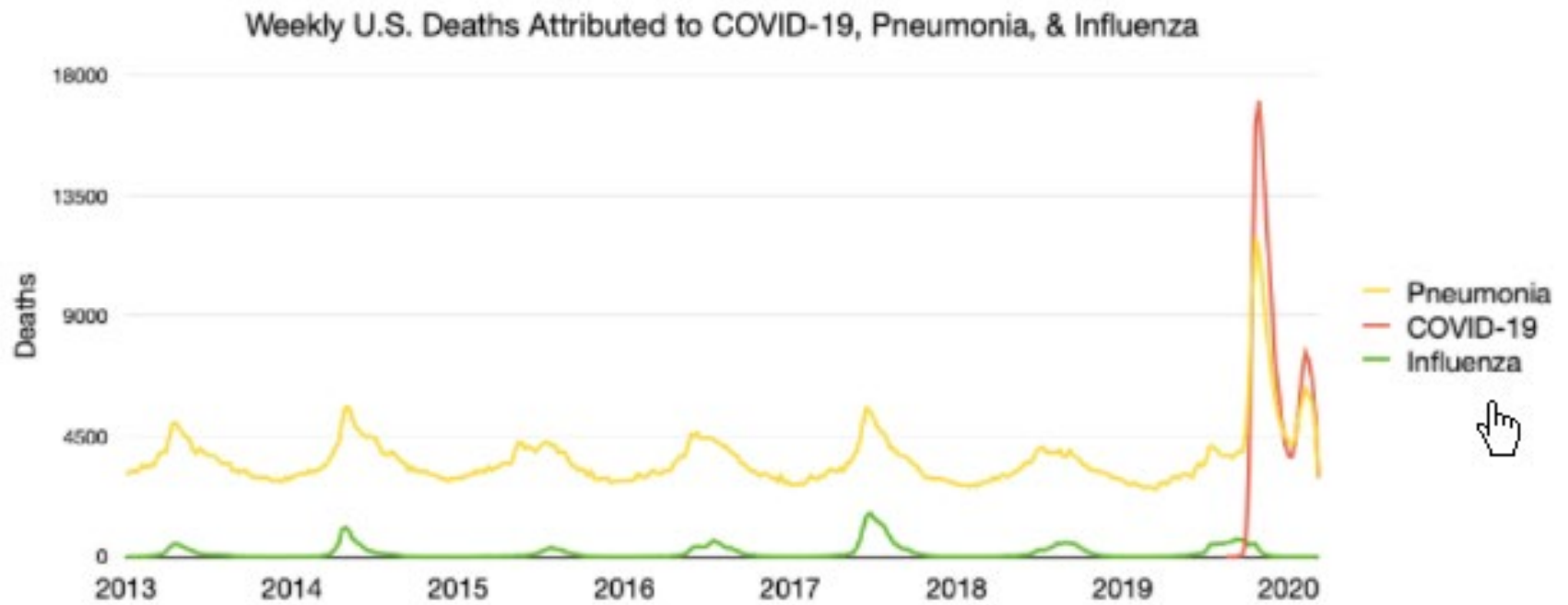


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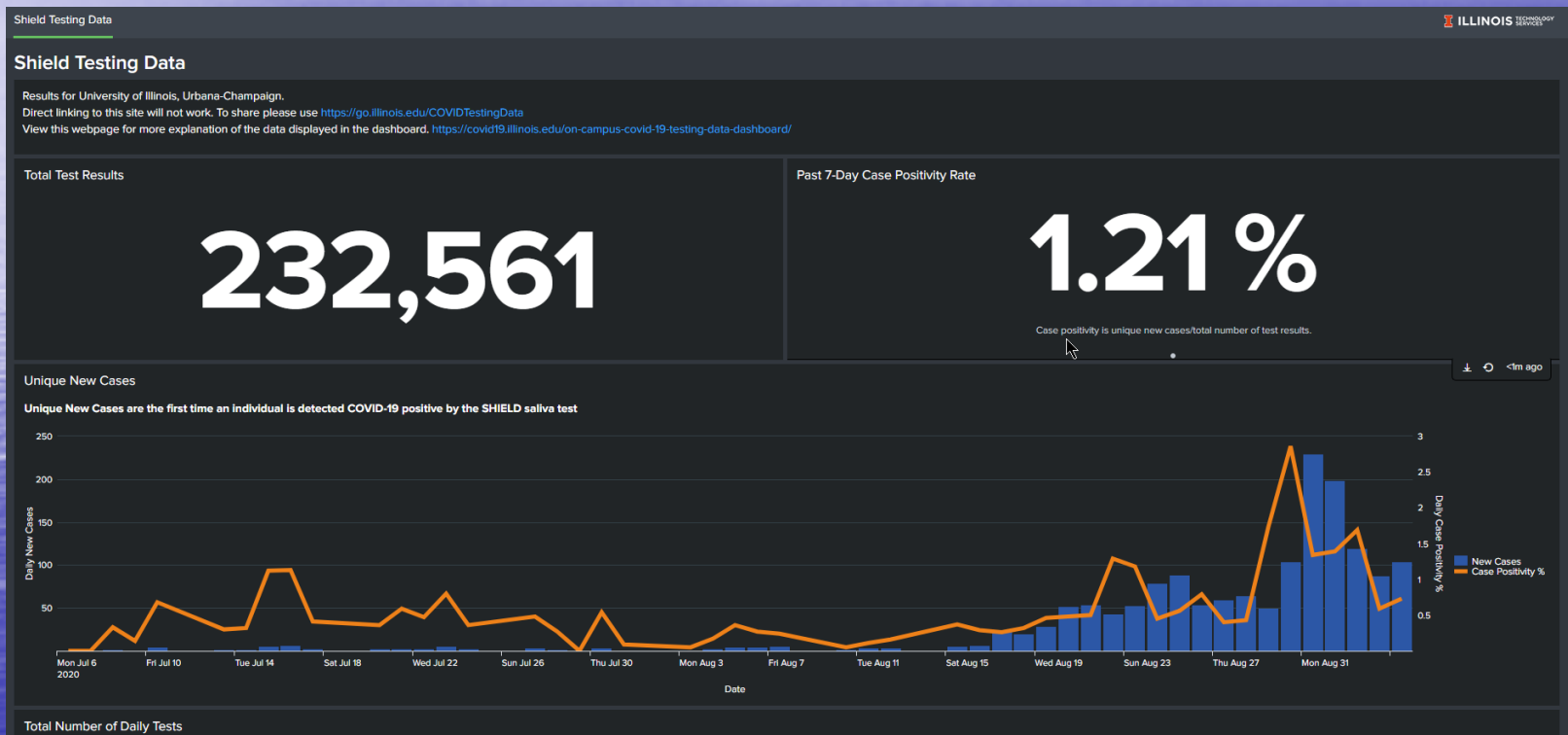
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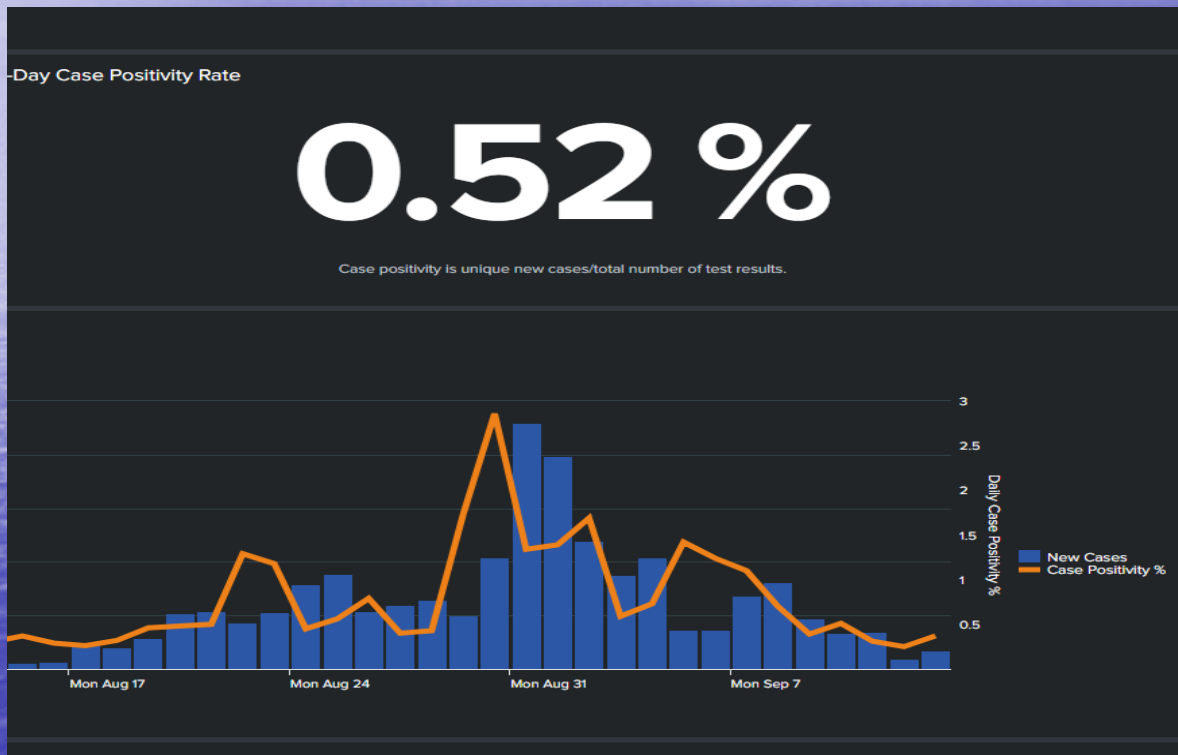


