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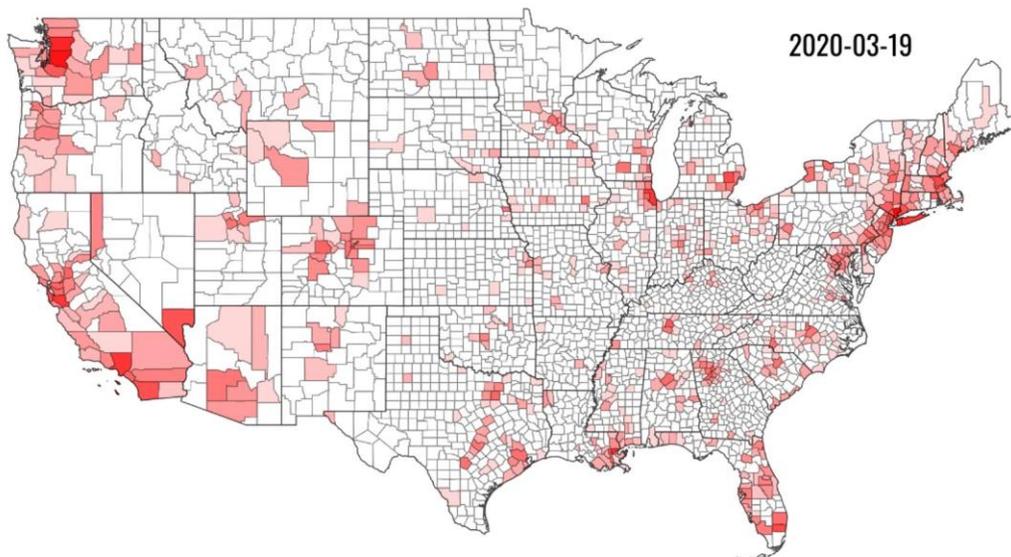
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U.S. Spread of COVID-19 Map

Number of cases:



U.S. Spread COVID-19 Map Released

St. Paul, Minnesota, March 19, 2020 – This afternoon, Minnesota based nonprofit SharedGeo released an online map which shows the spread of COVID-19 across the United States since early March. Unique to the map is a time sequence display of county level data made available by [University of Virginia's Biocomplexity Institute's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard](#) and the [Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases map](#) by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at John Hopkins University.

In announcing release of the map, SharedGeo indicated it had two objectives:

1. To visually demonstrate to U.S. citizens the rapidly expanding nature of the COVID-19 virus so individuals and organizations will take to heart the warnings, precautions, and preventive measures requested by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and others in the medical and Public Health sectors, and
2. To start a discussion about the need for better granularity of location reporting when dealing with health crises. Across the spectrum of disasters which can befall a nation,

nothing is more pervasive and debilitating than pandemic. Yet, the critical role which location intelligence can play in managing these types of situations has been historically lacking. This remains true despite there being effective ways to provide medically related location data without violating patient privacy. For an example, see <https://usng-gis.org/>.

SharedGeo will update the map daily so long as data is available, and the map's availability is deemed worthwhile.

To view the map, go here: www.uscovid-19map.org.

About SharedGeo: SharedGeo is a Minnesota 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to helping government, nonprofit, education, and corporate entities use mapping technologies and share geographic data for the public good. Past and current project partners include federal, state, tribal, county, municipal, nonprofit, and corporate entities. www.sharedgeo.org