



Welcome to the first Workers United Pandemic Briefing!

- ❖ **The SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic has challenged workers and their representatives with information overload**
- ❖ **Information about the virus keeps changing as we learn more about it.**
- ❖ **We want to hold short regular meetings to address common questions and provide new information that will help you protect the workers you represent.**










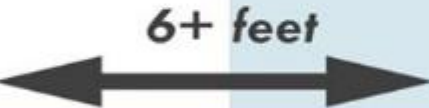



The logo for Workers United consists of three overlapping squares: a purple square at the top left, an orange square in the middle, and a grey square at the bottom right. The text "workers united" is written in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with "workers" on the top line and "united" on the bottom line, positioned over the orange and grey squares.

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WHEN IS IT SAFE TO GO BACK TO WORK?

CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION

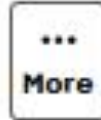
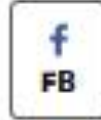
	COVID-19 CARRIER	UNINFECTED PERSON
VERY HIGH		
HIGH		
MEDIUM		
LOW		
VERY LOW	 	
VIRTUALLY NONE		

We know that the most effective way to control the virus is to keep people away from each other

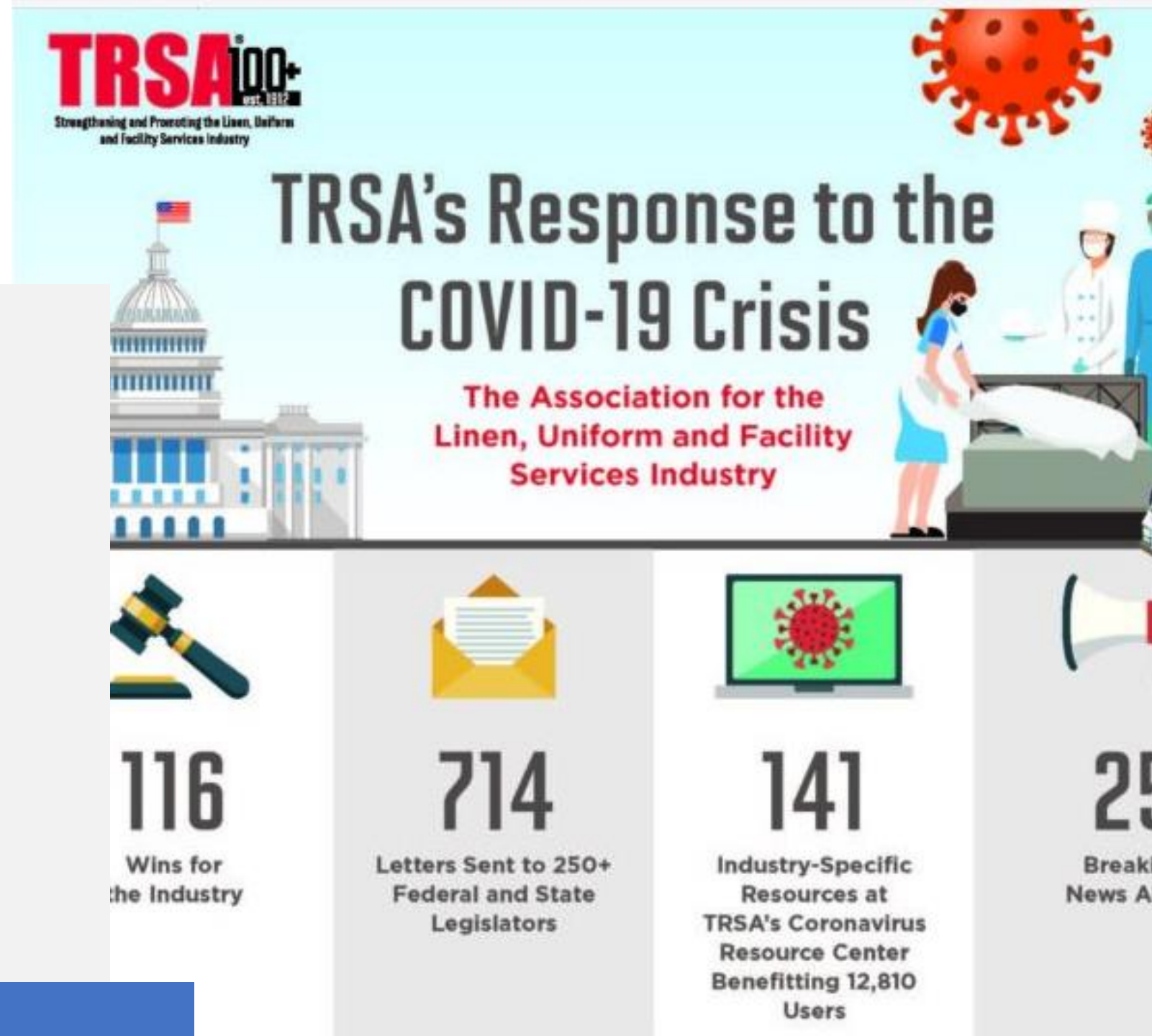
11 Unions at
Disneyland
pushed to
delay
reopening