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# University of Illinois Dashboard



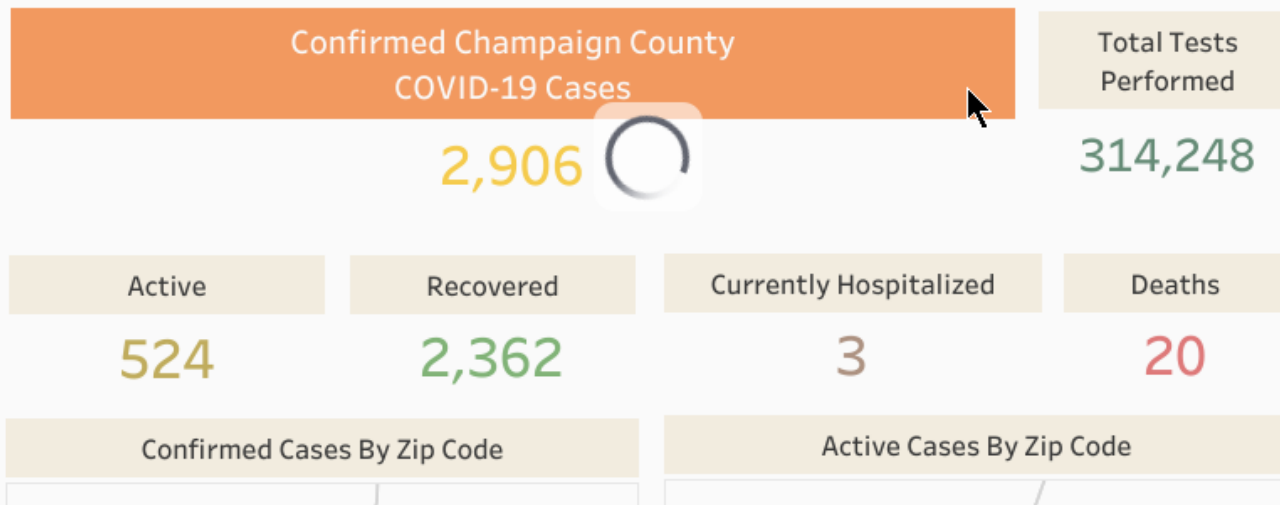
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# County report September 8

