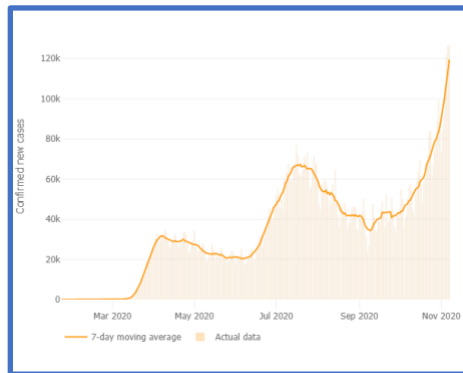


Update for Week of Nov 9 to the Joint Statement on COVID-19 **From Lung Cancer Advocacy Groups**

The first case of COVID-19 in the USA was reported on 1/20/2020—over 9 months ago. Since then, the country has reported 9,860,558 cases and 237,113 deaths ([per Johns Hopkins](#)). As the weather becomes cooler and we spend more time indoors, the number of cases is rapidly accelerating in almost every state. (The virus is holding steady or declining in a handful of states including NY, CA, VT, and ME.)



Given this surge, holiday gatherings and activities present a serious risk for virus transmission. On November 5, 2020, the #LCSM (Lung Cancer Social Media) Chat community on Twitter discussed ways to enjoy and celebrate the holidays safely during the pandemic. Chat participants included lung cancer patients, caregivers, advocates, physicians, and healthcare workers. The chat, which included links to many helpful resources, covered the following topics:

- What have we learned over the past 8 months about how COVID-19 is transmitted?
- How can people reduce the risk of COVID-19 during outdoor activities?
- How can people reduce the risk of COVID-19 when travel is involved? What about travel to or from hot spots?
- How safe is it to meet with family and friends who had COVID-19 and recovered?
- How can people reduce the risk of COVID-19 for indoor activities (shopping, dining in restaurants, family gatherings, worship services, etc.)?

Read the summary of November 5 #LCSM Chat “Celebrating Safely During COVID-19 Pandemic” here: <https://wakelet.com/wake/clw31H18j2lOwCQY2MulU>

We hope you find these resources useful as you plan happy and healthy holiday celebrations!

Resources and websites

1. [IASLC’s Guide to COVID-19 and Lung Cancer](#)
2. The National Cancer Institute website for COVID-19 and emergency preparedness
[COVID-19: What People with Cancer Should Know](#)

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3. Updates from 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. [COVID-19 in patients with cancer: managing a pandemic within a pandemic](#)
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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