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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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News Reports

Prevention, Treatment and Surveillance Efforts

COVID Fast-Tracked Tech Modernization in Pittsburgh. Here's How

<https://www.govtech.com/computing/COVID-Fast-Tracked-Tech-Modernization-in-Pittsburgh-Heres-How.html>

Is Florida a test case for coronavirus herd immunity? Experts warn it's deadly

https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/11/09/is-florida-the-nations-test-case-for-covid-herd-immunity/?fbclid=IwAR2wT8_S6JclLgSfdjmJGVkiYbSueysHUr9pgWaiEf5TX2pgYqlwmgzgC3Q

Large crowds gather on Dublin's Grafton Street on eve of lockdown

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/large-crowds-gather-on-dublin-s-grafton-street-on-eve-of-lockdown-1.4388229>

CDC Reduces Consecutive Minutes Of COVID-19 Exposure Needed To Be A 'Close Contact'

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/21/926365995/cdc-reduces-consecutive-minutes-of-covid-19-exposure-needed-to-be-a-close-contac?sc=18&f=1001>

California enacts measures to reduce Covid rates in Latino, Black, Pacific Islander communities

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/california-enacts-measures-reduce-covid-rates-latino-black-pacific-islander-n1241802?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma

Mass. Using New Tool in COVID Fight: Phone Alerts for High-Risk Communities

<https://www.nbcboston.com/news/coronavirus/mass-using-new-tool-in-covid-fight-phone-alerts-for-high-risk-communities/2214504/>

NIH Director 'Guardedly Optimistic' About COVID-19 Vaccine Approval By End Of 2020

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/20/925790239/nih-director-guardedly-optimistic-about-vaccine-approval-by-end-of-2020?sc=18&f=1001>

Every resident of Kansas nursing home infected with Covid-19

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/every-resident-kansas-nursing-home-infected-covid-n1244103?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma

A Texas woman died on a plane of Covid-19 in July

https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/20/us/woman-dies-of-covid-on-plane-trnd/index.html?utm_term=link&utm_source=fbCNN&utm_medium=social&utm_content=2020-10-21T04%3A01%3A32

U.S. Borders With Canada And Mexico Will Stay Closed Another Month

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/19/925479699/u-s-borders-with-canada-and-mexico-will-stay-closed-another-month?sc=18&f=1001>

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UNICEF To Stockpile Over Half A Billion Syringes For Future COVID-19 Vaccine
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/19/925392195/unicef-to-stockpile-over-half-a-billion-syringes-for-future-covid-19-vaccine?sc=18&f=1001>

Russia shuns tough restrictions even as infections soar
<https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-business-moscow-europe-russia-79407b7e6a5f253e49114346a063436b>

As Coronavirus infections soar, El Paso brings in new mobile morgues
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/us/coronavirus-hospitalizations-el-paso-texas.html?smtyp=cur&smid=fb-nytimes&fbclid=IwAR2RDZqlwLEm1mqBH-rwNWZLwsJNm8rqr178zCo0KkOJg66zufqwXwDabQ&fbclid=IwAR2DOsGsyScr8oT2TOCFpxwKevOr6Bt5va3_RGof4DTApBQmOvcwPL1iUiU&fbclid=IwAR2HrC0yPivWorCMoVJjQjDgKieQogOg4vkGyWprvnoLePkncNio9pJ_jio

The Husband and Wife Team behind the leading vaccine to solve COVID
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/business/biotech-covid-vaccine.html?s=09#click=https://t.co/PdjVX6zRvj>

Meat Manufacturer Sues New Mexico After Plant Ordered To Close Due To COVID-19 Cases
<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/11/933687252/meat-manufacturer-sues-new-mexico-after-plant-ordered-to-close-due-to-covid-19-c?sc=18&f=1001>

Wear Masks To Protect Yourself From The Coronavirus, Not Only Others, CDC Stresses
<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/11/11/933903848/wear-masks-to-protect-yourself-from-the-coronavirus-not-only-others-cdc-stresses?sc=18&f=1001>