**NEW August 14**

## COVID-19 Face Coverings and Gathering Restrictions Ordinance

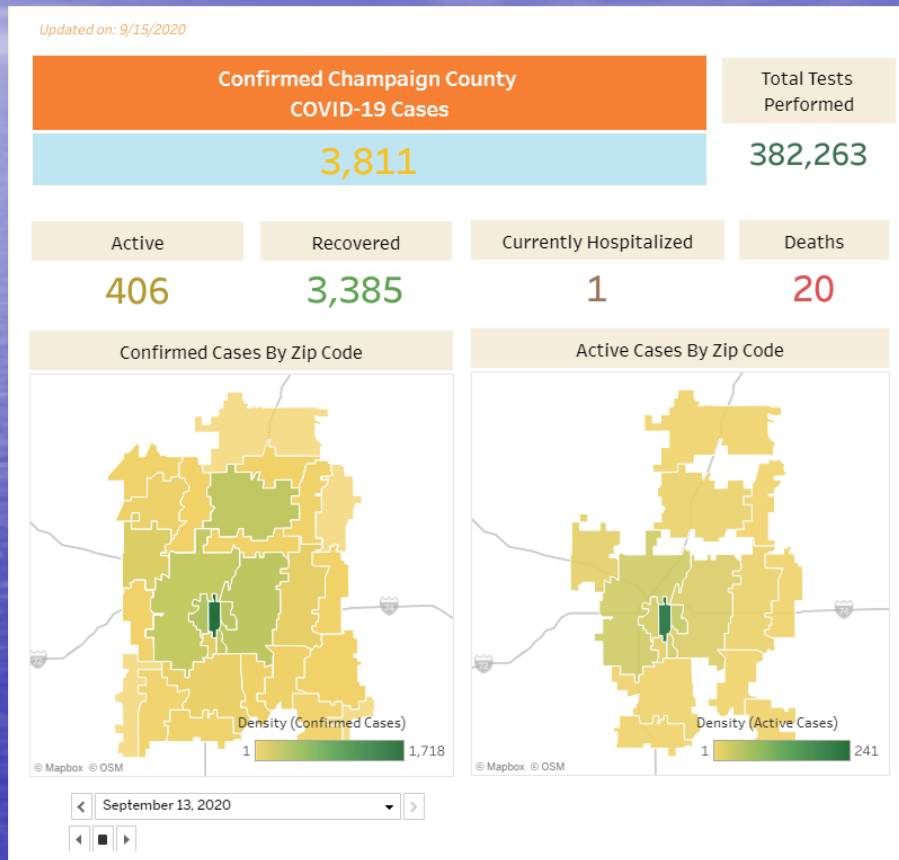
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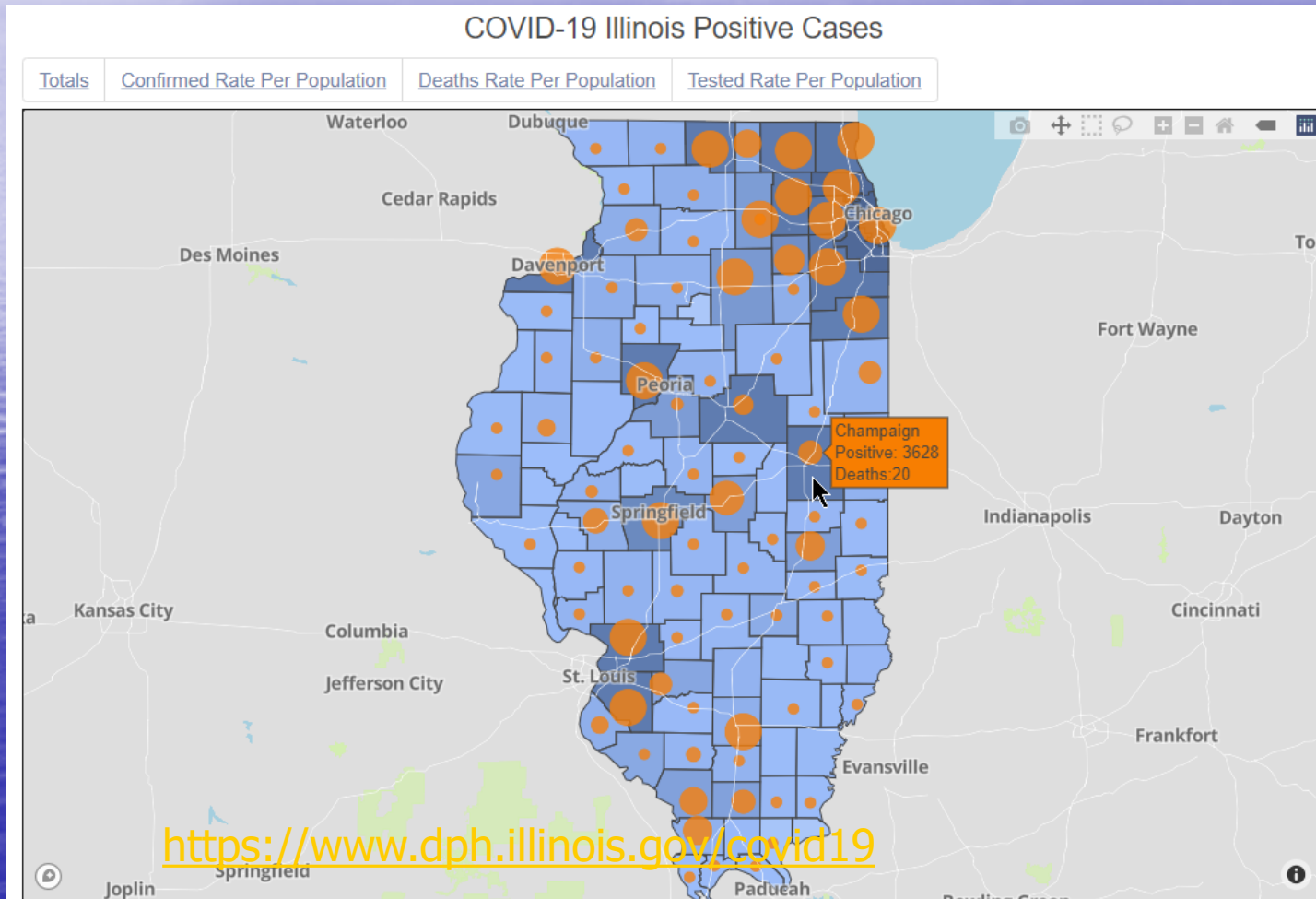


# County Dashboard – Sept 14

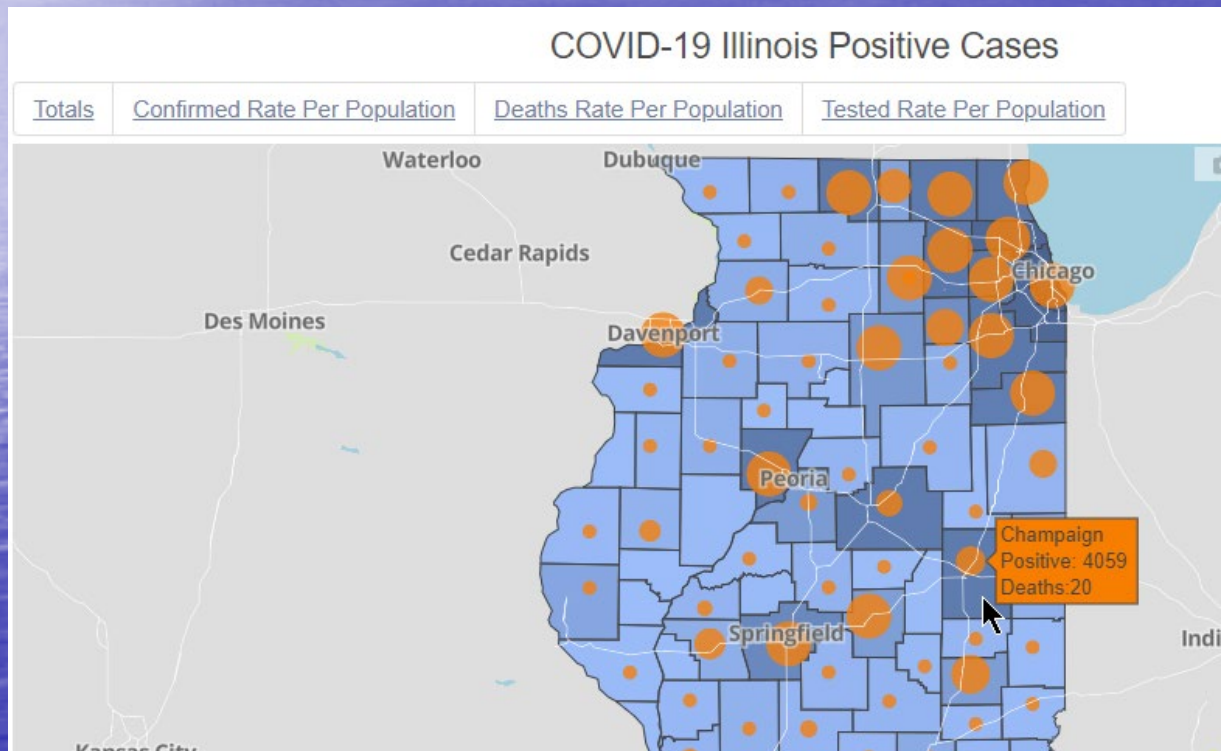


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# Illinois Public Health: 3,628



