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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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News Reports

Prevention, Treatment and Surveillance Efforts

14 in Texas family test positive for coronavirus after small gathering, 1 dies
https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/14-texas-family-test-positive-coronavirus-after-small-gathering-1-n1234980?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma&fbclid=IwAR2ZjPsjD-3t4qdQM5zto---KHbA9FfPW1MarfbBDaxAPb9IaaX9LxgbGE

A Government-University Partnership to Train Students as Contact Tracers
<https://www.routeifty.com/health-human-services/2020/07/government-university-partnership-train-students-contact-tracers/167269/>

Rep. Raúl Grijalva tests positive for COVID-19
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/01/politics/raul-grijalva-tests-positive-covid-19/index.html>

White House opposes requirement for passengers to wear masks on planes, trains
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-airlines/white-house-opposes-requirement-for-passengers-to-wear-masks-on-planes-trains-idUSKCN24V3NC?fbclid=IwAR2f7qeifYP3sIEff98RCVp7I1Eq5w1XbG-yWmxGclVjUnWlxFi5XL2feU>

About 4,000 federal employees say they contracted the coronavirus at work — and 60 have died
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/about-4000-federal-employees-say-they-contracted-the-coronavirus-at-work--and-60-have-died/2020/07/26/87ea9b36-cdd9-11ea-b0e3-d55bda07d66a_story.html

Fauci 'cautiously optimistic' as coronavirus vaccination marks milestone
https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/27/coronavirus-covid-live-updates/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

City Praises Contact-Tracing Program. Workers Call Rollout a 'Disaster.'
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/29/nyregion/new-york-contact-tracing.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Coordinated exit strategies crucial to avoid virus second-wave in Europe
https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2020-07/uos-ces071720.php

Blood test detects positive COVID-19 result in 20 minutes
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-07-blood-positive-covid-result-minutes.html>

Trump says virus in US will get worse before it gets better
<https://apnews.com/bfb8402551605ff40d8a16efbd827b92>

States Falling Behind on the Coronavirus Testing Benchmarks
<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/States-Falling-Behind-on-the-Coronavirus-Testing-Benchmarks-.html>

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Could employers and states mandate COVID-19 vaccinations? Here's what the courts have ruled

<https://theconversation.com/could-employers-and-states-mandate-covid-19-vaccinations-heres-what-the-courts-have-ruled-142330>

How the coronavirus pandemic became Florida's perfect storm

<https://theconversation.com/how-the-coronavirus-pandemic-became-floridas-perfect-storm-142333>

Ending the pandemic will take global access to COVID-19 treatment and vaccines – which means putting ethics before profits

<https://theconversation.com/ending-the-pandemic-will-take-global-access-to-covid-19-treatment-and-vaccines-which-means-putting-ethics-before-profits-141763>

German officials 'very concerned' by rising cases

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53566880>

Yes, kids can get COVID-19 – 3 pediatricians explain what's known about coronavirus and children

<https://theconversation.com/yes-kids-can-get-covid-19-3-pediatricians-explain-whats-known-about-coronavirus-and-children-139816>

Making coronavirus testing easy, accurate and fast is critical to ending the pandemic – the US response is falling far short

<https://theconversation.com/making-coronavirus-testing-easy-accurate-and-fast-is-critical-to-ending-the-pandemic-the-us-response-is-falling-far-short-142366>

'Too many are selfish': US nears 5 million virus cases

<https://apnews.com/24e2247bb296d6381dc14c0cc1d27d96>

Virus ravages poor California county along Mexican border

<https://apnews.com/e96cf8b8d080b626f50b5c485300b242>

In Reversal, Wisconsin Governor Issues Statewide Mask Mandate

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/In-Reversal-Wisconsin-Gov-Tony-Evers-Issues-Statewide-Mask-Mandate-.html>

Shopping for Coronavirus Testing Has Become a Thing in Florida

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Shopping-for-Coronavirus-Testing-has-Become-a-Thing-in-Florida.html>

