

# *U.S. faces third coronavirus surge as deaths spike around the country*

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Washington, October 21 (RHC)-- The United States reported more than 60,000 new coronavirus cases and over 900 deaths Tuesday, as a third surge of U.S. infections appears set to rival two previous peaks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of deaths from all causes across the U.S. so far this year is about 300,000 more than expected. Thirty-one states now qualify as “red zones” under the White House Coronavirus Task Force’s policies.

In New Mexico, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has ordered new restrictions on retail stores, restaurants and bars, as a surge of COVID-19 cases has left over 80% of adult hospital beds in New Mexico filled.

Health officials have ordered students at the University of Michigan to quarantine in their homes and dormitories after off-campus parties were blamed for more than half of all new coronavirus cases in the city of Ann Arbor.

On Tuesday, a House committee on the coronavirus crisis released White House reports revealing the Trump administration has been aware of an alarming nationwide rise in cases for over a month — even as President Donald Trump publicly downplayed the crisis, got sick with COVID-19 and held crowded campaign events that contributed to the spread of the disease.

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