# Illinois Public Health – Sept 14



<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

# Updates for Champaign County

- 479 per 100,000 infection rate (Aug 30 to Sept 5)
- Cases from state 4,059 –Sept 14
- Cases from county 3,811 –Sept. 15
- University cases – nearly 2,000

# CU-CitizenAccess.org Chart

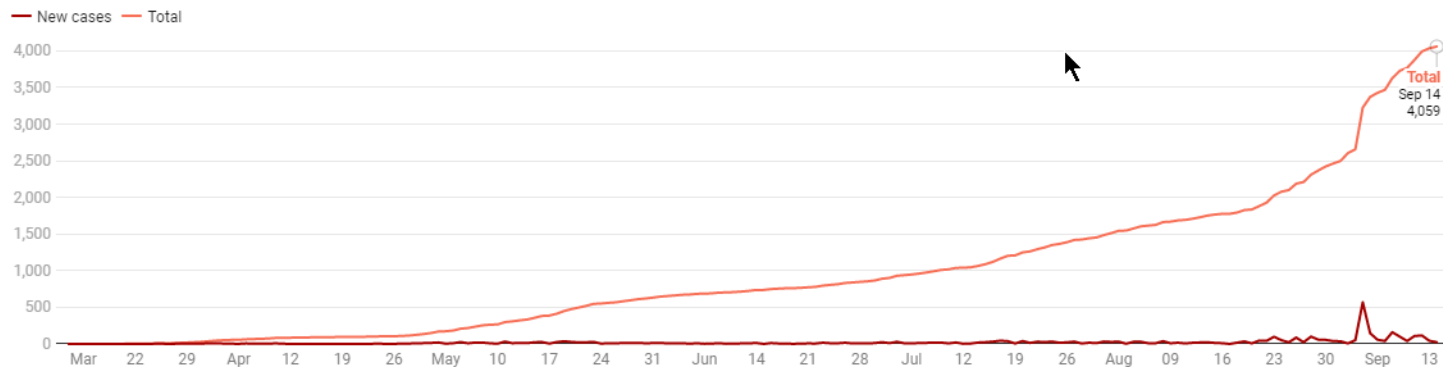


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## Champaign County Covid-19 Cases at 4,059 on 9-14-2020

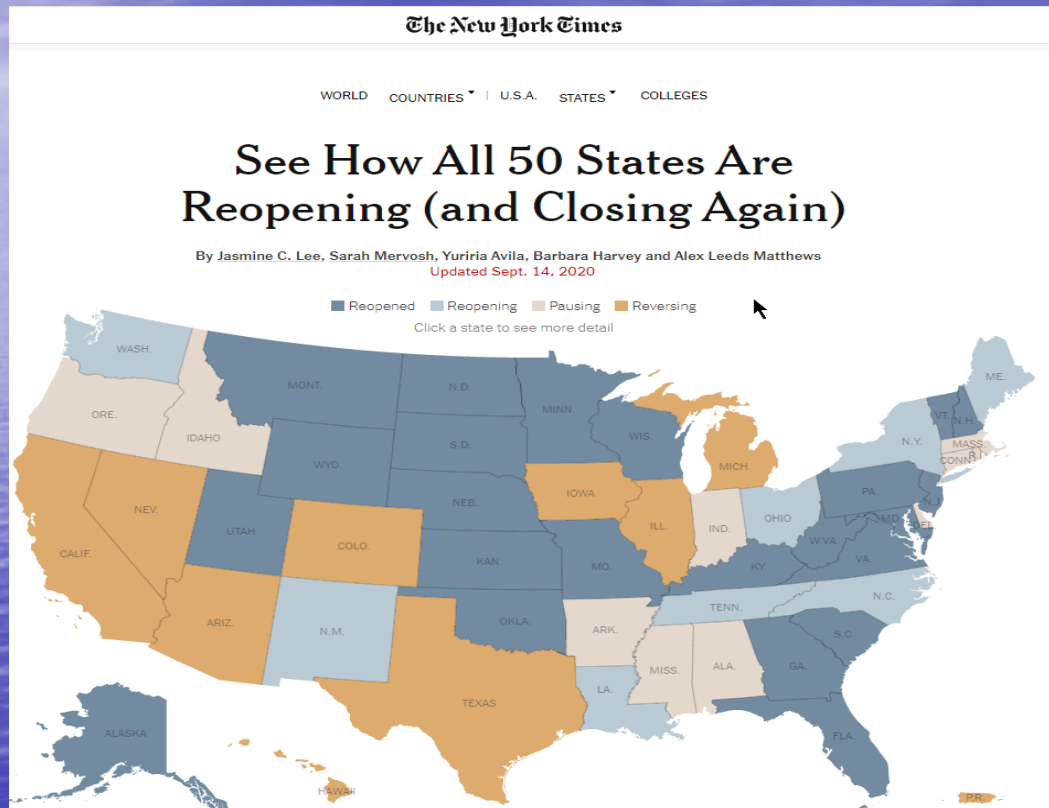


This is based on initial reports and numbers released by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Champaign Urbana Public Health Department. Numbers sometimes vary because of lag time in county reporting.