After a party, 18 anesthesiologists at UF hospital system diagnosed with COVID

<https://amp.miamiherald.com/news/coronavirus/article244514157.html?fbclid=IwAR3qos6SnT2427IbRddiInkR-yrGLYNzz-xd1d8kGHJTHJNGZI0KnwDGL9M>

Herman Cain dies from coronavirus

https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/30/politics/herman-cain-dies-coronavirus/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0YPyS3ord9PlsyaFZ2ISThSVpy_yFoQAAUWheRwWMSGkv_KKIOMxktZY

WHO says COVID-19 pandemic is 'one big wave', not seasonal

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-who/who-says-covid-19-pandemic-is-one-big-wave-not-seasonal-idUSKCN24T16U>

Virus tracing app could go live in Pennsylvania in August

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/virus-tracing-app-could-go-live-in-pennsylvania-in-august>

Why Testing for Coronavirus in Low-Income Neighborhoods Lagged

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Why-Testing-for-Coronavirus-in-Low-Income-Neighborhoods-lagged.html?utm_term=Why%20Testing%20for%20Coronavirus%20in%20Low-Income%20Neighborhoods%20Lagged&utm_campaign=Texas%20AG%20Says%20Health%20Authorities%20Can%5Cu2019t%20Close%20Schools%20During%20Pandemic&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

Texas AG Says Health Authorities Can't Close Schools During Pandemic

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Texas-AG-says-Health-Authorities-Cant-Close-Schools-During-Pandemic.html?utm_term=READ%20MORE&utm_campaign=Texas%20AG%20Says%20Health%20Authorities%20Can%5Cu2019t%20Close%20Schools%20During%20Pandemic&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

Philadelphia Phillies Put Brakes On Home Games After Coronavirus Cases

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/30/897282075/philadelphia-phillies-put-brakes-on-home-games-after-coronavirus-cases?sc=18&f=1001>

Michelle Bolsonaro, Brazil's First Lady, Tests Positive For Coronavirus

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/30/897196730/michelle-bolsonaro-brazils-first-lady-tests-positive-for-coronavirus?sc=18&f=1001>

Irregularities in COVID Reporting Contract Award Process Raises New Questions

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/29/896645314/irregularities-in-covid-reporting-contract-award-process-raises-new-questions?sc=18&f=896645314>

Harvested Antibodies Now Being Tested As A Prevention Tool Against COVID-19

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/07/29/895996309/harvested-antibodies-now-being-tested-as-a-prevention-tool-against-covid-19?sc=18&f=1001>

German And U.K. Officials Warn Of A Possible New COVID-19 Wave In Europe

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/28/896135038/german-and-u-k-officials-warn-of-a-possible-new-covid-19-wave-in-europe?sc=18&f=1001>

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The US missed a chance to control outbreak. Now it's 'impossible to predict' how long the pandemic will last, Fauci says

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/31/health/us-coronavirus-friday/index.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Heads To Widespread Testing In U.S.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/27/895672859/us-vaccine-candidate-heads-to-widespread-testing-in-people?sc=18&f=1001>

Just Days Into Season, MLB Postpones 2 Games Due To Coronavirus Concerns

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/27/895721136/just-days-into-season-mlb-postpones-two-games-due-to-coronavirus-concerns?sc=18&f=1001>

Vietnam Confirms 11 New Coronavirus Cases, Imposes Quarantines And Evacuations

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/27/895719436/vietnam-confirms-11-new-covid-19-cases-imposes-quarantines-and-evacuations?sc=18&f=1001>

Robert O'Brien, Trump's National Security Adviser, Tests Positive For Coronavirus

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/27/895697340/robert-obrien-trump-s-national-security-adviser-tests-positive-for-covid-19?sc=18&f=1001>

There is no 'zero risk' in easing travel restrictions, WHO says

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-who-travel/who-says-countries-must-prioritise-essential-services-while-resuming-international-travel-idUSKCN24V3J8>

