

COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage

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Notable Updates

U.S. News

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 188,247 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all 50 states with over 3,921 deaths reported. Notable new cases include:
 - At least [830 new coronavirus deaths](#) were reported yesterday, the most reported in a single day
 - At least [80% of Americans](#) are under a stay at home warning
 - New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio pleads for help as the coronavirus [death toll passes 1,000](#)
- Detroit is [becoming America's next](#) coronavirus hotspot
- Louisiana sees [largest spike in reported coronavirus cases](#) in the past 24 hours
- California [releases 3,500 prisoners](#) amidst coronavirus outbreak
- In Washington, hospitalization for the coronavirus [is down by more than 20% from last week](#), suggesting that social distancing is working
- Hawaii reports its [first coronavirus related death](#)
- New states with restrictions to “non-essential” business or implementing “shelter-in-place” policies are: [Texas](#) and [Louisiana](#)
- Notable new companies announcing layoffs/furloughs in the U.S. are: [Kohl's](#), [Gap](#), and [JCPenney](#)
- Notable new companies that have stopped or are modifying production in the U.S. are: [Ford Motor Co.](#), [John Deere](#), and [Kylie Cosmetics and KKW Beauty](#)

International News

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 868,100 cases confirmed globally in over 171 countries with at least 43,010 deaths. Notable new cases include:
 - In Italy, [new daily infections have fallen from a peak](#) of over 6,500 on March 21
 - Spain saw its [deadliest day](#) with 9,222 new coronavirus cases and 849 deaths
 - The UK's [hospital coronavirus death toll](#) death toll is up 31% from yesterday
 - Iran's coronavirus [death toll passes 3,000](#)
- [Japan and South Korea](#) tighten their borders amidst coronavirus outbreak
- Taiwan will [spend \\$35 billion fighting the coronavirus](#) and will donate 10 million masks
- Quebec [sees a spike in coronavirus cases](#) and now faces equipment shortages
- Asia is experiencing a new wave of coronavirus cases [due to international travel](#)
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel [extends social distancing measures](#) until at least April 19
- Pakistan [extends nationwide lockdown](#) until at least April 14
- New Delhi has started [tracking cellphones](#) of suspected coronavirus patients to ensure that they are quarantining at home
- The Edinburgh Festivals in Scotland, [the world's biggest arts festival](#), have been canceled due to coronavirus fears, the first time in 70 years

Business

- Market Insider, [Dow slumps 800 points after Trump warns of 'painful' times to come and a 'shocking' coronavirus death toll](#)
- Yahoo! News, [AT&T will give users an extra 15GB of mobile hotspot data](#)
- The Guardian, [Barclays offers triple overtime pay for staff on coronavirus frontline](#)
- Bloomberg, [Caterpillar Executive Pay Frozen as Part of Efforts to Cut Costs](#)
- Reuters, [AmEx to avoid job cuts as it rides out coronavirus storm](#)
- Independent, [Elon Musk offers free ventilators to all countries hit by COVID-19 pandemic where Tesla operates](#)

- The Wall Street Journal, [Amazon Struggles to Find Its Coronavirus Footing. 'It's a Time of Great Stress.'](#)
- MarketWatch, ['Anybody who works at this point deserves hazard pay': The working conditions that led one Instacart worker to strike](#)
- Associated Press, [Companies find a new purpose: workplace rules have changed](#)
- USA Today, [Walmart and Sam's Club to check workers every day for fever to combat coronavirus](#)
- CNBC, [With strikes and a 'sick out,' some grocery and delivery workers take defiant stance: One-time bonuses, temporary pay hikes aren't enough](#)
- The Washington Post, [The coronavirus illustrates the reality of how we treat workers in the U.S.](#)
- CNBC, [Largest US mall owner, Simon Property, furloughs 30% of workforce, adding to avalanche of coronavirus-related retail layoffs](#)
- Forbes, [Hundreds Of Thousands Of Retail Workers Are Losing Their Jobs Due To Coronavirus](#)
- USA Today, [Organizer of Amazon warehouse walkout fired, Whole Foods sickout strike begins](#)
- Reuters, [J.C. Penney furloughs staff, extends store closures amid pandemic](#)
- MarketWatch, [Kroger offering \\$2-per-hour bonus to all associates](#)
- Wall Street Journal, [Dozens of Whole Foods Workers Skip Work but Stores Are Unaffected](#)
- Seattle Times, [Hourly Amazon workers, fearing coronavirus risks, wonder why they must staff empty office buildings](#)

