

COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage

NEWS UPDATES

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Notable Updates

U.S. News

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 125,313 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all 50 states with over 2,197 deaths reported. Notable new cases include:
 - More than [2,000 COVID-19 patients have died](#).
- According to the White House task force briefing Saturday afternoon:
 - President Trump was stationed at the Naval Station in Norfolk, Virginia, where the crew of the Navy Hospital Ship USNS Comfort will embark for New York City, where they will join the ranks of tens of thousands of amazing doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who are battling to save American lives.
 - The ship will arrive in New York on Monday, three weeks ahead of schedule, and the crew will begin treating patients on Tuesday. Their mission is to help people who do not have the virus, but require urgent care.
 - The sister ship arrived in Los Angeles on Friday.
 - President Trump considered a quarantine in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. These states will not be quarantined, however, strict travel advisories have been put in place by the CDC.
 - The Army Corps and FEMA have completed building four temporary hospitals and four medical centers in New York, California and Illinois.
 - FEMA has shipped or delivered 11.6 million N95 respirators, 26 million surgical masks, 5.2 million face shields
- New states with restrictions to “non-essential” business or implementing “shelter-in-place” policies are: [North Carolina](#) and [Oklahoma](#).
- The United States is advising residents of [New York, New Jersey and Connecticut](#) not to travel domestically. The CDC issued the travel advisory Saturday.
- [Rhode Island police and National Guard troops](#) are deployed to warn visitors they must self-quarantine, as local resentment builds toward people fleeing coronavirus hot spots.
- The director of the [federal health department’s civil rights office](#) said on Saturday that his office was opening a series of civil rights investigations to ensure that states did not allow medical providers to discriminate on the basis of disabilities, race, age or certain other factors when deciding who would receive lifesaving medical care during the coronavirus emergency.
- The [White House coronavirus task force coordinator](#) said Sunday that the administration is asking every single governor and every single mayor to prepare like, “New York is preparing now.”
- [FEMA](#), the agency leading the nation’s coronavirus response said that seven of its employees had tested positive for the virus with another four cases pending, though in a letter to its employees’ union, it declined a request to say where they were located, prompting criticism from the union that the agency was jeopardizing public health.
- California governor, Gavin Newsom, said Saturday that [170 ventilators shipped by the federal government](#) to help his state respond to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus were not working when they arrived.
- Louisiana governor said on CBS News’ “Face the Nation” on Sunday that his [state is at risk of exceeding its ventilator capacity by April 4, stating that he has placed orders for “about 12,000 ventilators” but has thus far only received 192](#).
- There is a mounting toll across the country as [police officers and other first responders are falling ill with the coronavirus](#).
- [Instacart shoppers plan to strike](#) over coronavirus protections. As many as 200,000 workers could walk off the job unless demands for medical equipment and hazard pay are met.

International News

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 685,623 cases confirmed globally in over 171 countries with at least 32,137 deaths. Notable new cases include:
 - Spain's coronavirus death toll [rose by 838 in one day](#), officials reported on Sunday, its largest increase during the pandemic.
 - The death toll from an outbreak of coronavirus in Italy [barrelled past 10,000 on Saturday](#), a figure that made an extension of a national lockdown almost certain.
 - Tokyo has [confirmed 68 new coronavirus cases, a record daily increase](#), public broadcaster NHK reported on Sunday, as the Japanese capital scrambles to prevent a wider outbreak, while a cluster of infections increased near the city.
 - Singapore reported its [third coronavirus death on Sunday](#), a day after the city-state's total infections topped 800.
- Australia's prime minister on Sunday recommended that [no more than two people should gather in public](#) amid the coronavirus pandemic.
- The rising number of imported coronavirus cases in China have raised the possibility that the [country will undergo a second wave of infections](#), a spokesman of the country's health authority said on Sunday.
- Every person arriving in South Korea from overseas [will soon be required to undergo two weeks of quarantine to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus](#), the country's prime minister said on Sunday.
- Sophie Trudeau, [the wife of Canada's prime minister](#), has recovered from COVID-19 saying she felt, "so much better," on social media.

Business

- Agence France Presse: [Coronavirus could claim up 200,000 American lives: Fauci](#)
- BBC: [Coronavirus: NHS turns to big tech to tackle Covid-19 hot spots](#)
- CNBC: [This Uber driver made \\$600 a week before the coronavirus outbreak — now he makes \\$0](#)
- CNN: [America is ramping up Covid-19 testing, but a shortage of basic supplies is limiting capabilities](#)
- Gizmodo: [Lyft Spurs Its Drivers to Deliver Packages for Amazon to Offset Lost Income Amid Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- KNAU: [Apple's New Tool Lets You Screen Yourself For COVID-19](#)
- LA Times: [Delivery workers are keeping California fed. They say no one's keeping them safe](#)
- New York Post: [Coronavirus tales: Lyft driver reveals how he's keeping his car virus-free](#)
- One America News: [Google COVID-19 Package](#)
- PR Newswire: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA takes further steps to help mitigate supply interruptions of food and medical products](#)
- TechCrunch: [Test and trace with Apple and Google](#)
- The Motley Fool: [Here's How Uber's CEO Sees a Coronavirus Recovery Playing Out](#)
- The Wall Street Journal: [Manufacturers Seek U.S. Help in Deciding Where to Ship Scarce Medical Goods](#)
- Yahoo! Finance: [Mark Cuban Says 3M Not Doing Enough to Keep Face Mask Prices Low](#)

