



## Fauci warns new COVID-19 cases could hit 100,000 a day

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*The United States should not bank on the availability of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine, the government's top infectious diseases expert said on Tuesday, and he warned that the daily surge in cases could more than double if Americans fail to take steps to get the virus under control.*

(FAUCI) “It is going to be very disturbing. I will guarantee you that.”

1. The top U.S. infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, issued a dire warning on Tuesday, saying that daily coronavirus cases could more than double if Americans fail to follow health guidelines.

2. Fauci told a Senate hearing the virus’ current surge in states like Florida and Texas puts the entire country at serious risk.

(FAUCI) “We are now having 40+ thousand new cases a day. I would not be surprised if we go up to 100,000 a day if this does not turn around. And so I am very concerned.”

3. Fauci’s grim assessment came as cases last week rose 46 percent, compared to the previous seven days, according to Reuters data.

4. And 21 states are reporting positive test rates above 5 percent - the level that the World Health Organization has flagged as concerning.

5. Arizona’s positivity test rate was 24% last week, Florida’s was 16%, and Nevada, South Carolina and Texas’s were all 15%, according to the analysis.

6. Texas Governor Greg Abbott last week reversed course on the state’s early reopening and shut down bars...a move that protesters in Austin on Tuesday said was unfair.

“Today y’all our call is that Governor Abbot has violated all our constitutional rights and his order needs to be voided.”

7. While top health officials warn that some Americans - particularly younger adults - have recently let down their guard and are socializing without masks on...

8. Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden on Tuesday put the blame on the president’s mismanagement of the crisis.

“Today we are facing a serious threat... But the president gives us no direction and pits us against one another. We can’t continue like this. Half recovery, and half getting worse - we can’t continue.”

9. Fauci, too, reiterated that Americans need to stay vigilant in their actions to stop the spread of the virus.

(FAUCI) “Because it could get very bad.”

10. ... warning the U.S. should not simply bank on a vaccine to end the crisis.

(FAUCI) “There is no guarantee - and anyone who's been involved in vaccinology will tell you - that we will have a safe and effective vaccine.”

11. No guarantee - but Fauci is still hopeful that a vaccine will become available in the early part of 2021.