'Could Already Be A Second Wave': Some Restrictions Return As Cases Spike In Spain

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/24/895221315/could-already-be-a-second-wave-some-restrictions-return-as-cases-spike-in-spain?sc=18&f=1001>

Don't expect first COVID-19 vaccinations until early 2021: WHO's Ryan

https://mobile.reuters.com/article/amp/idUSKCN24N2FM?_twitter_impression=true

Florida Case Count Surpasses That Of New York, The Country's Original Epicenter

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/26/895596931/florida-case-count-surpasses-that-of-new-york-the-countrys-original-epicenter?sc=18&f=1001>

We Thought It Was Just a Respiratory Virus

<https://www.ucsf.edu/magazine/covid-body>

North Korea Reports 1st Suspected Case Of Coronavirus

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/26/895473629/north-korea-reports-1st-suspected-case-of-coronavirus?sc=18&f=1001>

Anchorage mayor seeks more targeted measures as health officials recommend that city prepare for return to 'hunker down'

<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2020/07/29/anchorage-health-department-says-city-should-prepare-to-move-to-hunker-down-as-covid-19-cases-rise/?fbclid=IwAR2Nhdh1zWyYj9EBtN8h7ds-W4dcubKjZeCArdF4b8j099sWifuAJ33Shwg>

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After recovering from COVID-19, Orlando firefighters donate plasma to help others
https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/08/03/after-recovering-from-covid-19-orlando-firefighters-donate-plasma-to-help-others/?fbclid=IwAR0ZkzhQCkpGw91BwU6vODvdcVqP-g_I_ORpjNvAKd2wuv5hiplhFHRjuNI

Five people who attended meeting with DeSantis in Florida test positive for coronavirus
<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/510398-five-people-who-attended-meeting-with-desantis-in-florida-test-positive>

Florida lawmaker files lawsuit against Broward County for “unconstitutional” mask requirement
<https://wsvn.com/news/local/broward/florida-lawmaker-files-lawsuit-against-broward-county-for-unconstitutional-mask-requirement/>

Public Health Expert Calls To Repair Distrust In A COVID-19 Vaccine
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/08/01/897939117/public-health-expert-calls-to-repair-distrust-in-a-covid-19-vaccine?sc=18&f=897939117>

What 6 Of The 7 Countries With The Most COVID-19 Cases Have In Common
<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/07/31/896879448/the-nations-with-the-most-to-lose-from-covid-19?sc=18&f=1001>

How Our Indian Country Flattened the Curve
<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/how-our-indian-country-flattened-the-curve/614734/>

'We Have Made Mistakes': Norway Cruise Company Reports COVID-19 Outbreak
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“We are no less American”: Deaths pile up on Texas border
https://apnews.com/c5da90cb311e320d9ece7310b4fe257e?utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&fbclid=IwAR3WqxYhdZA_qG6Py5sFJwVuR3uyOTtRIJoxwgs8EhvC-TBKymFHjrbpzhM

Group Of 12,000 Infectious Disease Experts Say Federal Mask Mandate ‘Needed To Save Lives’
https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisondurkee/2020/08/05/group-of-12000-infectious-disease-experts-say-federal-mask-mandate-needed-to-save-lives/?fbclid=IwAR3wL4W4eqRqBv2Vi1QBXMYKBbwiidcQuKzyqhkn71HLckCucwDQ_cr djhl#18f9a3ac6a57

Coronavirus Cases Are Surging. The Contact Tracing Workforce Is Not
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WHO urges Russia to follow guidelines on virus vaccine

<https://guardian.ng/news/who-urges-russia-to-follow-guidelines-on-virus-vaccine/>

Cities Turn to the Sewers to Track the Prevalence of Covid

<https://www.routefifty.com/tech-data/2020/07/track-prevalence-covid-19-cities-sewers/167354/>

300,000 Deaths By December? 9 Takeaways From The Newest COVID-19 Projections

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/08/06/900000671/300-000-deaths-by-december-9-takeaways-of-the-newest-covid-19-projections?sc=18&f=1001>