Disneyland's reopening has been postponed

By Lauren Huff | June 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM EDT



The laundry industry focused their efforts on subsidies and beneficial legislation



Employers and society in general are having to balance economic hardship against the risks of exposing workers to each other and to the general public



Public health experts have developed guidance on how to balance these risks in a way that prevents outbreaks and avoids having to shut down again



**Public Health Principles for a
Phased Reopening During COVID-19:
Guidance for Governors**

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Most of these guidelines have been ignored by the locations that opened up.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

GLOBALLY

TOTAL CASES

3,187,919

DEATHS

226,771

IN THE UNITED STATES

TOTAL CASES

1,036,652

DEATHS

60,475

SOURCE: JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

STATES REOPENING DESPITE NOT MEETING 14 DAYS OF DECLINING CASES



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SITUATION ROOM

Even when conditions improve enough to allow re-opening, the risk is not completely gone

“To be clear, reopening will increase the risk of COVID-19 spread. Therefore, it is important for leaders to know that *getting things open again will increase the risks of individuals contracting COVID-19,* and there is no way to completely guard against that.”

- Public Health Principles for a Phased Reopening During COVID-19: Copyright © 2020 Johns Hopkins University

The lack of enforcement increases the risk for workers

“The path we’re on will guarantee more workers will get sick.” David Michaels – Former OSHA Director

**COVID-19 is affecting
Black, Indigenous, Latinx,
and other people of color
the most.**

Generally Accepted Gating Criteria

- **Steady decrease in cases over 14 consecutive days**
- **At least 150 tests per 100,000 people per day**
- **Below 5 percent of coronavirus tests coming back positive over the past week**
- **Below 60 percent occupancy of ICU beds in hospitals**
- **Ability to treat all patients above crisis level care**
- **Five contact tracers per new daily case**
- **Effective measures to protect employees and users of mass transportation**

The PROBLEM WITH TESTING DELAYS

MON

Get
COVID
TEST



TUES

Get
EXPOSED
AT
MARKET



WED

Get
EXPOSED
AT
LUNCH



THURS

Get
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Get
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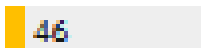


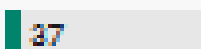
Get
COVID
TEST
RESULTS



You can find information on how your state is meeting these criteria at these two websites

