U.S. death toll exceeds 100,000 --USA #1



Washington, May 27 (RHC)-- The coronavirus death toll in the United States surpassed 100,000 on Wednesday, according to the Johns Hopkins University tally, making the US the first country to reach a six-figure, grim milestone. USA #1 -- now leads the world in both deaths and infections, with more than 1.69 million confirmed cases.

Still, President Donald Trump is continuing to pressure state governors to reopen their economies and allow the "transition to greatness" he has adopted as a new campaign slogan to proceed full speed ahead. Trump bragged on Twitter about early gains in the U.S. stock market indices and insisted that, "there will be ups and downs, but next year will be one of the best ever!"

All 50 states have started relaxing coronavirus restrictions to varying degrees. In Illinois and New York, among other states, restaurants are still closed to in-person dining and hair salons are shuttered. Many southern states have seen most businesses are open, with restrictions on capacity.

Trump was largely silent on coronavirus deaths on Wednesday, choosing instead to rail against Twitter for alleged censorship and "Obamagate" -- an unproven idea that former President Barack Obama with his then-Vice President Joe Biden and a collection of intelligence operatives concocted the theory that Trump was colluding with Russia in order to win the 2016 election.

Trump several months ago likened the coronavirus to the flu and dismissed worries that it could lead to so many deaths. The administration's leading scientists have since warned that as many as 240,000 Americans could die in the country's outbreak.

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