

IHE ECHO Series

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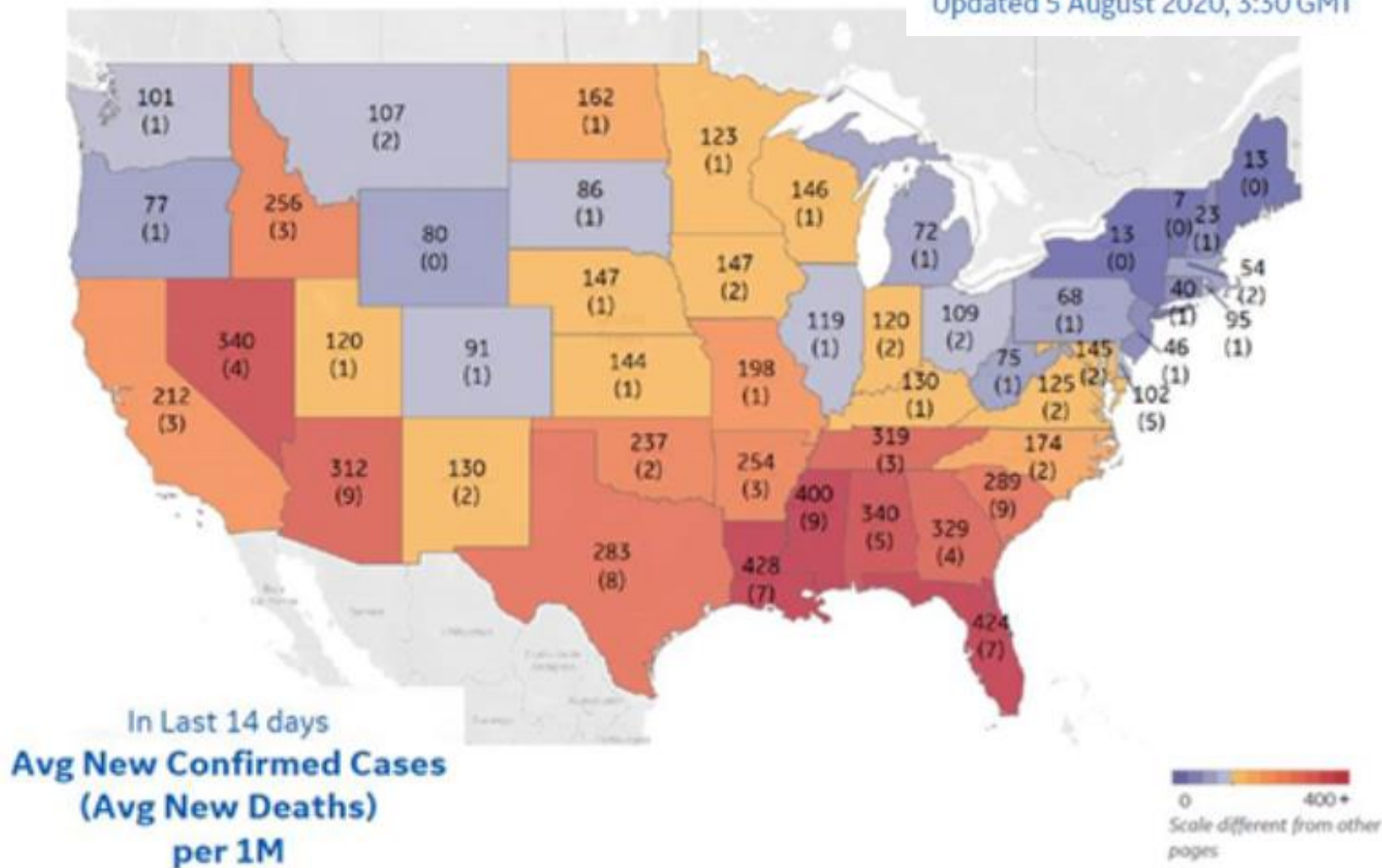
COVID and Campus Re-opening

AUGUST 05, 2020



US Hot Spots

Updated 5 August 2020, 3:30 GMT



Top 10 by New Confirmed

Avg New Confirmed Cases / 1M

Louisiana	428
Florida	424
Mississippi	400
Alabama	340
Nevada	340
Georgia	329
Tennessee	319
Arizona	312
South Carolina	289
Texas	283