County employee tests positive for COVID-19

https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/county-employee-tests-positive-for-covid-19-free-to-read/article_86ec8b45-bc6f-5768-9f0e-08e69ccec1b8.html

Africa passes 1M confirmed virus cases; true number far more

https://apnews.com/459d0bdb228ae9cdf181e063146052c9?utm_medium=AP&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR2IxQn4n8LkAUG17ZR5ADVrmoiB2LV3yicFm3m-m7D9f20Ep0UZSS2libl

L.A. threatens to shut off utilities at homes that host big parties during pandemic

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Getting a coronavirus vaccine in record time is hard. Distributing it to tens of millions may be equally daunting.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/08/03/coronavirus-vaccine-distribution-confusion/>

New Zealand goes 100 days with no new reported local cases.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/09/world/coronavirus-covid-19.html?smtyp=cur&smid=fb-nytimes&fbclid=IwAR1v0M4gaU1jI3iILOZNeBfc_BTmqCkAlzXgPzB3eFb2h6Rzm9aXgoXkFU#link-7838589f

Public Health and Healthcare

Frantic to hire nurses, Florida spends millions on recruits

<https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2020/07/28/frantic-to-hire-nurses-florida-spends-millions-on-recruits/>

Coronavirus ravaged Florida, as Ron DeSantis sidelined scientists and followed Trump

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/coronavirus-ravaged-florida-as-ron-desantis-sidelined-scientists-and-followed-trump/2020/07/25/0b8008da-c648-11ea-b037-f9711f89ee46_story.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=wp_main

Virus hits frontline workers in taxed public health system

<https://apnews.com/018418613ce547e0315b9a1a862c0874>

Pandemic poses challenges for Argentines seeking therapy

<https://apnews.com/0b9a2ecf96061b00184fd44d0c34098d>

County pledges probe into health worker's coronavirus death

<https://apnews.com/4e15e6a045c165c98a18e40c873bdaaa>

The raging competition for medical supplies is not a game, but game theory can help

<https://theconversation.com/the-raging-competition-for-medical-supplies-is-not-a-game-but-game-theory-can-help-143514>

As coronavirus threatened invasion, a new 'Red Dawn' team tried to save America

https://abcnews.go.com/Health/coronavirus-threatened-invasion-red-dawn-team-save-america/story?id=72000727&fbclid=IwAR0PziM9MI2kXPUf1mzBO7VYxT-aeP_8-79I9zdY-xPUeaXelcCaPnT-fUw

Anthony Fauci Explains Why the US Still Hasn't Beaten Covid

https://www.wired.com/story/anthony-fauci-explains-why-the-us-still-hasnt-beaten-covid/?fbclid=IwAR3hMDaYBmXly247vJFR9IHJZADjfw_46vU3t3V6rFU6uQvIS_C5zNzNic

As Virus Cases Rise in Long-Term Care Facilities, Industry Seeks Help

<https://www.routefifty.com/health-human-services/2020/07/coronavirus-nursing-homes-long-term-care/167128/>

Data Analysis: COVID-19 Is Filling Up Hospitals In Small Cities

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/29/895152258/data-analysis-covid-19-is-filling-up-hospitals-in-small-cities?sc=18&f=1001>

Pandemic Is Overwhelming U.S. Public Health Capacity In Many States. What Now?