Health

- USA Today, [Coronavirus live updates: Anthony Fauci says millions of Americans face infection and thousands could die](#)
- The Hill, [Fauci says US could have 'millions' of coronavirus cases and over 100,000 deaths](#)
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- Los Angeles Times, [Sick and angry: Some public health officers are showing stress of coronavirus](#)
- The Hill, [Public health expert: 'We are still at the very beginning of this outbreak'](#)
- The New York Times, [The U.S.'s Slow Start to Coronavirus Testing: A Timeline](#)
- The Hill, [Louisiana governor: Health care system could be overwhelmed in early April](#)
- BuzzFeed, [The Coronavirus Outbreak Has Workers Who Care For The Elderly "Terrified"](#)

- CNN, [What it's like for health care workers on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- The Washington Post, ['It's no different from New York': Urban centers nationwide gird for catastrophic virus outbreak](#)
- The New York Times, ['Women Will Not Be Forced to Be Alone When They Are Giving Birth'](#)
- CNBC, [The coronavirus is starting to hit rural America hard —here's a map of the counties most affected](#)
- The Hill, [Former FDA commissioner says it's 'too early to lift' coronavirus restrictions](#)
- The Washington Post, [Experts converge on plans for how to ease coronavirus restrictions safely](#)
- CNN, [A North Carolina county is using checkpoints to block visitors and keep coronavirus out](#)
- The Washington Post, [New York's bioethics experts prepare for a wave of difficult decisions](#)

International

- Global News, [Canada at critical juncture in coronavirus battle: Canada's top health official](#)
- The Washington Post, [As coronavirus cases explode in Iran, U.S. sanctions hinder its access to drugs and medical equipment](#)
- Reuters, [UK's William and Kate urge mental health wellbeing during coronavirus outbreak](#)
- The New York Times, [Coronavirus Crisis Awakens a Sleeping Giant: China's Youth](#)
- Reuters, [Canada to stop people with COVID-19 symptoms boarding domestic flights, trains](#)
- Bloomberg, [The sky's the limit for stimulus in Canada's bid to salvage the economy](#)
- Reuters, [Cambodia reports one new virus case, tightens border restrictions](#)
- The Washington Post, [Kenya's coronavirus curfew begins with wave of police crackdowns](#)
- Reuters, [German health institute warns pandemic could overstretch system -paper](#)
- The Washington Post, [Retired doctors in Italy are heading back into the fray to treat coronavirus patients](#)
- Reuters, [Coronavirus fear sparks Thai prison riot as cases reach 1,388](#)
- The Washington Post, [Men are getting sicker, dying more often of covid-19, Spain data shows](#)
- Reuters, [UK should be prepared for significant period of coronavirus lockdown](#)
- Forbes, [How Norway's Travel Industry Is Coping Amid Coronavirus Lockdown](#)
- Reuters, [Thailand's tourist haven Pattaya devastated as coronavirus hits travel](#)

Travel

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- The Points Guy, [5 ways coronavirus will change the future of travel](#)
- USA Today, [Florida coronavirus cases pass 4000: state border checkpoints begin, vacation rentals halted](#)
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Sports

- The Hill, [New York Knicks owner tests positive for coronavirus](#)
- USA Today, [Former MLB All-Star Jim Edmonds hospitalized, tested for coronavirus](#)
- CBS Sports, [Eliminating foul outs, and six more radical NBA ideas to ponder during the coronavirus sports hiatus](#)
- USA Today, [President Donald Trump called Alex Rodriguez seeking advice on coronavirus response](#)
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- CBS Sports, [Coronavirus: Anthony Davis reveals he tested negative, says Lakers working hard to 'pick up where we left off'](#)

Politics

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- CNBC, [Coronavirus live updates: Washington governor calls for mobilizing manufacturing 'like we did in World War II'](#)
- The New York Times, [Judge Urges Release of Migrant Children After 4 Test Positive for Coronavirus in Detention](#)
- The Hill, [Michigan governor says states bidding against each other for medical supplies is 'creating a lot more problems for us all'](#)
- The Washington Post, [Pandemic fuels calls to lift sanctions as Trump administration imposes more](#)
- The Hill, [Democrats eye additional relief checks for coronavirus](#)
- The New York Times, [The Virus Has Transformed the 2020 Elections. Here's How.](#)
- The Hill, [Maryland governor: I don't 'see any way that we're going to be opening back up in a couple weeks'](#)
- CNBC, [New York postpones Democratic primary amid coronavirus outbreak, the 11th state to do so](#)
- The Hill, [Pelosi: Trump's denial, delay on coronavirus response 'is deadly'](#)
- The New York Times, [A Unanimous Senate Vote That Nobody Seemed to Agree On](#)
- The Hill, [Kudlow: Administration still believes pandemic 'is going to be a question of weeks and months'](#)

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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