

# California Coronavirus Outbreak

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## California Counties Coronavirus Case and Death Rate Count



Mayor Eric M. Garcetti of Los Angeles said on Wednesday evening that any city and county resident who wanted a virus test can get one, whether or not they were showing symptoms, making Los Angeles the “first major city in America” to offer free coronavirus testing to all residents.

Priority will still be given to health care employees, other workers who interact with the public and people with symptoms, but asymptomatic residents will also be able to get tests.

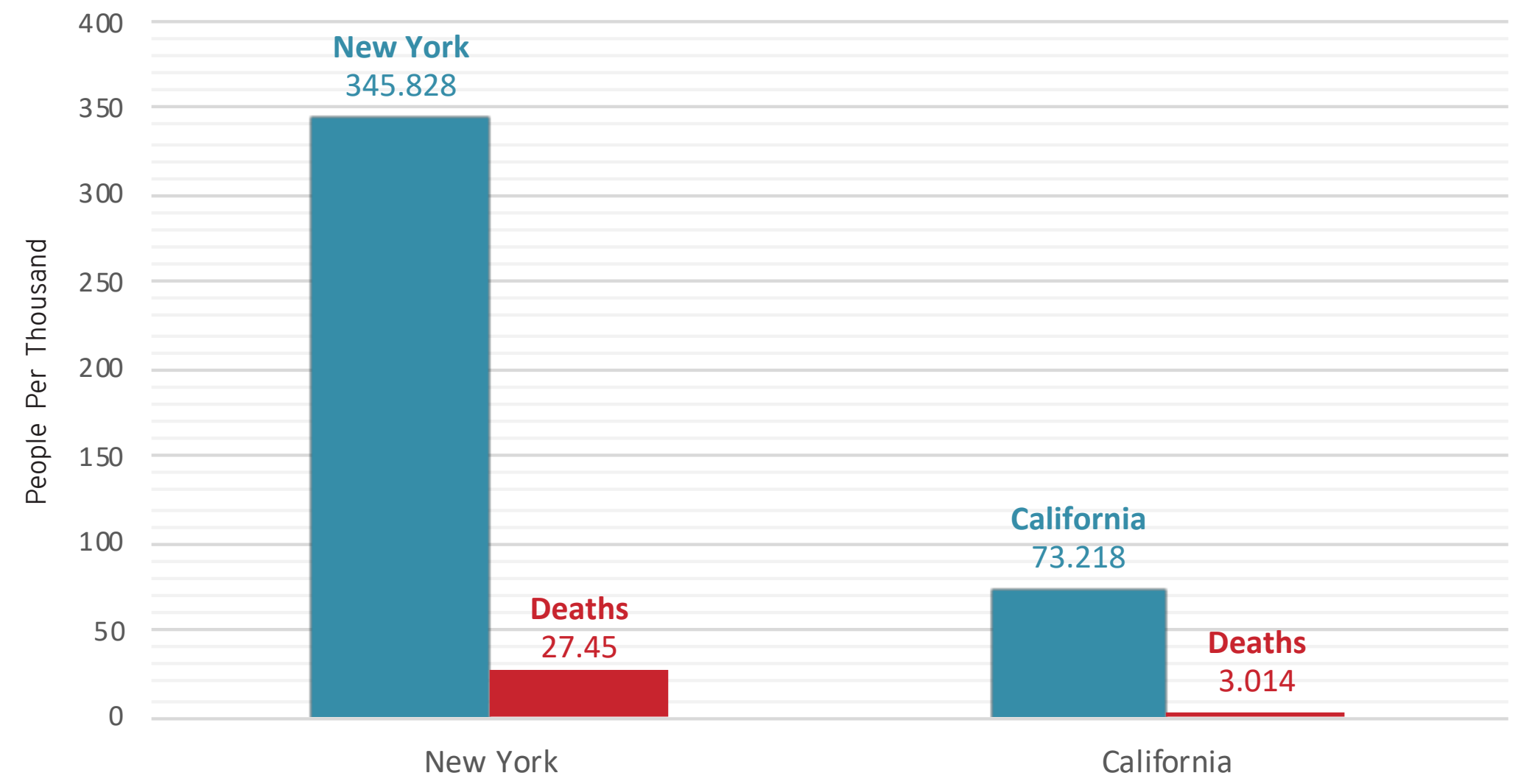
“So, if you think you might have Covid-19, want the reassurance that you don’t or you’ve been around people that you have seen with symptoms, get a test,” the mayor said. “We can do it.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom of California had outlined this week how the state might gradually reopen, and Mr. Garcetti said the availability of testing was a “really important step to prepare for other steps forward.”

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For weeks now, New York has faced the worst news of any state in the country. In recent days, that has started to change. Though hundreds of deaths and thousands of new cases are still reported each day, hospitalization rates have plunged and officials have started implementing plans for a slow reopening of the economy.

About 34,428 people in Los Angeles County have tested positive for the virus, and the death toll there has risen to 1,659.



