

COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage

NEWS UPDATES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Notable Updates

U.S. News

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 86,012 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all 50 states with over 1,301 deaths reported.
- According to the White House task force [briefing](#) Thursday night:
 - President Trump claimed to have a great meeting with the leaders of the G20
 - President Trump held a meeting with all the governors in the U.S.
 - The COVID relief package will include: job retention loans, direct cash payments, expanded unemployment benefits, critical support for the hardest hit industries, over \$100 billion for hospitals, \$45 billion for the disaster relief fund and more.
 - FEMA has shipped over 9 million N95 masks, 20 million face masks, 3.1 million face shields, nearly 6,000 ventilators, 2.6 million gowns, 14.6 million gloves.
 - The USNS Comfort will be leaving for New York on Saturday and will arrive on Monday.
- New states with restrictions to “non-essential” business or implementing “shelter-in-place” policies are: [New Hampshire](#)
- The next wave of coronavirus cases expected to hit [Louisiana](#).
- Officials see hope as cases in [Washington](#) appear to be leveling off
- President Trump [cast doubt](#) Thursday on New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s assertion that his state, will need 30,000 ventilators to properly care for the influx of patients anticipated to flood hospitals in coming weeks.
- Representative Thomas Massie, Republican of Kentucky, said on Friday that he would insist on a recorded vote on the \$2 trillion stimulus package, [delaying its passage](#).
- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) said on Friday that he will ask President Trump for the authorization to build [four additional temporary hospitals](#) as the state deals with a rising number of coronavirus cases
- A [US navy ship arrived in Los Angeles](#) Friday to help relieve local hospitals expected to be overburdened by coronavirus patients
- [GM deal for ventilators](#) stalls as White House shops around
- [US embassies and consulates](#) around the world are diverting most of their resources to the task of evacuating U.S. citizens.
- National Cathedral, NASDAQ, businesses and unions locate [troves of N95 masks](#).
- Tech giants set to [lose billions in ad revenue](#) in virus shutdown
- Apple launches [coronavirus screening website](#), app

International News

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 558,022 cases confirmed globally in over 168 countries with at least 25,251 deaths. Notable new cases include:
 - UK Prime Minister [Boris Johnson tested positive for Coronavirus](#).
- South Africa enters [lockdown](#) as known COVID-19 cases surpass 1,000.
- Wuhan residents who had tested positive earlier and then recovered from the disease are [testing positive for the virus a second time](#).
- [Germany takes in some coronavirus patients](#) from Italy

Top Tier Coverage:

Business

- Vox, [Amazon says it unintentionally hid some competitors' faster delivery options](#)
- CNBC, [America's department stores can make it as much as 8 months with closed stores before liquidity troubles mount, analyst says](#)
- CNBC: [Alphabet's Verily ramps up drive-through coronavirus testing with 1,000 Google volunteers](#)

- CNBC: [Fanatics shifts production from MLB jerseys to masks and gowns to fight coronavirus](#)
- Reuters: [Deutsche Bank pauses job cuts to give employees more certainty during virus outbreak](#)
- Reuters: [Two U.S. banks halt layoffs amid coronavirus uncertainty](#)
- Reuters: [HSBC delays job cuts in face of coronavirus](#)
- MarketWatch: [‘They asked me to come in and talk — and I knew.’ Like millions of Americans, this 26-year-old lost her job due to coronavirus](#)
- The Washington Post: [UAW criticizes plans by Ford, Fiat Chrysler to restart production](#)
- CNN: [Uber and Lyft still aren't helping their most vulnerable drivers](#)
- CNBC: [Gig workers for companies like Uber, Lyft would get unemployment benefits under \\$2 trillion Senate stimulus bill](#)
- CNBC: [WeWork reassures investors it has enough cash to weather coronavirus downturn](#)
- CNBC: [Coronavirus: CEO behind Buffett, Bezos health venture says US ‘death toll curve’ worse than China](#)
- The Wall Street Journal: [MIT Researchers Launch Location-Tracking Effort for the New Coronavirus](#)

