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This week, confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States surpassed 1 million, as some states begin to partially reopen. As of this afternoon, Johns Hopkins University estimates around 1,046,000 cases in the United States and over 61,000 fatalities. The death toll is now greater than the entire casualty total from the Vietnam War, and certain projection models have increased their predicted long-term death totals. Strict social distancing rules have worked well, according to health care professionals, and these regulations should continue to stay in place. However, some states have begun enacting plans to reopen their economies, despite warnings from individuals in the medical industry. Georgia, Texas, and Iowa are among the states that have announced plans to slowly reopen certain sectors and businesses.

Some cities have started testing asymptomatic individuals to get a better understanding of how the virus spreads. Los Angeles and Boston have announced plans to test frontline workers who are not exhibiting symptoms to see if they have the virus. Georgia has also begun a program in which they randomly select households from some of the state's largest counties and test the residents. Experts have frequently said that increased testing would facilitate a quick return to normalcy. President Trump has made clear his desire for states to reopen, and Republican governors have been quick to appease him. The Republican governors of Florida, Alabama, Texas, and Missouri have all announced plans to reopen their economies. Iowa is also seeking to get people back to work, but Governor Kim Reynolds never issued a stay-at-home order in the state. Despite these governors' haste to reopen, medical experts have warned that a second wave of the virus is likely to occur if strict social distancing is not adhered to.