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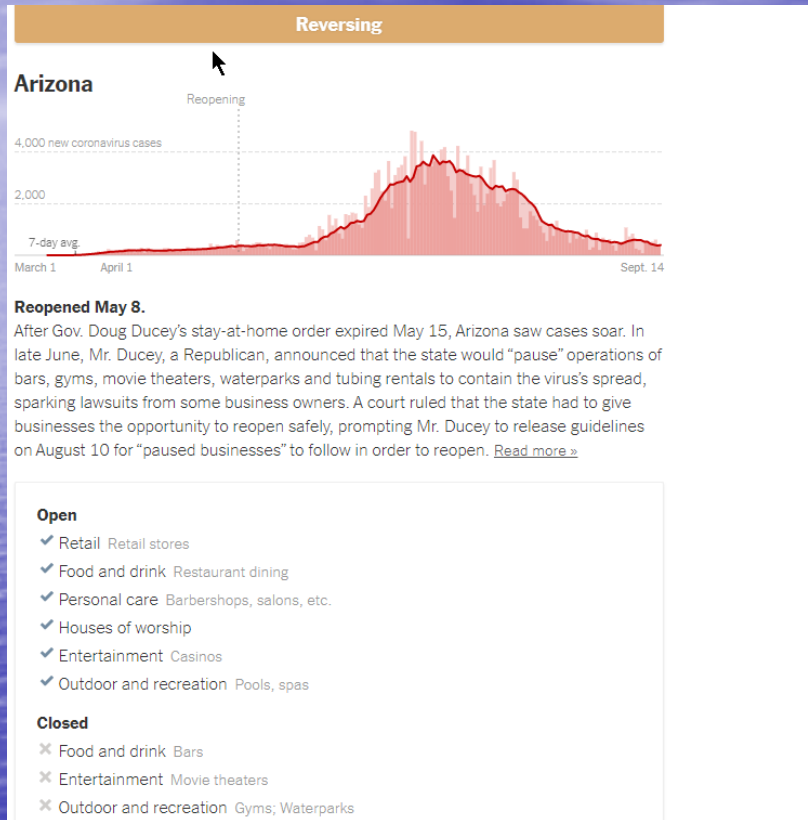
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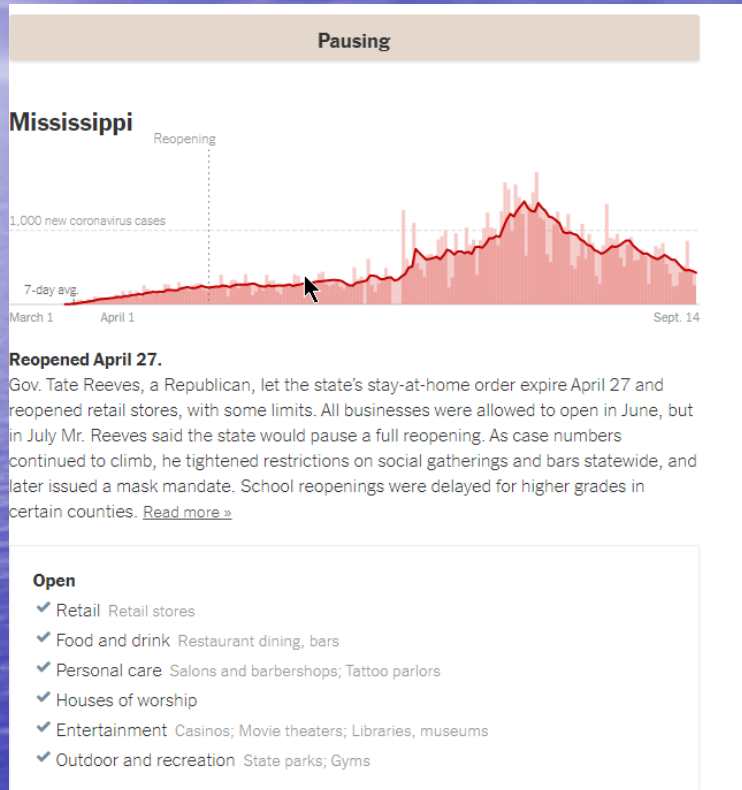
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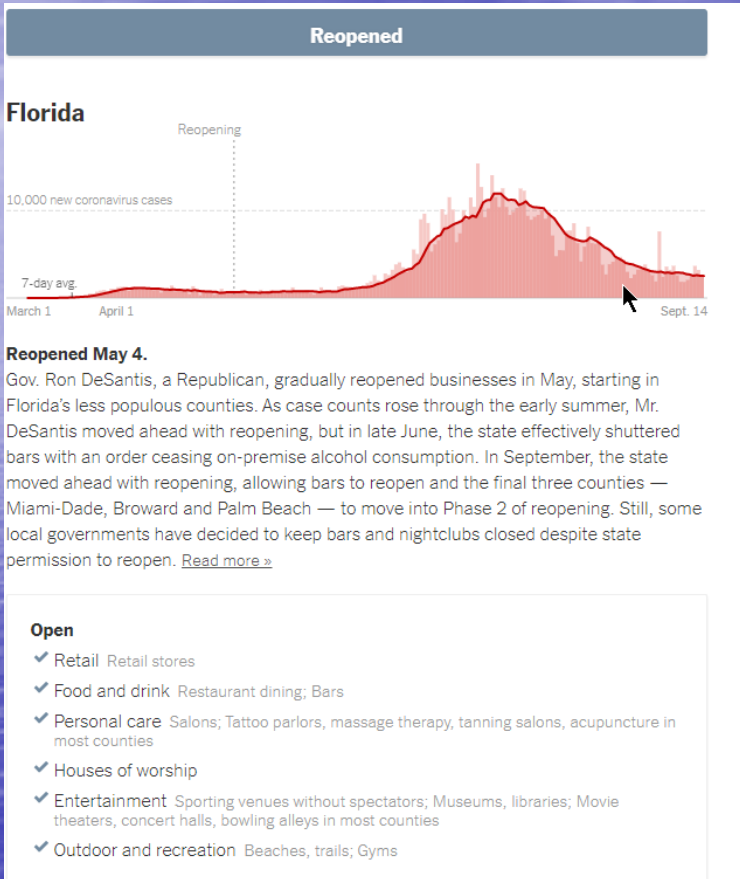
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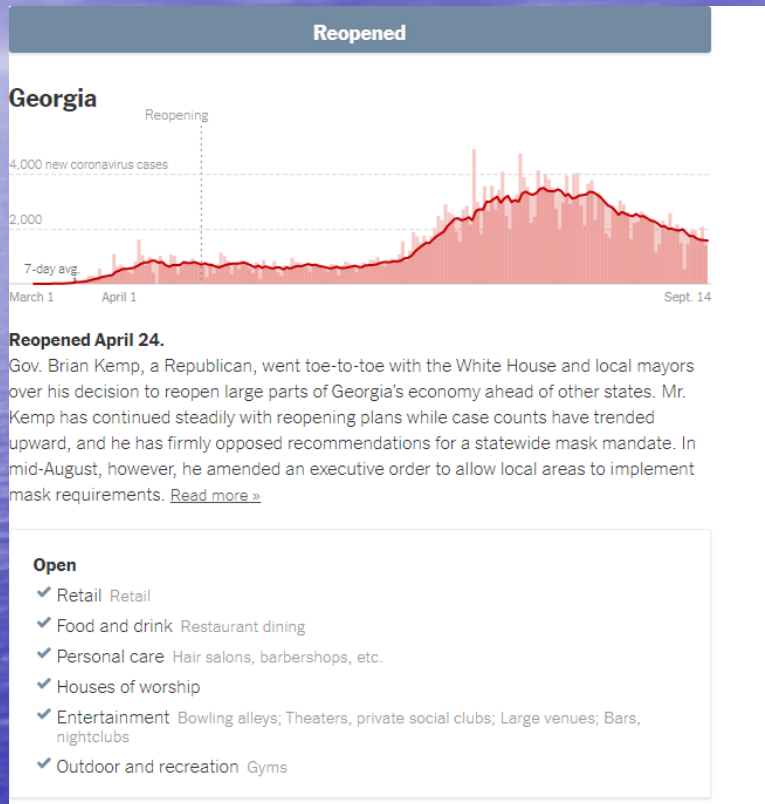


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# U.S. Travel Restrictions

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## Guide to State Quarantine Rules for Travelers

How to make sense of confusing restrictions across the country

by Christina Ianzito, **AARP**, Updated September 2, 2020 |  Comments: 16

<https://www.aarp.org/travel/travel-tips/safety/info-2020/state-quarantine-guide.html>