Food

- Monroe News Star, [2 Foster Farms workers in Farmerville positive for COVID-19; 5 inmates isolated](#)
- Heathline, [Can Your Refreeze Chicken?](#)
- Bloomberg, [Workers Critical to World’s Food Supply Are Starting to Fall Ill](#)
- Politico, [State Department is easing up on H-2A visa Rules / ‘Victory gardens’ born out of coronavirus pandemic](#)

Health

- Washington Post, [Coronavirus modelers factor in new public health risk: Accusations their work is a hoax](#)
- CNN, [Why New York is the epicenter of the American coronavirus outbreak](#)
- Washington Post, [Gouged prices, middlemen and medical supply chaos: Why governors are so upset with Trump](#)
- Axios, [Parks pose major problem for cities battling coronavirus](#)
- Washington Post, [Expectant mothers stare down the prospect of giving birth alone, as coronavirus upends hospitals](#)
- The New York Times, [Early Graduation Could Send Medical Students to Virus Front Lines](#)
- CNN, [More than 150 employees at 4 Boston hospitals have tested positive for coronavirus](#)
- USA Today, [The coronavirus test that wasn’t: How federal health officials misled state scientists and derailed the best chance at containment](#)
- CNN, [At least 13 patients died from coronavirus over 24 hours at a New York hospital](#)
- New York Times, [Coronavirus Threatens an Already Strained Maternal Health System](#)

International

- Reuters, [‘Like wartime’ - Philippine doctors overwhelmed by coronavirus deluge](#)
- Washington Post, [Soldiers around the world get a new mission: Enforcing coronavirus lockdowns](#)
- Reuters, [India rolls out coronavirus call centers to stop stampede to hard-pressed hospitals](#)
- The New York Times, [For France, Coronavirus Tests a Vaunted Health Care System](#)
- Reuters, [Paris hospitals near coronavirus breaking point](#)
- CNBC, [Italy’s coronavirus death toll is more than double that of China’s — this might be why](#)
- Reuters, [Indonesia reports highest daily rise in new coronavirus cases](#)
- USA Today, [Coronavirus infections in Africa are rapidly rising. Its weak health systems may buckle](#)

Travel

- USA Today, [Will the coronavirus pandemic cost the travel industry its most loyal customers?](#)
- BBC News, [Coronavirus travel: China bars foreign visitors as imported cases rise](#)
- KCRA, [Travel to Hawaii drops by 87% after new coronavirus restrictions](#)
- The Philadelphia Inquirer, [How to talk to others about not traveling during the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- KOMO, [Americans stuck overseas by coronavirus travel bans wait to be allowed home](#)

Sports

- Forbes: [USA Baseball Puts Qualifying Bid On Hold After Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics Postponement](#)
- USA Today, [Will sports books change shape after COVID-19? William Hill CEO Joe Asher is not so sure.](#)
- NBC Sports, [Appreciating how sports world is helping those most affected by COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- The New York Times, [A Year of 'What If' for the N.B.A.](#)
- The Hill, [NCAA to slash funding to Division I schools by \\$375 million](#)

Politics

- USA Today, [House debate begins on \\$2 trillion coronavirus package as lawmakers rush back to Washington - live updates](#)
- CNN, [Trump touts great success as US becomes world's worst virus epicenter](#)
- BBC News, [Coronavirus: Trump knows economic meltdown brings political pain](#)
- The New York Times, [The Most Powerful People in American Politics Are Over 65](#)
- The Washington Post, [Poll finds universal lifestyle changes, rising stress and growing fears about catching coronavirus](#)
- CNN, [How we can combat coronavirus and political division at the same time](#)
- Los Angeles Times, [Questions and answers regarding political turmoil coronavirus has caused](#)
- The New York Times, [E.P.A., Citing Coronavirus, Drastically Relaxes Rules for Polluters](#)
- CNN, [Gavin Newsom sets aside politics as California grapples with coronavirus crisis](#)
- The New York Times, [As Coronavirus Crisis Unfolds, Sanders Sees a Moment That Matches His Ideas](#)
- The Washington Post, ['Arrogant' and 'ashamed': The coronavirus mea culpas from people who once thought it was no big deal](#)

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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