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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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News Reports

Prevention and Surveillance Efforts

Scientists say India government ignored warnings amid coronavirus surge

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TSA extends mask requirement for planes, other public transportation in U.S. until September

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Vaccinations

U.S. sees unprecedented drop in vaccinations over past week

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Teens Volunteer to Book Vaccine Appointments for Street Vendors in East LA

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Vaccine Clinic Offers Safety for High-Risk Patients

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New Blood Tests Should Show How Long A COVID-19 Vaccine Will Protect You

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COVID-19 Has Hit The Amish Community Hard. Still, Vaccines Are A Tough Sell

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France's Macron plans to donate 500,000 COVID vaccine shots

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Moderna vaccine to be reviewed for WHO emergency listing on April 30 - WHO

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'Pressure building' on routine vaccine manufacturing, says WHO official

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'Christians and the Vaccine' project: Combating ethical qualms of evangelical communities

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Will Japan's Low Immunization Rate Pose a Problem for the Olympics?

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Cash and prizes for vaccines could help the country reach herd immunity

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77 inmates at Iowa prison given overdoses of COVID-19 vaccine, officials say

<https://abcnews.go.com/amp/Health/77-inmates-iowa-prison-overdoses-covid-19-vaccine/story?id=77237044&s=09>

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WHO, Macron denounce vaccine inequity as COVAX scheme marks first year
<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/tedros-denounces-vaccine-inequity-covax-sharing-scheme-marks-first-year-2021-04-23/>

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Outpacing The U.S., Hard-Hit Navajo Nation Has Vaccinated More Than Half Of Adults
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Federal agencies lift pause on use of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, saying benefits outweigh risks

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Public Health and Healthcare

What the curious case of COVID prevention cards says about South Sudan's health crisis

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Houston Methodist says it will fire hospital workers who refuse to take COVID vaccine

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As Covid sweeps India, experts say cases and deaths are going unreported

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Mask-Wearing and Vaccine Hesitancy Threaten Herd Immunity

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Medical debt is engulfing more people as pandemic takes its toll

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People with Severe COVID-19 Have Higher Risk Of Long-Term Effects, Study Finds

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Emergency Management

Pennsylvania Republicans ramp up focus on proposals to limit governor's disaster declaration powers: 'A way to restore balance'

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Virginia's emergency alert on coronavirus vaccine availability startles some

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Education

Miami private school says teachers who get coronavirus vaccine aren't welcome, citing debunked misinformation

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Economic Impacts

Of the 5 States with the Most Farmworkers, Only 3 Are Prioritizing Vaccines — and Not All Means of Prioritizing Are Equal, per the CDC

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PA Military Museum continues to showcase history through digital platforms amid pandemic

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Largest firefighting plane may be sold for COVID-19 response

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Pandemic Wilderness Explorers are straining Search and Rescue

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As coronavirus recedes in Israel, tensions rise in Jerusalem

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China offered Covid aid to India while US dragged its feet, but Delhi isn't that keen

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Misinformation

A Nun and a Doctor, She's One of Europe's Longstanding Vaccine Skeptics

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Fauci rebukes Johnson over questions on vaccine effort: 'We are dealing with an emergency'

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Resources

COVID-19 Ethics Resource Center

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UCLG calls for the international release of vaccine patents

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