

## **COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage**

### **NEWS UPDATES**

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

#### **Notable Updates**

##### *U.S. News*

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 143,532 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all 50 states with over 2,572 deaths reported. Notable new cases include:
  - New York City has reported its [first death of a child](#) to COVID-19, one of 14 new fatalities overnight that brought its grim toll to 790 by Monday morning,
- According to the White House task force [briefing](#) Sunday evening:
  - The FDA authorized a new test developed by Abbott Labs that delivers lightning-fast results in as little as five minutes
  - Abbott has stated that they will begin delivering 50,000 tests each day, starting this week.
  - Hydroxychloroquine is being administered to 1,100 patients — people in New York — along with the Z-Pak, which is azithromycin
  - The FDA is also allowing the emergency use of a blood-related therapy called convalescent plasma as an experimental treatment for seriously ill patients.
  - Due to Project Airbridge, a flight arrived at JFK Airport, New York, this morning, filled with 80 tons of personal protective equipment, including 130,000 N95 respirators — those are the ones that we were talking about before — 1.8 million face masks and gowns, 10.3 million gloves, and many other things
    - FEMA has scheduled 19 additional flights and is adding more daily. We hope to have about 50 flights.
  - Humana and Cigna, are announcing that they will waive co-pays
  - President Trump is going to tell Secretary Mnuchin and also our great Secretary of Labor, to immediately start looking into the restoring of the deductibility of meals and entertainment costs for corporations that set the restaurant business back a lot when it was done originally, and then done not so long ago.
  - The US will be extending our guidelines to April 30th to slow the spread
  - President Trump believes the economy will recover by June 1
- New states with restrictions to “non-essential” business or implementing “shelter-in-place” policies are: [Maryland](#)
- Notable new companies announcing layoffs/furloughs in the U.S. are: Macy’s, Seaworld, 20th Century Fox, Build-a-Bear and Cheesecake Factory.
- Notable new companies that have stopped or are modifying production in the U.S. are: Hyundai and See’s Candies
- President Trump announced on Sunday evening an [extension on federal social distancing guidelines](#) throughout the month of April.
  - Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, said Monday that [Fauci says task force 'argued strongly' with Trump to extend coronavirus guidelines](#) another month as the U.S. grapples with the fallout of the novel coronavirus pandemic.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Sunday issued an [emergency-use authorization for a pair of anti-malaria drugs](#) as health officials work to combat the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus.
- The Seattle area, home of the first known coronavirus case in the United States and the place where the virus claimed 37 of its first 50 victims, is [now seeing evidence that strict containment strategies, imposed in the earliest days of the outbreak](#), are beginning to pay off — at least for now.
- A [commercial aircraft carrying 80 tons of gloves, masks, gowns and other medical supplies](#) from Shanghai touched down in New York on Sunday, the first of 22 scheduled flights that White House officials say will funnel much-needed goods to the United States by early April as it battles the world’s largest coronavirus outbreak.
- The city of [Detroit](#) is gearing up to become a coronavirus epicenter.

- Two major U.S. health insurers, [Cigna and Humana](#), are waiving all out-of-pocket costs for coronavirus treatments nationwide.
- Amazon workers are reportedly [planning to walk out of a New York warehouse on Monday](#) over the company's decision to keep the facility open despite an employee alleging as many as five to seven workers there have tested positive for the coronavirus.

#### *International News*

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 741,030 cases confirmed globally in over 171 countries with at least 35,305 deaths. Notable new cases include:
  - Italy-Spain coronavirus [deaths surpass 17,000](#)
  - Coronavirus deaths in France [are up 16%](#) from the previous day, taking the total number to 2,314
  - [61 doctors in Italy](#) in Italy have died from the coronavirus
  - Japanese Comedian [Ken Shimura](#) dies from the coronavirus
  - Millions of Australians will receive [\\$750 in their bank account](#) as part of their government's coronavirus emergency response aid
- German State Finance Minister Thomas Schaefer [kills himself](#) over economic crisis from the coronavirus
- Prince Charles is [out of self-isolation](#) after testing positive for the coronavirus
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in self isolation after [aide tests positive](#) for coronavirus
- China [reopens](#) while the US extends coronavirus shutdowns
- Stranded Zaandam and Rotterdam [cruise ships crossed](#) the Panama Canal last night
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau [will not activate the army](#) to help combat the coronavirus at this time
- UK coronavirus outbreak shows early signs of slowing, but [restrictions may last for six months](#)

#### **Business**

- CNBC: [A new coronavirus drive-through testing site is opening in the Bronx](#)
- The Motley Fool: [3 Reasons Why Nike Can Overcome the Coronavirus Crisis](#)
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- Business Insider, [Stranded Holland America cruise ship with 2 confirmed COVID-19 cases will be allowed to cross the Panama Canal](#)
- Reuters, [Coronavirus deaths keep climbing in France](#)
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## **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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