1. <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ad46e587a9134fcdb43ff54c16f8c39b>
2. This map represents trends for COVID-19 in the USA, on a county by county basis. The data displayed represents the day-to-day rate of new COVID cases (focused on the most recent 14 days). It uses color to represent a county’s current COVID infection rate (shades of purple for spreading cases, shades of blue for controlled cases, grey for zero cases). When a county is selected the active cases, total cases, # per 100,000 persons, deaths and days since last new case are displayed in a pane; along with county name and current state of trend.
3. This map targets anyone interested in understanding the risk of COVID in its relationship to location. As well, it may be useful to a vulnerable person who is traveling so they can plot their course to avoid highly contagious areas.
4. I really like how the color coding of the counties, and the map legend that describes them; provides an instant glimpse into the state of COVID spread, on a nationwide label. By breaking the US into its constituent counties and using stark color difference between “controlled” and “spreading” counties; we can process a large amount of information in an easily digestible way.
5. I think the details sidebar containing links to sources and a summary of the criteria used to determine a county’s status, could be cleaned up visually. Not being able to hide this information is distracting and could be displayed on-click as an info panel in a cleaner way.