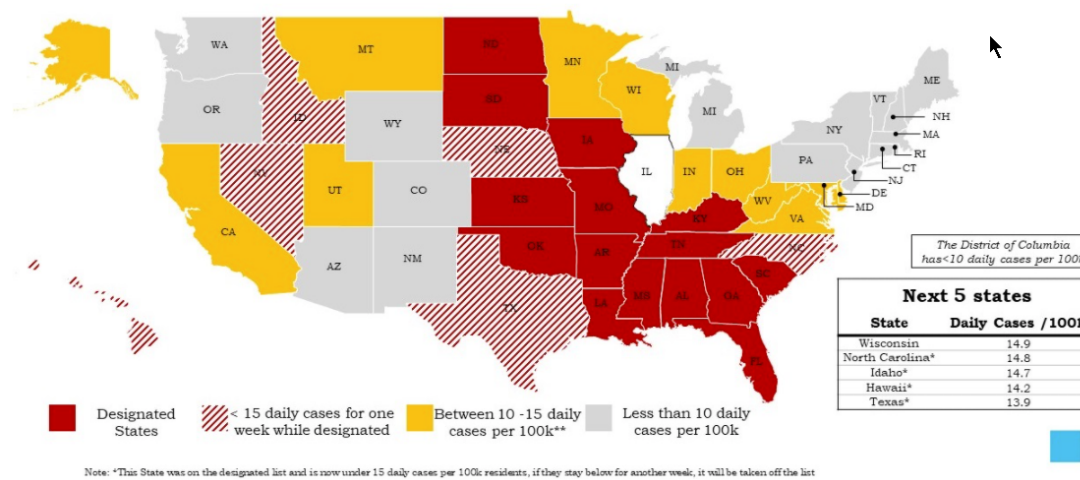
# Chicago Restrictions

## States Currently Covered by the Order

Travelers from the following states and territories should quarantine upon arrival in Chicago: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. The list will be updated every Tuesday and go into effect the following Friday at 12:01 a.m.

Updated as of 9/8/2020

On Thursday, July 2, Chicago Department of Public Health Commissioner Allison Arwady, M.D., issued an [Emergency Travel Order](#) directing travelers entering or returning to Chicago from states experiencing a surge in new COVID-19 cases to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state. This includes both Chicago residents returning from travel to a designated state, and travelers arriving in Chicago from a designated state. The Order went into effect on Monday July 6, 2020, at 12:01am. Below you will find answers to common questions regarding the Emergency Travel Order and how it applies to Chicago residents and visitors.



<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html>

# Banned from the USA

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## Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States

Updated Sept. 14, 2020

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Several Presidential proclamations established restrictions on the entry of certain travelers into the United States in an effort to help slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).



With specific exceptions, foreign nationals who have been in any of the following countries during the past 14 days may not enter the United States. For a full list of exceptions, please refer to the relevant proclamations in the links below.

- [China](#)
- [Iran](#)
- [European Schengen area](#) (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City)
- [United Kingdom](#) (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- [Republic of Ireland](#)
- [Brazil](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html>

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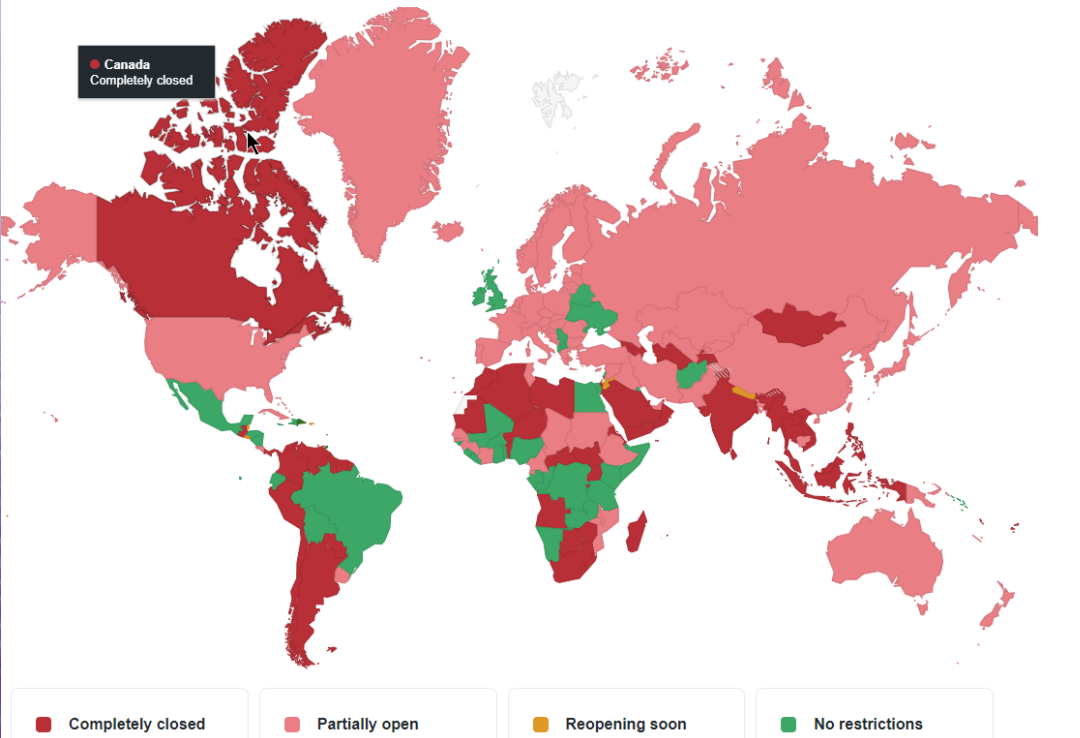
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<https://www.businessinsider.com/covid-19-where-can-us-tourists-go-countries-block-them-2020-7>