❖ <https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/>

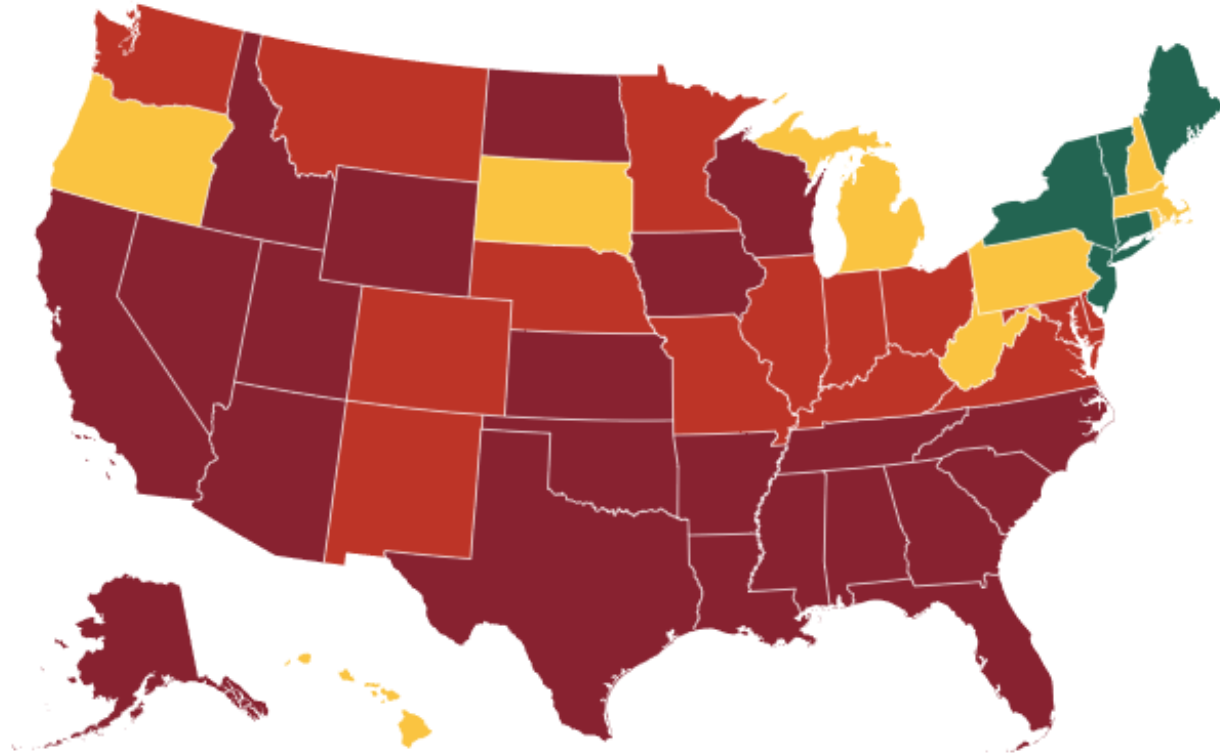
❖ <https://testandtrace.com/>

STATE NAME	14-DAY TREND OF COVID+	LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING)	INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS	% OF TEST TARGET	ICU OCCUPIED	NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY	COVID+ RATE IS
California 🇺🇸	17% Increasing	8.4k  9.9k	Minimal Level 1	 212%	71% Elevated	 250	7.8% Flat
Illinois 🇺🇸	41% Increasing	1k  1.4k	Minimal Level 1	 197%	54% Normal	 112	3.8% Increasing
New Jersey 🇺🇸	40% Increasing	291  407	Minimal Level 1	 193%	43% Normal	 46	1.6% Increasing
New York 🇺🇸	2% Flat	705  717	Minimal Level 1	 225%	50% Normal	 37	1.1% Flat

Cases and Testing Dashboard

Tracking Our COVID-19 Response

Each state's progress towards a new normal



Uncontrolled
Spread

Trending
Poorly

Caution
Warranted

Trending
Better

Combined Data
overview




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What U.S. States Are Ready To Test and Trace?

na california Pennsylvania x

State	Total Grade	% of Tests Are Positive (7-Day Avg)	Contact Tracers / Daily Positive Tests (7-Day Avg)	# of Contact Tracers	Daily Tests (7-Day Avg)	Contact Tracers / 100k Population	Planned Number of Tracers?	# Contact Tracers Needed	Have Enough Contact Tracers?	Source for Contact Tracer Count	Source Confidence
23 California	 2	7.57%	1.13	10,600	124,449	27	10,000	47,101	-36,501	Direct Contact With State or State Press Release	High
33 Pennsylvania	 1	5.57%	0.61	500	14,690	4	600	4,094	-3,594	Direct Contact With State or State Press Release	High
45 Alabama	 0	18.62%	0.08	150	9,777	3	200	9,104	-8,954	Direct Contact With State or State Press Release	High

