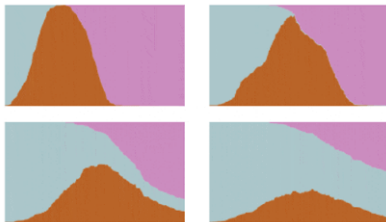


****Please excuse a typo included in the previous distribution. The number of cases has surpassed 3,700 as of last night, not 37,000. It is important we get these numbers right and not inflame concern. Please excuse my error****

Dear members:

With more than 3,700 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 48 states, public awareness continues to increase as the states and the federal government mount an aggressive, multi-layer response. ALEC continues to serve as a vital communication channel for state legislators seeking official information from the White House, federal agencies, the CDC and the private sector.

In today's update, you'll find helpful information about the COVID-19 virus, a public health simulator to help you better understand the transmission curve and information about how private sector partners are creating solutions and helping the American people.



Coronaviruses—including COVID-19—are enveloped viruses, meaning they are one of the easiest types of viruses to kill with the appropriate disinfectant product ([learn more with this helpful FAQ](#)). However, the rate of transmission for COVID-19 is increasing rapidly.

Yesterday, the President and CDC issued new guidance to help slow the rate of transmission ([Download a shareable PDF here](#)).

To help better understand why outbreaks like COVID-19 spread exponentially, and how to flatten the curve, [read this interactive article from the Washington Post](#).

The private sector has an important role to play in solutions development. During a time of social distancing, solutions come in many forms ranging from research and development on a cure to services that empower Americans to continue everyday life with a sense of normalcy.

- America's biopharmaceutical companies are committed to developing solutions to diagnose and treat those with COVID-19. [Many pharmaceutical companies have research and development efforts under way](#) or are providing donations of

medicine and supplies to support patients and first responders.

- The American Chemistry Council Center for Biocide Chemistries has compiled a list of EPA [approved products for use against COVID-19](#) and other enveloped viral pathogens.
- As more employees, educators, and students work remotely in response to the spread of COVID-19, companies like [Google](#) and [Zoom](#) are offering free enterprise video conferencing to educators and other groups.
- The world's largest luxury brand, [Moët Hennessey Louis Vuitton](#), announced it would stop regular production at three large cosmetics facilities and redirect its attention to hand sanitizer.

The mobilization of private sector resources is critical, and ALEC will continue to share solutions-oriented information from the private sector. Please share how your organizations are helping. Send me an email.

Other Resources:

- [Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)
- [Federal Government Resources](#)
- [Public Health Simulator](#)
- [State Legislation Tracker](#)
- [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Coronavirus Fighting Product List](#)

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