# The Big Picture Ban

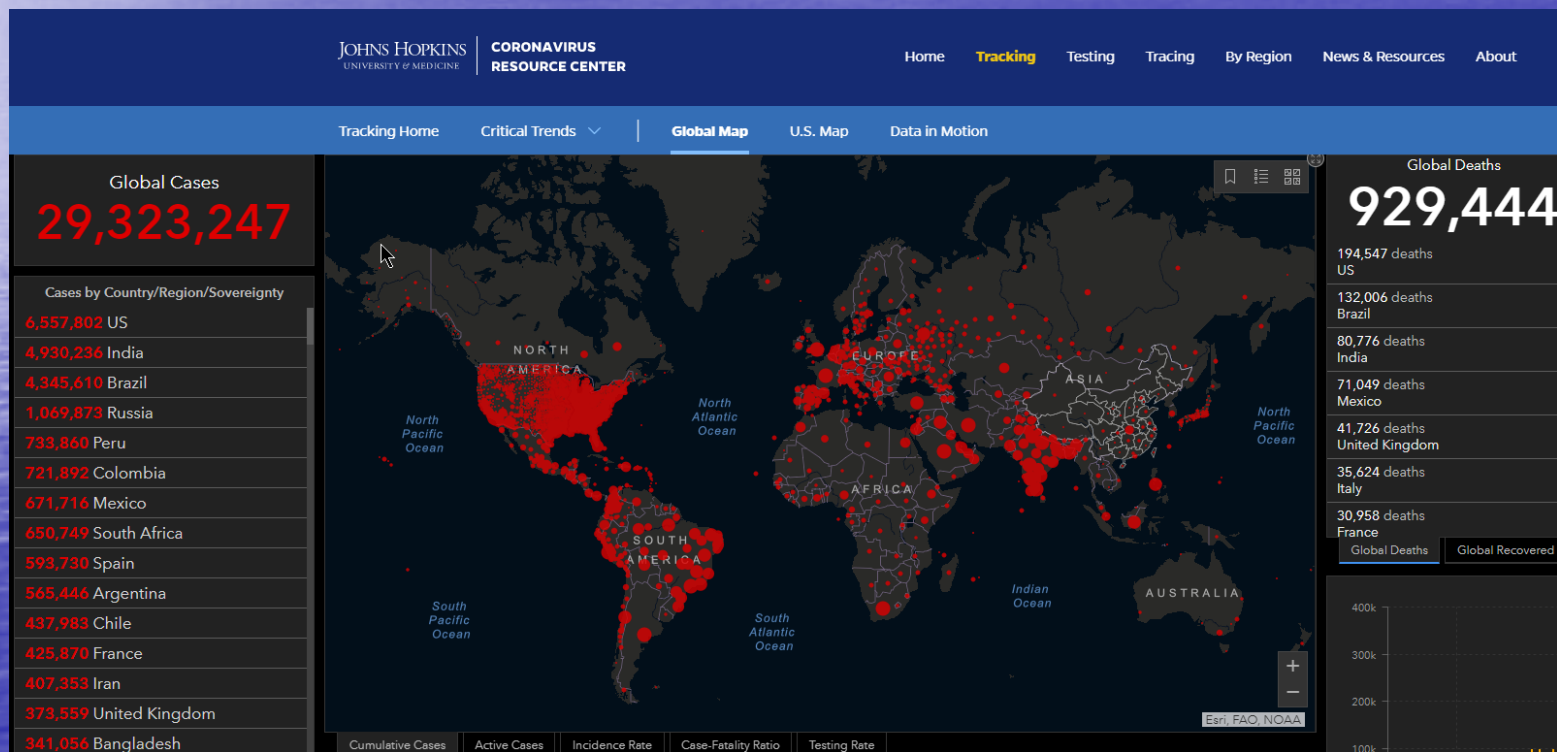
## Travel restrictions by country\*

This map shows which countries have entry restrictions by air for travel into the country.



<https://www.kayak.com/travel-restrictions>

# The Big Picture



<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>



# Contact Tracing



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Resources for Conducting Contact Tracing to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

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- [Contact Tracing: A Community Engagement Checklist for Health Departments](#) [PDF - 3 pages]
- [Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Non-healthcare Workplaces: Information for Employers](#)
- [Training, Evaluation, and Monitoring Guidance for Health Departments](#)

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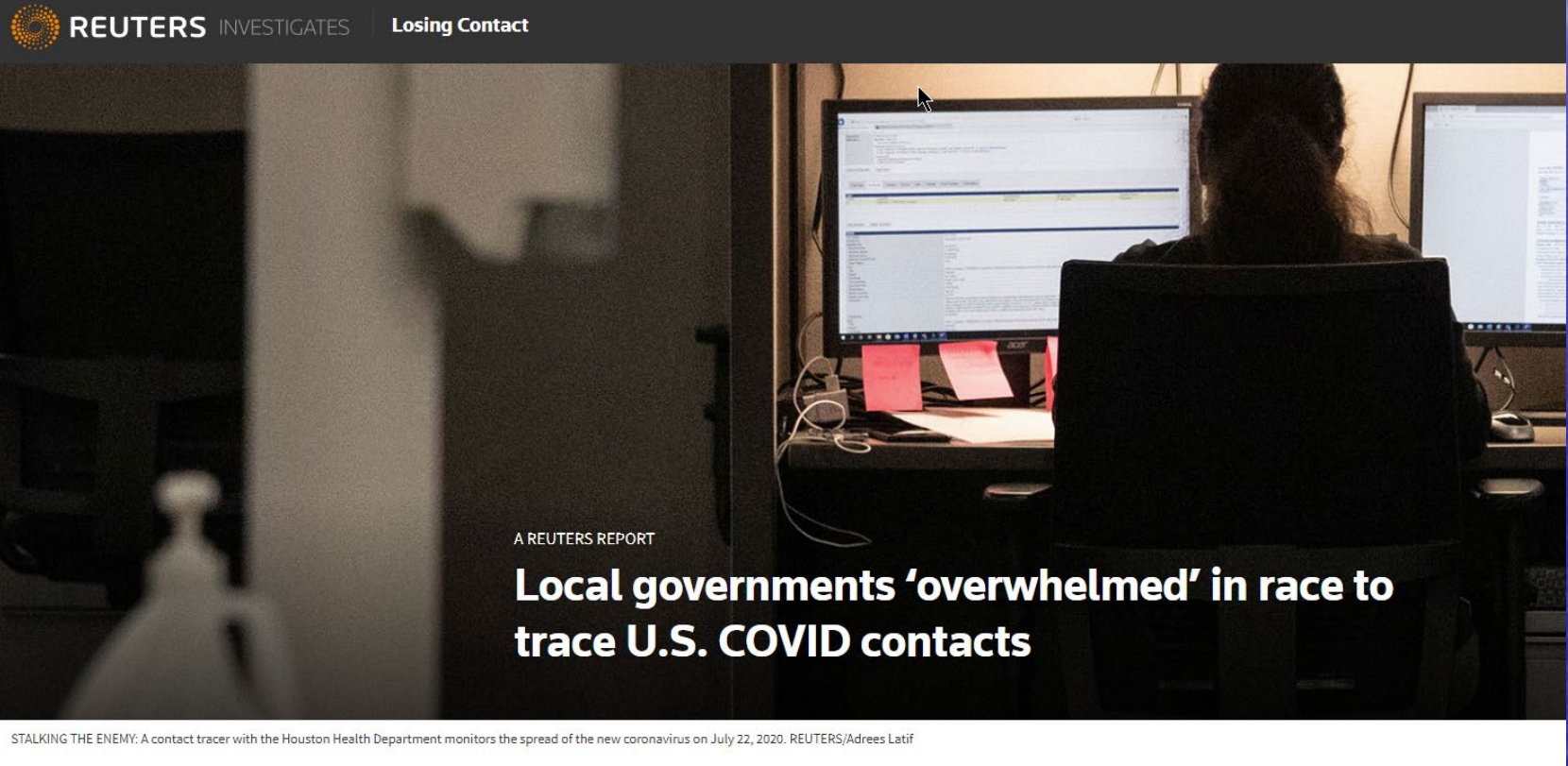
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Contact tracing implementation

Communication resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing-resources.html>

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<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/health-coronavirus-tracing/>

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## Coronavirus response | Ask the Admin: Contact-tracing capacity

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### Q: How many contact-tracing cases can the health district handle at once? If even just 1 percent of UI students test positive for COVID-19 — that would be about 500 infections — would the health district be able to do contact tracing for all of them? Do you have enough personnel to handle such a scenario?