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/07/28/894858475/pandemic-is-overwhelming-u-s-public-health-capacity-in-many-states-what-now?sc=18&f=1001>

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California's Hard-Hit Central Valley To Get Federal Health Workers, More State Help
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/27/895998283/federal-health-care-workers-more-state-help-for-californias-hard-hit-central-val?sc=18&f=1001>

N.Y.C. Health Commissioner Resigns After Clashes With Mayor Over Virus
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Covid-19 kills scores of health workers in war-torn Yemen
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/23/covid-19-has-killed-least-health-workers-yemen-report-says>

Immigrant Doctors Fight To Contribute To US COVID-19 Response
<https://www.wpr.org/immigrant-doctors-fight-contribute-us-covid-19-response>

Improving Post-COVID Healthcare Facilities for the Next Emergency
<http://hconews.com/2020/08/04/improving-post-covid-healthcare-facilities-for-the-next-emergency/?MvBriefArticleId=26594>

Health directors told to keep quiet as Florida leaders pressed to reopen classrooms
https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/08/07/florida-health-directors-told-not-give-schools-advice-reopening/3317014001/?fbclid=IwAR0IxfRfM4PgQqvIdVqvWCuVRqHCRppb_OQ9VY2-dYVHt7vvTj410IB2VXA

COVID-19 Hospital Data System That Bypasses CDC Plagued By Delays, Inaccuracies
<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/07/31/897429054/covid-19-hospital-data-system-that-bypasses-cdc-plagued-by-delays-inaccuracies?sc=18&f=1001>

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Emergency Management

Some Nevada agencies won't reveal pandemic plans, months into COVID-19

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/investigations/some-nevada-agencies-wont-reveal-pandemic-plans-months-into-covid-19-2082037/>

Coronavirus Roundup: Senator Asks FEMA to Allow Schools to Use Disaster Funds for Reopening; Agencies Prepare for Large Scale Vaccine Production

<https://www.govexec.com/workforce/2020/07/coronavirus-roundup-senator-asks-fema-allow-schools-use-disaster-funds-reopening-agencies-prepare-large-scale-vaccine-production/167259/>

Mourners in cars say final goodbyes to Bexar County emergency management coordinator

<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2020/07/24/mourners-in-cars-say-final-goodbyes-to-bexar-county-emergency-management-coordinator/>

Florida Emergency Operations Center closes after 12 employees test positive for COVID-19

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/07/16/report-florida-emergency-operations-center-closes-after-12-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19/>

Pandemic Response Roiled by the Technology Divide in Seniors

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Pandemic-Response-Roiled-by-the-Technology-Divide-in-Seniors.html>

At-risk Caribbean scrambles to prepare for hurricanes during pandemic

<https://news.trust.org/item/20200803233302-cceam/>

Do Not Stop Exercising – Go Remote!

<https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/commentary/do-not-stop-exercising-go-remote/?MvBriefArticleId=22269>

Coronavirus mission for most National Guard troops is extended through Christmas

https://www.stripes.com/news/us/coronavirus-mission-for-most-national-guard-troops-is-extended-through-christmas-1.640029?fbclid=IwAR3wI4W4eqRqBv2Vi1QBXYKBbwiidcQuKzyqhkn71HLckCucwDQ_crdjhl

Education

Trump, DeVos downplay risks of reopening schools, claim children don't spur transmission: FACT CHECK

https://abcnews.go.com/amp/Politics/trump-devos-downplay-risks-reopening-schools-claim-children/story?id=71950023&_twitter_impression=true

A Georgia sleepaway camp's coronavirus outbreak is a warning for what could happen when schools reopen, CDC says

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/31/health/georgia-camp-coronavirus-outbreak-cdc-trnd/index.html>

Corinth School District, first to reopen in Mississippi, reports COVID-19 case

<https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2020/07/31/student-covid-corinth-mississippi-first-week-school-reopening/5559279002/>

U.N. chief says coronavirus causing "generational catastrophe" in education

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-schools-education-catastrophe-united-nations-secretary-general/>

North Carolina Will Pause Further Reopening Until September To Start The School Year

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/08/05/899597881/north-carolina-will-pause-further-reopening-until-september-to-start-the-school-year?sc=18&f=1001>

CSU Investigating Report Of Failure To Disclose COVID-19 Symptoms In Football Players

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/08/05/899468869/csu-investigating-report-of-failure-to-disclose-covid-19-symptoms-in-football-players?sc=18&f=1001>

Overwhelmed, Stressed, Scared: School Nurses Brace for the Fall Semester

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