

# *Coronavirus cases surge in United States*

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Washington, December 21 (RHC)-- The U.S. recorded over 250,000 cases in a day for the first time over the weekend. Nearly one in 200 people in the U.S. was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last week, although the actual number of infected people is likely much higher.

In the U.S. state of Tennessee -- which now has the highest number of new cases relative to its population -- nearly one of every 100 residents tested positive within the last week. Republican Governor Bill Lee is still refusing to issue a mask mandate.

In Los Angeles, hospitals are making plans for rationing care if the surge continues apace in the coming weeks. California has recently had a huge increase in COVID-19 cases.



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