A: The National Association of City and County Health Officials recommends 15 contact tracers for every 100,000 in population.

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District currently has 30 people trained and working as contact tracers. We are also in the process of adding an additional 15, through an agreement with the University of Illinois. They will help supplement our current contact-tracing efforts.



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# Contact Tracing - \$15 an hour

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

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***Special Projects Assistant - COVID-19 Contact Tracing***

**Position Type:**  
Administrative/Special Projects Assistant

**Date Posted:**  
6/2/2020

**Location:**  
Champaign, IL

**Closing Date:**  
Open until filled

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) is seeking applicants to assist with the District's COVID-19 response. The selected candidates will conduct phone interviews and contract tracing. A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required.

This is a temporary position with flexible hours (15-20 per week), including weekend hours. Compensation for this position is \$15.00 per hour.

Applicants may apply at: <http://c-uphd.org/employment.html>. Applicants may also come in to apply online at CUPHD, 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL 61820.

This recruitment is open until filled. CUPHD is an equal opportunity employer.

<https://www.applitrack.com/cuphd/onlineapp/default.aspx?AppliTrackJobID=284&ref=>

# Looking ahead – Revenue losses in Champaign -\$7 million

## Major Revenues – All Funds

Revenue	Actual FY 2018/19	Estimated FY2019/20			Estimated FY 2020/21		
		February	May Revision	% Change	February	May Revision	% Change
Property Tax	\$ 23,437,319	\$ 24,236,943	\$ 24,285,637	0.2%	\$ 24,909,471	\$ 24,958,176	0.2%
Sales Tax	38,001,405	39,116,688	38,043,295	-2.7%	40,069,153	36,029,497	-10.1%
Income Tax	8,380,338	8,850,887	8,288,138	-6.4%	8,510,775	7,770,338	-8.7%
Food & Beverage Tax	1,570,182	4,016,329	2,531,522	-37.0%	7,413,705	6,367,882	-14.1%
Motor Fuel Tax	3,580,680	4,572,889	4,090,979	-10.5%	4,641,482	4,325,649	-6.8%
Hotel-Motel Tax	3,230,426	3,448,360	2,689,493	-22.0%	3,551,811	2,732,097	-23.1%
Other Taxes	5,561,776	5,355,453	5,355,453	0.0%	5,327,755	5,327,742	0.0%
All Other Major Revenue	14,357,869	14,085,624	13,085,896	-7.1%	13,506,239	12,530,189	-7.2%
<b>Total Major Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 98,119,995</b>	<b>\$ 103,683,173</b>	<b>\$ 98,370,413</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>\$ 107,930,391</b>	<b>\$ 100,041,569</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>

# Looking ahead – Revenue losses in Urbana -\$2.7 million

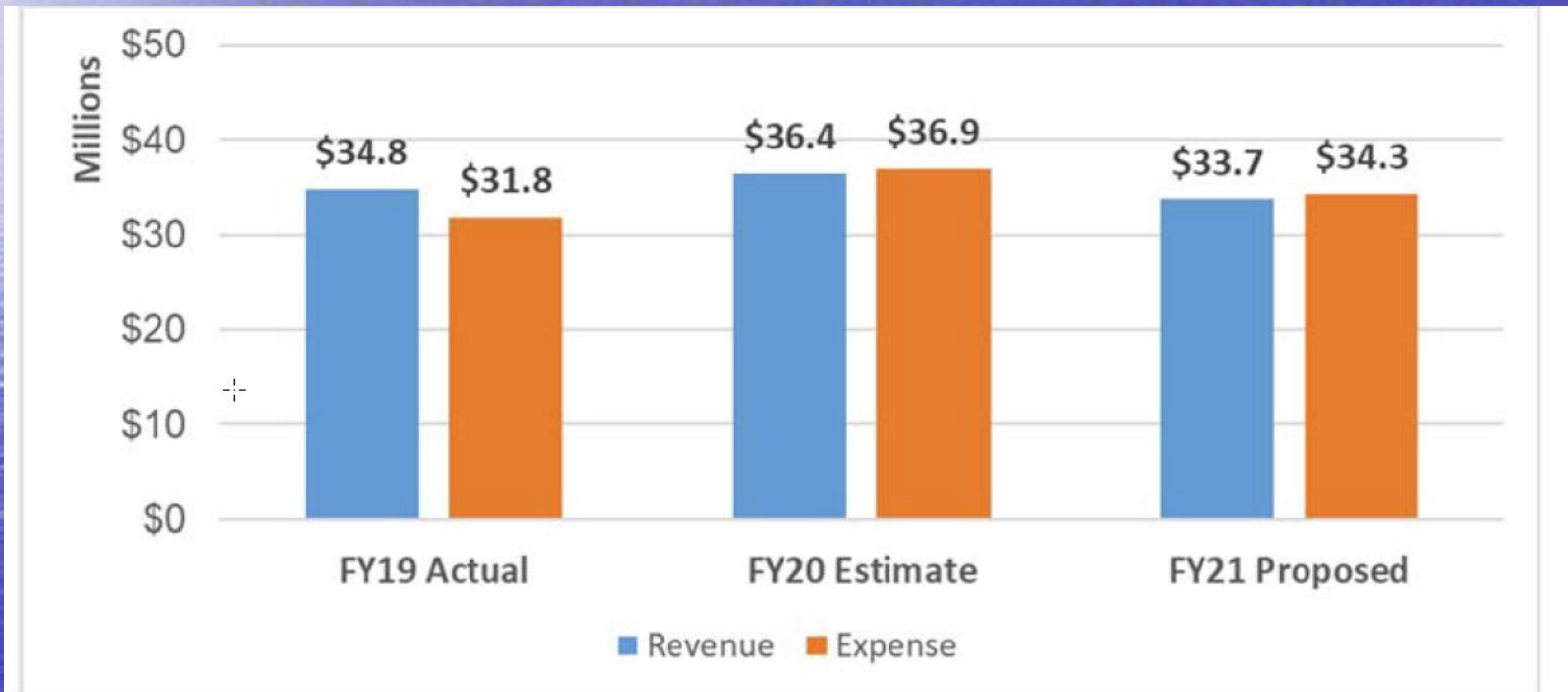


Figure 1. Three Year Chart of Revenues and Expenditures in the General Operating Fund (in millions)

# Answer to question on China supplies

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Imports of medical supplies plummet as demand in US soars

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By MARTHA MENDOZA and JULIET LINDERMAN March 20, 2020



<https://apnews.com/6d9382c1e8ee36f9ed1a4dfe7815ceb1>

# Answer to question on China supplies

Economics

## China's Export Strength Continues as Global Demand Rebounds

Bloomberg News

September 6, 2020, 10:09 PM CDT *Updated on September 7, 2020, 3:01 AM CDT*

- ▶ China's exports were third-highest on record in August
- ▶ Trade surplus with U.S. was highest since November 2018

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-09-07/china-s-exports-continue-to-expand-in-august-while-imports-fell>