

Mexico posts record 5,662 new coronavirus cases in one day

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Health worker Gustavo Tenopala Menendez instructs the people waiting outside the medical center where he works on how to get tested for COVID-9, at the Central de Abasto market of Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

Mexico posted another record one-day increase in confirmed coronavirus cases, with 5,662, while 667 more deaths were reported Thursday.

The daily [death](#) toll has been hovering around 700 for much of this week, but the daily case load increase has usually remained below 5,000.

Mexico now has seen 19,747 confirmed coronavirus deaths and 165,455 confirmed cases.

Officials have acknowledged that both figures are undercounts because of a lack of testing and delayed results.

The Health Department said Mexico has performed only about 450,000 tests since the pandemic began. Officials, however, have given signs recently that the government may be beginning to reconsider its low-testing policy.

Officials say the country is on a plateau with few signs of decrease, even as the economy starts reopening. This week's string of near-record figures pose a particular challenge, because expectations have been growing that further economic openings will be announced Friday.

The government is also expected to announce an update soon on previously unregistered [coronavirus](#) deaths in Mexico City, in which people who died without tests could push the nationwide death toll considerably higher.



Health worker Ulises Cardenas Santana attempts to get a sample for COVID-19 testing, from a man at the Central de Abasto market in Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)



A health worker in protection gear to curb the spread of the new coronavirus gives alcohol to a vendor to disinfect her hands at the Central de Abasto market in Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)



A health worker takes a child's temperature to help curb the spread of the new coronavirus, at the Central de Abasto market in Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)



Health worker Ulises Cardenas Santana, left, disinfects his co-worker Gustavo Tenopala Menendez, at the medical unit of the Central de Abasto market in Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)



A health worker in protection gear to curb the spread of the new coronavirus carries alcohol and a thermometer to scan and help disinfect patrons at the Central de Abasto market in Mexico City, Thursday, June 18, 2020. (AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)



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