

COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage

Monday, March 23, 2020

Notable Updates

U.S. News

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 33,018 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all states with over 428 deaths reported. Notable new cases include:
 - As the U.S. coronavirus [cases top 32,000](#), NY governor Cuomo estimates 40% to 80% of state will get coronavirus
 - Senator Amy Klobuchar's husband is [hospitalized](#) with the coronavirus
- Trump orders the [National Guard](#) to be stationed in the three hardest hit states, New York, California and Washington
- New York State put ['on pause'](#) as non-essential businesses close last night at 8pm
- U.S. [stocks fall](#) even after Fed's pledge for a stimulus package
- Treasury secretary Mnuchin is working on [financing programs](#) for businesses hit hard by the coronavirus
- Massachusetts Governor Baker orders [all non-essential businesses to close](#) and issues a stay at home advisory
- In Sunday night's White House task force briefing, officials confirmed:
 - New York, Washington and California have been or will be declared areas of "National Emergency"
 - Testing capabilities will increase in the U.S. in the coming week and a new test with faster results is under development
 - President Trump will stick with the "15-Day" policy for containment, as outlined on the CDC website
 - The hospital ship deployed to California will be used to treat non-coronavirus patients
- Notable new companies announcing layoffs/furloughs in the U.S. are: H&M, GE aviation, Cirque du Soleil, OTG. While other companies such as [CVS Health](#) and [Walmart](#) have announced they will hire additional workers.
- Notable new companies that have stopped or are modifying production in the U.S. are: Coca-Cola, Organic Valley
- New states with restrictions to "non-essential" business or implementing "shelter-in-place" policies are:
 - Delaware Gov. John Carney ordered residents to stay at home and closed nonessential businesses in the state starting Tuesday at 8 a.m.
 - Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear ordered 'nonessential' businesses to close
 - Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards imposed a statewide stay-at-home order, effective 5 p.m. Monday.
 - Ohio will impose a statewide stay-at-home mandate, effective 11:59 p.m. Monday, Gov. Mike DeWine announced.
 - Philadelphia will order its residents to stay home effective at 8 a.m. Monday, excluding activities like buying groceries and medicine, seeking medical care and exercising.

International News

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 341,500 cases confirmed globally in over 163 countries with at least 15,187 deaths. Notable new cases include:
 - Italy coronavirus [deaths rise](#) by 651 in a single day, bringing the total death toll to 5,476
 - Nigeria [reports its first](#) coronavirus death
- Spain distributes [650,000 testing kits](#) as coronavirus death toll rises
- Wuhan eases coronavirus [restrictions](#) as the rest of the world are just ramping up
- Germany [bans groups of 2 or more](#) and Merkel goes into quarantine after learning her doctor tested positive for coronavirus

- Wakayama, Japan launched its own [strict coronavirus testing](#), leading the region on fighting the pandemic
- The U.K is in talks with Amazon and other [online retailers](#) to get coronavirus tests sent to them
- India [imposes lockdowns](#) in their biggest cities, affecting millions

Top Tier Coverage:

Business

- Market Watch, [CVS Health says furloughed workers from Hilton and Marriott will fill some 50,000 newly-open jobs](#)
- CNBC, [Cisco commits \\$225 million in fight against coronavirus as Silicon Valley initiates investment blitz](#)
- USA Today, [IBM and Honeywell sign on with White House to help fight COVID-19](#)
- Barron's, [Here's a List of Companies That Have Suspended Their Dividends and Stopped Buying Back Stock](#)
- Reuters, [Walmart ups minimum wage in e-commerce warehouses by \\$2 as orders surge on virus worries](#)
- Fashion United, [Target to pay 300 million dollars in bonus and improved employee perks](#)
- CNN, [AT&T CEO on coronavirus: This is 'a time of war'](#)
- The New York Times, [As Coronavirus Surveillance Escalates, Personal Privacy Plummet](#)
- CNBC, [List of retailers who have announced tapping lines of credit](#)

Health

- MSN, [US coronavirus cases top 32,000 as New York governor estimates 40% to 80% of state will get coronavirus](#)
- USA Today, [Purell maker made 'misleading' claims to customers about killing germs, new suit says](#)
- CNET, [10 practical ways to help avoid coronavirus when you leave the house](#)
- The Verge, [Apple CEO Tim Cook says the company is donating "millions" of masks to healthcare workers](#)
- The Wall Street Journal, [In Bid for Coronavirus Vaccine, U.S. Eases Access to Supercomputers](#)
- The Chicago Tribune, [First responders, health care workers can be tested for coronavirus at Joliet, Northlake Walmart sites](#)