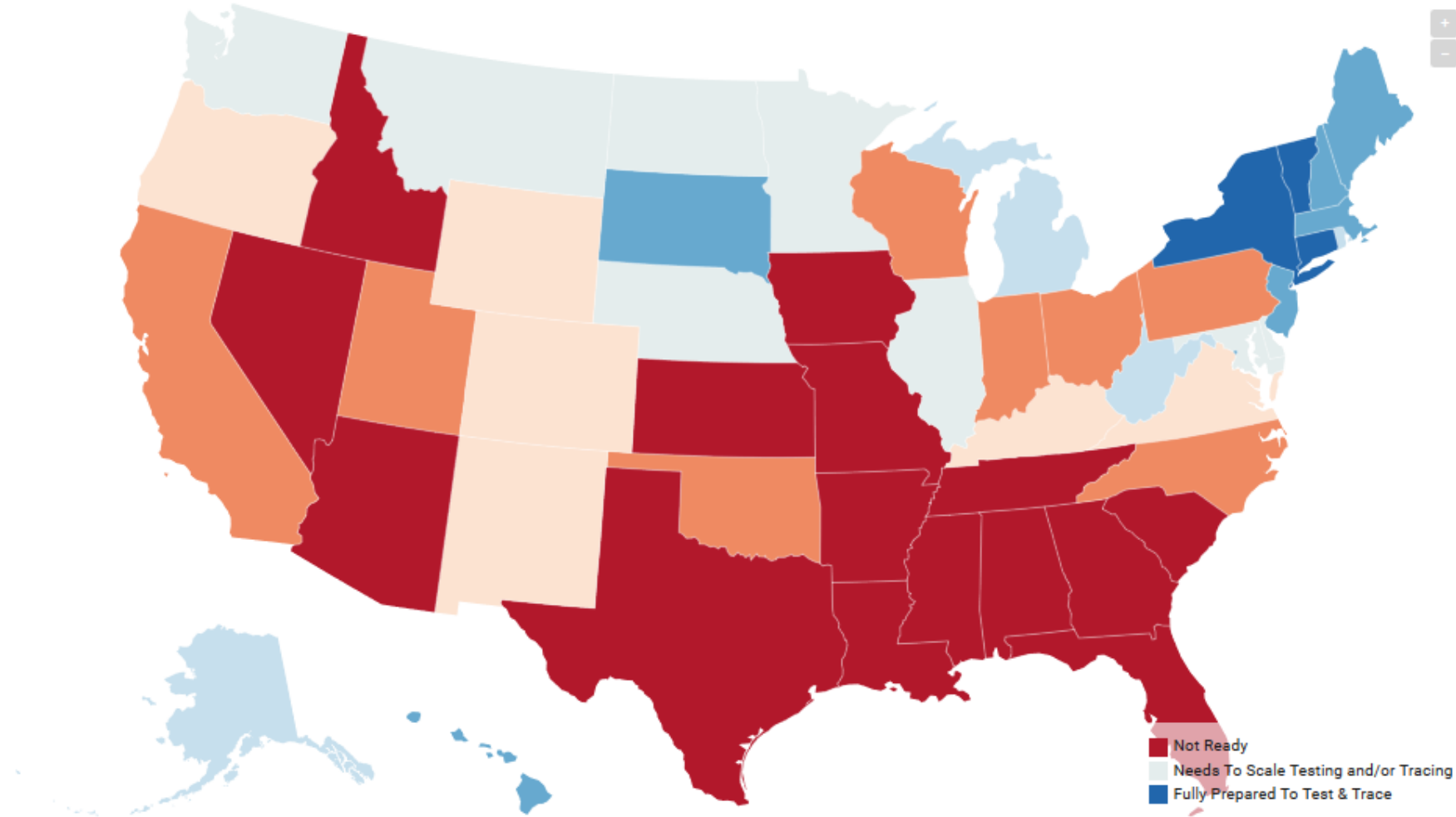
Updated Daily

Source: [Data Source](#) • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

Contact tracing dashboard

What States Are Ready To Test and Trace Today?

Updated daily around 6:30 pm ET. Grading based upon the metrics that have proven to be successful for Test & Trace: Enough testing capabilities so that <3% of tests are positive and 5-15 contact tracers per daily positive case.



Contact Tracing Maps

Further considerations

reopening decisions prompt the larger question of how [to] ...plan better for other, future decisions

“Planning for reclosing is part of planning for reopening,” Mark McClellan, a health policy expert at Duke, told me. “There will be outbreaks, and there will be needs for pauses and going back — hopefully not too much if we do this carefully.”



Summary

- ❖ If you are talking with an employer about bringing people back to work, it is important to know the current situation in your state. The best plan might be to wait until conditions improve, or to limit the number of workers who are called back.
- ❖ If you represent workers who are already working, you can use the statistics for your state to understand the level of risk.
- ❖ Find information sources you trust and look at more than one measure.
- ❖ It is a difficult challenge to balance the risk from the virus with the risk from economic hardship
- ❖ There is no return to normal

Questions? Suggestions?

We want these briefings to support the work you do!

Please enter your questions or suggestions in the Chat Box or e-mail Dawn at Dawn.Ang@workers-united.org

Mark your calendar now for the next COVID briefing on September 2!