Governors, Mayors Ratchet Up Restrictions Ahead of Thanksgiving

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WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden is urging states to ramp up vaccine distribution as infections and deaths from COVID-19 continue to climb in the U.S.

The White House's pandemic response coordinator, JeffZients, said Thursday that nearly 40% of all doses distributed to states had yet to be administered.

Biden also called for a “whole-of-government approach” to combatting the virus, which has claimed more than 500,000 lives in the U.S. so far.

In other news:

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Thursday that he will be sticking to his plan to fully reopen the state by the end of June, despite the surge in cases.

The governor said he will not change his strategy, despite criticism from some state officials who argue that reopening too soon could lead to a surge in cases.

Newsom said he plans to continue to monitor the situation closely and adjust his plan as needed.

In Colorado, Gov. Jared Polis announced that the state will begin giving priority to teachers and school staff for COVID-19 vaccinations.

The move comes as the state grapples with a surge in cases, particularly among younger people.

Polis said the decision was made to help ensure that schools are able to reopen safely.

In other news:

The Biden administration has announced that it will provide $10 billion in funding to states to help them safely reopen schools.

The funding will be used to cover costs associated with reopening, including testing, cleaning and safety measures.

The administration has said the funding will be distributed to states based on their needs and the severity of the pandemic in their region.
Ohio Valley Five-Day Forecast (As of 7 p.m. Thursday)

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Ohio and Marshall counties have seen a notable rise in COVID cases, with Ohio County reporting 1,151 total cases, up from 1,087 last week. Marshall County has seen a 5.64 percent positivity rate, with 78.65 percent of residents having received a vaccination. The county's total to 1,151.

Meanwhile, the Department of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has noted the rise in COVID-19 cases as an opportunity to provide resources and guidance to healthcare providers.

As the nation's top election security official, a widely respected member of his profession, Krebs has been a trusted voice in the run-up to the election. His job, as state election officials, is to help communities implement best practices to protect the integrity of the vote.

When asked to comment on the damage to the security official, a widely respected member of his profession, Krebs avoided ever saying the name.

CISA has noted that the rise in COVID-19 cases has also impacted the ability of election officials to respond to threats while monitoring election systems and the potential for hacking.

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