Top 10 by New Deaths

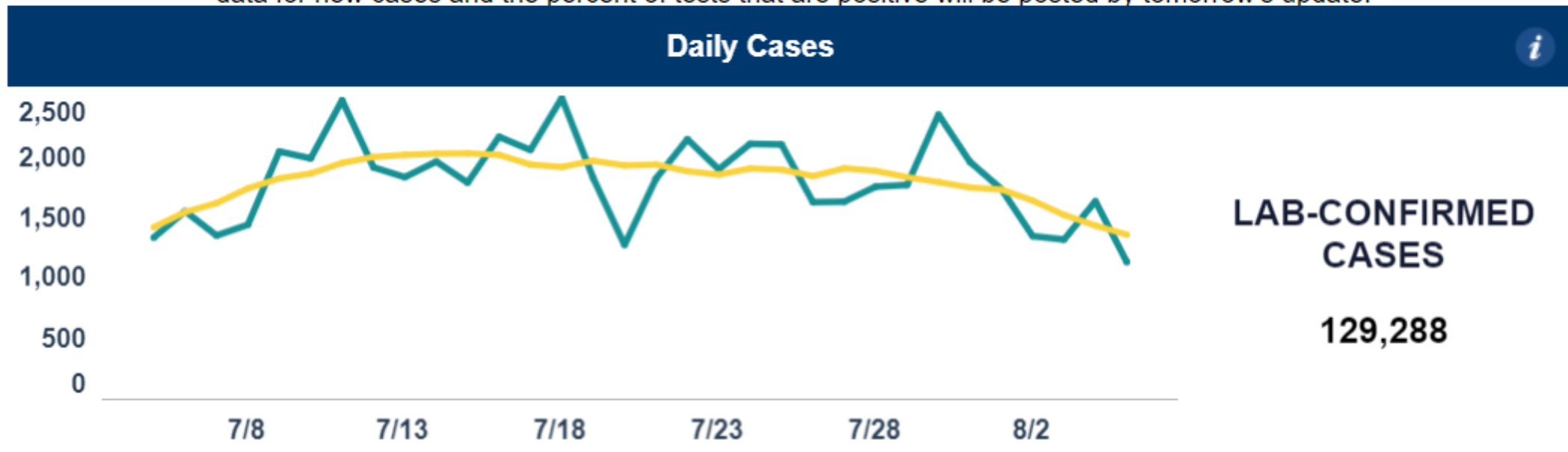
Avg New Deaths / 1M

Arizona	9
Mississippi	9
South Carolina	9
Texas	8
Florida	7
Louisiana	7
Alabama	5
Delaware	5
Georgia	4
Nevada	4

NC Cases

Updated daily by approximately 12:00 p.m. Last updated August 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

This afternoon while conducting data quality monitoring, we identified laboratory reporting omissions for August 2 - 5. Corrected data for new cases and the percent of tests that are positive will be posted by tomorrow's update.



Prevention is key

- ▶ Risk is related to several factors:
 - ▶ Proximity to source – < 6 feet distance
 - ▶ Duration of exposure - ≥ 15 minutes close contact
 - ▶ Contagiousness of case – Stay home when ill
 - ▶ Protection – Wearing a mask

NC Requirements for the Use of Face Coverings and Masks

August 3, 2020

“People must wear face coverings when in public places, indoor or outdoor, where physical distancing of six (6) feet from other people who are not members of the same household or residence is not possible.”

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NC-DHHS-Interim-Guidance-on-Face-Coverings.pdf>



Face Shields

“CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for masks.

Some people may choose to use a face shield when sustained close contact with other people is expected.

If face shields are used without a mask, they **should wrap around the sides of the wearer’s face and extend to below the chin**. Disposable face shields should only be worn for a single use. Reusable face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#:~:text=CDC%20does%20not%20recommend%20use,infants%20are%20NOT%20recommended.>



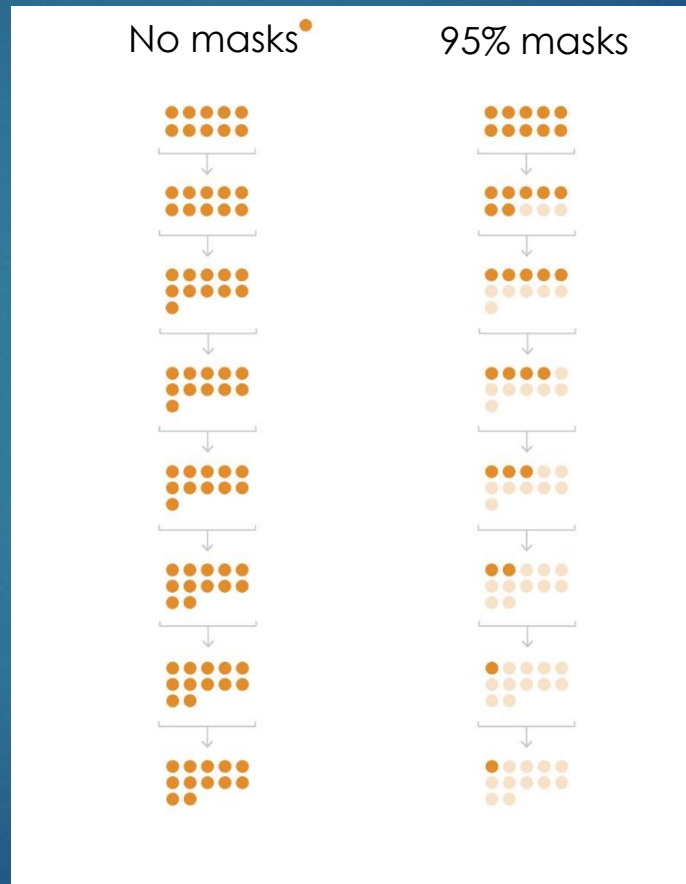
NC Ordinance:

“Plastic face shields that that wrap around the sides of the wearer’s face and extend to below the chin are an allowed substitute for individuals that have difficulties wearing a cloth face covering.”

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Masks/Face Coverings

If 95% of people wear cloth masks when they're out and about interacting with other people, it reduces transmission by at least 30%



Whether cloth or medical-grade, masks can **reduce the risk** of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 by

1/3 or more

Testing

CDC recommendations for IHE's:

- ▶ Testing individuals with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- ▶ Testing asymptomatic individuals with recent known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2 to control transmission
- ▶ CDC does not recommend entry testing of all returning students, faculty, and staff
- ▶ Decisions about the level of risk and the scope of testing should be made in coordination with local health officials

Student Health Ambassadors (SHA's)

- ▶ Create a culture of prevention
- ▶ Creative messaging
- ▶ Resource for peers
- ▶ Support for students in isolation and quarantine

3 Ws:

- Wear a cloth face covering.
- Wait 6 feet apart from others.
- Wash your hands.

Case Discussions

MAHEC and IHE Collaboration

- ▶ Student Health Ambassador Program
- ▶ Education and Training
- ▶ Technical Assistance