Food

- World Trade Organization, [Agency chiefs issue joint call to keep food trade flowing in response to COVID-19](#)
- WattAgNet, [Poultry biosecurity plans prepared humans for COVID-19](#)
- CNN, [Can't find what you want in the grocery store? Here's why](#)
- CNET, [Coronavirus may permanently change how we buy our food](#)
- LA Times, ['Buy more fruits and vegetables': L.A.'s produce wholesalers are seeing a 90% drop in sales](#)
- Washington Post, [Go grocery shopping every two weeks? You can – and without hoarding.](#)
- Forbes, [Grocery Prices Are Soaring. Here's Why and How Long Will It Last.](#)

Health

- CNN, [Should you wear a mask? US health officials re-examine guidance amid coronavirus crisis](#)
- Yahoo! News, [Johnson & Johnson vows to make 'not-for-profit' vaccine](#)
- CNN, [The timetable for a coronavirus vaccine is 18 months. Experts say that's risky](#)
- Forbes, [A Vaccine From The 1920s Is Now Being Tested For Use Against The Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- Bloomberg, [Coronavirus Vaccine Race Gets Unlikely Partner: Big Tobacco](#)
- CNN, [New estimates show 25% to 50% of coronavirus carriers don't even have symptoms and can infect others blindly](#)

International

- The Wall Street Journal, [Italy Hopeful That Coronavirus Pandemic Is Slowing Down](#)
- US News, [Spain Reports One-Day Record Death Toll From Coronavirus](#)
- The Guardian, [UK records biggest daily rise in coronavirus deaths](#)
- The BBC, [Iran's official death toll passes 3,000](#)
- The Guardian, [Japan and South Korea tighten borders as US faces up to 200,000 Covid-19 deaths](#)
- The New York Times, [Taiwan to Spend \\$35 Billion Fighting Virus, to Donate 10 Million Masks](#)
- Express, [Brussels proposes £88.5bn EU-wide unemployment scheme as coronavirus job losses skyrocket](#)
- Reuters, [Quebec sees coronavirus cases soar, faces equipment shortage](#)
- CNN, [Why Asia's New Wave of Virus Cases Should Worry the World](#)

- The BBC, [Edinburgh festivals cancelled due to coronavirus](#)
- CNN, [I'm out of quarantine. But 'normal' isn't normal in China anymore](#)

Travel

- USA Today, [Why are airlines still flying in and out of US coronavirus hot spots and will they continue?](#)
- Bloomberg, [Coronavirus Travel Ban May Extend to More Countries](#)

Sports

- CNN, [ESPN tennis broadcaster Patrick McEnroe tests positive for coronavirus](#)
- The NY Post, [Wimbledon canceled for first time since World War II due to coronavirus](#)
- CNBC, [Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson coronavirus relief golf match is on and could happen in May](#)
- CBS, [The NFL needs backup plans for the 2020 schedule due to coronavirus, and here are two](#)
- CBS, [MLB cancels 2020 London Series between Cardinals and Cubs scheduled in June](#)

Politics

- CNN, [President Trump gives a grim warning about the next two weeks](#)
- The New York Times, [Trump Confronts a New Reality Before an Expected Wave of Disease and Death](#)
- The Hill, [Pro-Democratic group slams Trump's coronavirus response in Midwest ad campaign](#)
- Politico, [Pence task force freezes coronavirus aid amid backlash](#)
- NPR, [Coronavirus Task Force Details 'Sobering' Data Behind Its Extended Guidelines](#)
- USA Today, [Trump says impeachment 'probably' distracted him from fighting coronavirus](#)
- CNN, [Fact-checking Trump's attempt to erase his previous coronavirus response](#)
- The Hill, [Trump leans on businesses in coronavirus response](#)
- CNN, [Journalists challenge Trump's 'revisionist history' regarding coronavirus response](#)
- Vanity Fair, [As U.S. Hospitals Face Shortages, Trump Vows to Send Ventilators—to Europe](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Key dates:

- 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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