Food

- IRI and 210 Analytics: [Meat Sales Surged 77% the Week of March 15 Amid Growing COVID-19 Cases](#)
- Axios: [The Workers Feeding America](#)
- Bloomberg: [How You Can Help Support Workers in Virus-Stricken Restaurant Industry](#)
- CNBC: [Food supply chains are so far holding up during coronavirus outbreak, CEOs say](#)
- The Guardian: [The Other Crisis: Our Food Supply](#)
- New York Times: [Panic Buying, Lockdowns May Drive World Food Inflation-FAO, Analysts](#)
- The Wall Street Journal: [Virus Hits Already Frail U.S. Farm Economy](#)
- The New York Times: [To Stay Afloat, the Restaurant Business Clings to 'Contactless Delivery'](#)
- QSR: [Subway to Close Dining Areas Due to COVID-19](#)
- Yahoo: [Coronavirus: Families strip poultry farms of chickens as supermarkets run out of eggs](#)

International

- MSN, [Italy coronavirus deaths rise by 651 in a day, lifting total death toll to 5,476](#)
- CNN, [Nigeria reports its first coronavirus-related death](#)
- The Guardian, [Spain distributes 650,000 testing kits as coronavirus deaths rise steeply](#)
- The Guardian, [Wuhan eases coronavirus lockdown as restrictions intensify outside of China](#)
- The New York Times, [Germany Bans Groups of More Than 2 to Stop Coronavirus as Merkel Self-Isolates](#)
- The Washington Post, [A region in Japan launched its own coronavirus fight. It's now called a 'model' in local action.](#)
- Financial Times, [UK in talks with Amazon and others to deliver coronavirus tests](#)
- CNN, [Millions in India under coronavirus lockdown as major cities restrict daily life](#)

Travel

- The Financial Times, [Airlines grounded by coronavirus spur boom for storage](#)
- USA Today, [Air Canada lays off 5,000, suspends most international and US flights](#)
- The New York Times, [With the Coronavirus Restrictions, Can I Travel by Car?](#)

Sports

- CNN, [Canada and Australia will not send athletes to Tokyo Olympics](#)
- Bloomberg, [Tokyo Olympics Postponement Nears as Canada Pulls Athletes](#)
- Reuters, [Irish Olympics chief says likely 2020 Games will be postponed](#)
- New York Post, [IOC considers postponing 2020 Olympics for a year after Australia, Canada drop out](#)
- Fox News, [Lolo Jones calls on IOC to postpone Olympics amid coronavirus pandemic](#)
- NPR, [Japan's Abe Admits Tokyo Olympics Might Be Postponed](#)
- NBC News, [Coronavirus may force Olympics to be postponed, Japan's Abe says](#)
- NBC News, [Canada, Australia pulling out of Olympics because of coronavirus](#)

Politics

- ABC News, [Trump to send National Guard to New York, California, Washington](#)
- CNN, [US surgeon general warns 'this week, it's going to get bad' as hospitals struggle to keep up with sharply increasing coronavirus cases](#)
- MSN, [Governors and mayors in growing uproar over Trump's lagging coronavirus response](#)
- NPR, [Trump Compares Defense Production Act To Nationalization](#)
- MSN, [Trump Floats Ending Coronavirus Lockdown in Coming Weeks to Boost Economy](#)
- The Washington Post, [Cuomo bets a gentler approach toward Trump will help New York get what it needs during pandemic](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Key Dates (March 2020):

- 3/1/20: U.S. reports first two deaths
- 3/2/20: Number of cases reported in Italy spikes by nearly 50%; the E.U. raised its risk level to "high"
- 3/6/20: Number of cases surpassed 100,000 globally
- 3/9/20: Global stock markets plunged and oil prices dropped amid global anxiety
- 3/10/20: Number of known coronavirus cases in the U.S. surpassed 1,000
- 3/10/20: Deadliest single day toll to date
- 3/11/20: WHO declares a pandemic; U.S. bans travel from Europe, excluding the U.K.
- 3/13/20: Trump declares a national emergency

- 3/14/20: U.S. extends travel ban to include Britain, Ireland
- 3/18/20: The EU announced it will seal its borders; the U.S. and Canada will close its border to “non-essential” traffic

Relevant Links:

- WHO press briefings Monday/Wednesday/Friday ([LINK](#))
- White House Task Force briefing (11:30 AM ET, [Twitter](#))
- CDC COVID-19 travel advisories ([LINK](#))
- CDC report on situation in the U.S. ([LINK](#)) and Cases in the U.S. ([LINK](#))
- FDA updates related to COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
- Tips to prevent spread ([CDC](#), [WHO](#))
- News outlets with LIVE running updates on COVID-19 ([NYT](#), [WSJ](#), [CNN](#), [BBC](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Outbreak Trackers: ([NYT U.S.](#), [NYT World](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Information is Beautiful](#))
- Event Cancellation Tracker ([AdAge](#), [NYT](#))
- Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) COVID-19 resource center ([LINK](#))

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