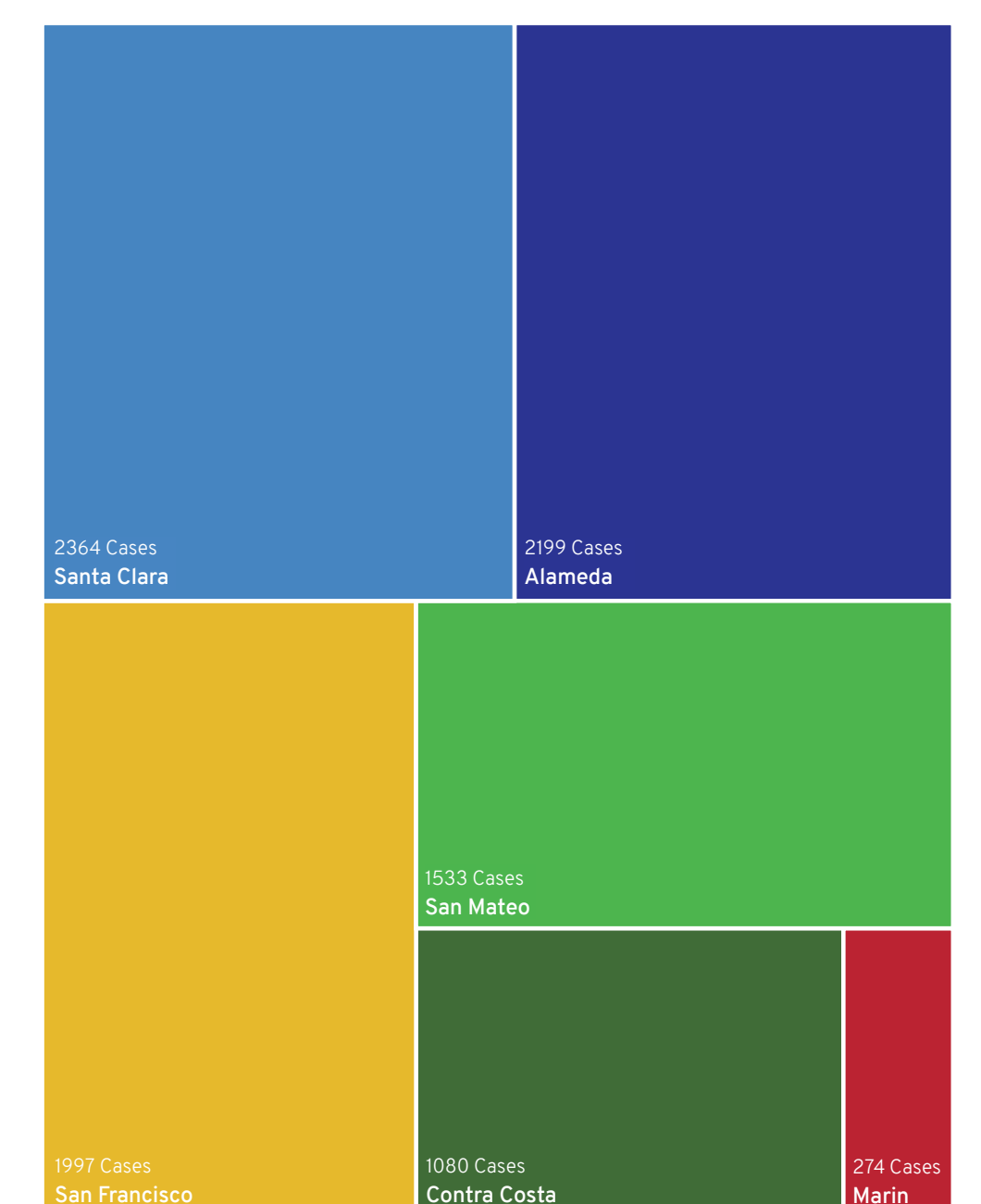
California vs. New York Coronavirus Case and Death Rate Count

More than 1,068,500 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 62,700 have died, according to a New York Times database. More than 1,000 additional deaths have been announced every day since April 2. The continued spread of the virus, and the continued rise in the death toll, comes as political leaders seek to reopen parts of the country. But stay-at-home orders remain in effect in many states, Americans have been told to wear face coverings in public and true normalcy remains a distant vision. Every day, more beloved events are scrubbed from the calendar. There will be no Butterfest this year in Reedsburg, Wis., no fair in Sonoma County, Calif., no Lobster Festival in Rockland, Maine.

The outbreak in this country, which now has the highest number of known cases in the world, has exploded over the last two months. At the start of March, with extremely limited testing available, only 70 cases had been reported in the United States, most of them tied to overseas travel. Since late March, more than 20,000 new cases have been announced each day. The number of known cases in the country now exceeds the combined populations of Wyoming and Minneapolis.

As of Thursday afternoon, at least 1,068,557 people across every state, plus Washington, D.C., and four U.S. territories, have tested positive for the virus, according to a New York Times database.

American life has been fundamentally reordered because of the virus. Concerts, graduations and proms have been called off. Unemployment claims have spiked. Some governors have imposed quarantine requirements on Americans who cross state lines. And even as portions of the country begin to reopen, officials have warned that the return to communal life would come in stages, and that the virus could surge anew in the months ahead. There have been at least 49,400 cases of coronavirus in California, according to a New York Times database. As of Thursday afternoon, 1,999 people had died.



Bay Area Counties Newest Coronavirus Case Rate