

# Update 31: United States of America - Multiple States Start Easing COVID-19 Restrictions Despite Warnings

- Texas will lift its mask mandate and increase the capacity of all businesses to 100% from March 10, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott has announced
- The announcement by the Republican leader in Texas, where the virus has killed more than 42,000 people, has rattled doctors and city leaders who said they are now bracing for another deadly resurgence
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned of a potential resurgence of COVID-19 infections in the US, despite a dip in the numbers of new cases nationally
- Mississippi, Louisiana, and Michigan, as well as Chicago and San Francisco, all made announcements to ease restrictions on March 02, 2021, though the details varied
- Montana, Iowa, North Dakota, and Mississippi have already waived mask-wearing restrictions, and Michigan has eased other lockdown restrictions
- Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina have not enforced state-wide mask mandates throughout the pandemic
- In Florida and South Dakota, schools and businesses have been wide open for months
- More than 35 US states have kept their mask-wearing rules in place, albeit with variable enforcement
- In the US, cases have decreased more than 70% over the past two months from an average of nearly 250,000 new infections a day, while average deaths per day are down about 40% since mid-January 2021
- But the two curves have leveled off abruptly in the past several days and have even risen slightly, and the numbers are still running at alarmingly high levels with an average of about 2,000 deaths and 68,000 cases per day
- Health officials are increasingly worried about virus mutations
- On the positive side, in the US, more Americans have now received at least one dose than have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic began
- So far, 80.5 million doses have been given
- In the last week, an average of 2.01 million doses per day was administered
- As of now, the country has reported 29,456,377 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 531,652 deaths, 1.80% of the total reported cases, and 20,003,325 recoveries, 67.91% of the total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 8.86% and 0.16%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the United States Department of Health and Human Services (<https://www.hhs.gov/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in the United States of America

## Targets Affected:

[United States of America](#)

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

## Source(s)

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<https://www.livemint.com/news/world/texas-to-lift-covid-19-mask-mandate-some-other-restrictions-11614756284508.html>  
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## Related Alerts

**Feb. 28, 2021**

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Update 30: Philadelphia, United States of America - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions Starting March 1, 2021

**Feb. 20, 2021**

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Update 29: United States of America - Extends Travel Restrictions at Land Borders with Canada and Mexico Through March 21, 2021 to Contain the Spread of COVID-19

**Feb. 1, 2021**

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Update 28: United States of America - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases; Total COVID-19 Cases Top 26 Million

**Jan. 29, 2021**

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Update 27: United States of America - Economy Contracts by 3.5% YoY in 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic; Reports First Case of Infection with South Africa COVID-19 Variant

**Jan. 27, 2021**

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Update 26: United States of America - Reports First Case of New COVID-19 Brazilian Variant; Multiple States Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Despite New Variant Concerns

**Jan. 25, 2021**

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Update 25: United States of America - Extends Non-US International Travel Restrictions; Total COVID-19 Cases Top 25 Million

**Jan. 22, 2021**

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Update 24: United States of America - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases; COVID-19 Deaths Top 400,000

**Jan. 14, 2021**

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Update 23: United States of America - Surpasses 10 Million COVID-19 Vaccinations Nationwide; Extends Border Closure for Non-Essential Services with Canada Until February 21, 2021

Jan. 13, 2021

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Update 22: United States of America - Plans to Implement Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement on Arrival Starting January 26, 2021

Jan. 12, 2021

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Update 21: United States of America - Extends Border Closure for Non-Essential Services with Mexico Until February 21, 2021; Records Over 200,000 New COVID-19 Cases for Seven Straight Days

Jan. 7, 2021

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Update 20: United States of America - Total COVID-19 Cases Top 21 Million with Record Hospitalizations

Dec. 22, 2020

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Update 19: United States of America - Total COVID-19 Cases Top 18 Million; Congress Passes US\$900 B Relief Package

Dec. 14, 2020

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Update 18: United States of America - Extends Border Closure for Non-Essential Services with Canada and Mexico Until January 21, 2021

Dec. 11, 2020

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Update 17: United States of America - Increasing Unemployment Claims Adds Further Challenges Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Dec. 10, 2020

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Update 16: United States of America - Daily Reported COVID-19 Deaths Top 3,000 for First Time

Nov. 30, 2020

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Update 15: California, United States of America - More Counties Announce New Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 27, 2020

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Update 14: United States of America - COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths Rise Amid Thanksgiving Holiday

**Nov. 19, 2020**

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Update 13: United States of America -  
Extends Border Closure for Non-  
Essential Services with Canada and  
Mexico Until December 21, 2020

**Nov. 18, 2020**

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Update 12: United States of America -  
Multiple States Tightens Restrictions  
Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections

**Nov. 6, 2020**

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Update 11: United States of America -  
Reports Highest Daily Increase of  
121,054 New COVID-19 Cases;  
Raising National Total to 9,919,522

**Nov. 3, 2020**

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Update 10: United States of America -  
Reports Economic Recovery in Q3  
2020 as GDP Increases by 33.1%  
Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Oct. 20, 2020**

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Update 9: United States of America -  
Extends Border Closure for Non-  
Essential Services with Canada and  
Mexico Until November 21, 2020

**Sept. 17, 2020**

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Update 8: United States of America -  
Extends Border Closure for Non-  
Essential Services with Canada Until  
October 21, 2020

**Sept. 14, 2020**

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Update 7: United States of America -  
Wildfire Adds Further Challenges to  
Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

**Aug. 17, 2020**

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Update 6: United States of America -  
Extends Border Closure with Canada  
and Mexico Until September 21, 2020

**July 17, 2020**

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Update 5: United States of America -  
Extends Border Closure with Canada  
and Mexico Until August 21, 2020

June 27, 2020

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Update 4: United States of America - European Union Likely to Restrict Entry of American Travelers Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 26, 2020

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Update 3: United States of America - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 39,818 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~2,394,100

June 17, 2020

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Update 2: United States of America - Extends Border Closure with Mexico and Canada Until July 21

June 2, 2020

High

Update 1: United States of America - Records 743 COVID-19 Deaths in Last 24 Hours, Total Cases Rise to 1,809,109

May 3, 2020

High

United States of America - Ease Restrictions in Over 30 States Amid COVID-19 Pandemic from May 4, 2020; Citizens Step-out Despite Social-Distancing Measures

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.