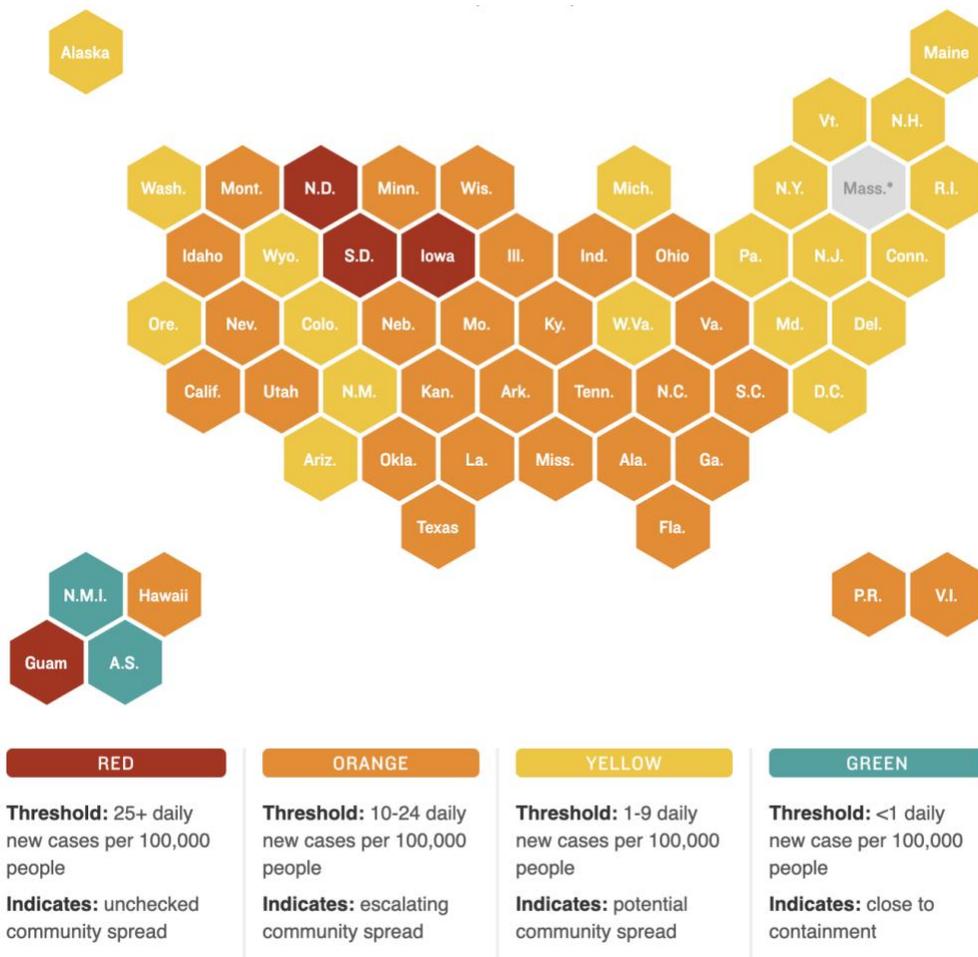


**Update for Week of September 7, 2020 to the Joint Statement on COVID-19  
From Lung Cancer Advocacy Groups**

We hope that all of you had a peaceful Labor Day holiday. This week marks the six-month anniversary of when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic (March 11). As of September 7, 2020, [cases in the US have surpassed the 6 million mark, with over 186,000 deaths.](#)

Nationally, [new cases appear to be on a decline but pockets of high COVID activity remain.](#) The [figure](#) below shows which states have the most new daily cases and the relative degree of community spread versus containment of the virus:



**PSA: Get your flu shots!**

With the arrival of September, **we are strongly recommending that all eligible patients and caregivers get their annual flu shot this year!** [Public health experts are particularly concerned](#) about the potential for patients to get infected with both influenza and SARS-CoV-2 this winter.

Additionally, since the symptoms for these two viruses are similar, many patients experiencing flu-like symptoms may flood already overtaxed healthcare systems. Many doctors' offices and pharmacies already have flu shots available. It's also important to remember that it takes approximately **two weeks** from receiving the shot to have adequate protection. So please make a plan to get your shot as soon as possible.

Some patients, particularly those on checkpoint inhibitors, may be concerned about whether they can take the flu shot – we always recommend asking your doctor but [previous studies suggest that it is safe for patients](#).

### **We want to hear from you!**

We are interested in knowing what topics we should cover in future updates. Please share your thoughts with us by taking this short (1-2 minute) anonymous survey.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LungAdvocacy\\_COVID19\\_needs](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LungAdvocacy_COVID19_needs)

### **Resources and websites**

1. [IASLC's Guide to COVID-19 and Lung Cancer](#)
2. The National Cancer Institute has a special website for COVID-19 and emergency preparedness. [COVID-19: What People with Cancer Should Know](#)
3. We are following updates provided by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) and the US [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
4. Johns Hopkins [COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
5. Interactive map of [US COVID-19 cases by state](#)
6. [The One-Two Punch: Cancer And COVID-19](#) (an important perspective for cancer patients)
7. You can find information specific to your state or city or town on your health department's website.
  - Directory of state department of health [websites](#)
  - Directory of local health department [websites](#)
8. American Medical Association [resources](#) for healthcare providers.





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