Why Poorer Countries Aren't Likely To Get The Pfizer Vaccine Any Time Soon
<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/11/11/933942711/why-poorer-countries-arent-likely-to-get-the-pfizer-vaccine-any-time-soon?sc=18&f=1001>

FDA authorizes Eli Lilly's Covid-19 antibody treatment for emergency use
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/fda-authorizes-eli-lilly-s-covid-19-antibody-treatment-emergency-n1247201>

White House coronavirus task force warns of 'accelerating community spread'
https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/11/politics/coronavirus-task-force-state-reports/index.html?utm_source=fbCNN&utm_content=2020-11-12T03%3A30%3A36&utm_medium=social&utm_term=link&fbclid=IwAR0Nu2dfhbyw9W-yT8qlbE4Bqd4rty4dTwiTRjAin8ZY75pQwa4NKWJSN4U

After COVID Diagnosis, Nearly 1 In 5 Are Diagnosed With Mental Disorder
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/11/11/933964994/after-covid-diagnosis-nearly-1-in-5-are-diagnosed-with-mental-disorder>

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Despite Shutdowns, COVID-19 Cases Spike On Blackfeet Reservation

<https://www.mtpr.org/post/despite-shutdowns-covid-19-cases-spike-blackfeet-reservation>

Navajo Nation Combats A New 'Monster': Coronavirus

https://www.npr.org/2020/11/11/934012040/navajo-nation-combats-a-new-monster-coronavirus?utm_campaign=npr&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews

Trump attacks N.Y. gov, says he'll withhold Covid vaccine from state until Cuomo approves

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/trump-make-first-public-remarks-week-n1247752>

Pacific isles, secretive states among last virus-free places

https://apnews.com/article/pandemics-tonga-coronavirus-pandemic-new-zealand-argentina-26c3126d7e4bc90b4408d913ef3fb35b?utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP

Passenger Aboard First Cruise Ship to Return to Sailing in Caribbean Tests Positive for COVID-19

<https://people.com/travel/passenger-aboard-first-cruise-ship-to-return-to-sailing-in-caribbean-tests-positive-for-covid-19/>

Solar fridges and powdered vaccines: How to get a COVID-19 vaccine to the developing world

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90574433/solar-fridges-and-powdered-vaccine-how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccine-to-the-developing-world?s=09>

Operation Warp Speed's Logistics Chief Weighs In On Vaccine Progress

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/11/09/933060635/operation-warp-speeds-logistics-chief-weighs-in-on-vaccine-progress?sc=18&f=1001>

Minorities Hit Hard by COVID-19, More Children Getting Sick

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Minorities-Hit-Hard-by-COVID-19-More-Children-Getting-Sick.html>

Biden targets virus as his White House transition begins

<https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-politics-pandemics-virus-outbreak-public-health-d7e64d8b270ed3bf8daf58f01775d627>

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Public Health and Healthcare

All COVID-19 Precautions Didn't Save This Nurse Practitioner

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As virus spikes, Europe runs low on ICU beds, hospital staff

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/as-virus-spikes-europe-runs-low-on-icu-beds-hospital-staff-1.5182068?fbclid=IwAR0VN2XXT960-G3D4-DDbFyhNPcUaO3QHpCimPnsW96FtckaHhQ-4VXEms>

With North Dakota hospitals at 100% capacity, Burgum announces COVID-positive nurses can stay at work

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/newsmd/coronavirus/6753876-With-North-Dakota-hospitals-at-100-capacity-Burgum-announces-COVID-positive-nurses-can-stay-at-work?fbclid=IwAR2hPKyD5PVm7MmTuy6uEfWTII4X6iLMYKGYQ49IqC38nkzgjWDr7-3kjac>

'A political animal': Atlas attacks Fauci, escalating feud between Trump's pandemic advisers

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/11/trump-pandemic-advisers-fued-436006>

Race to Evacuate Nursing Home Patients Put Lives at Risk

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Race-to-Evacuate-Nursing-Home-Patients-Actually-put-lives-at-Risk.html>

Government agency will investigate Trump administration political influence over FDA, CDC

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/10/19/gao-investigate-trump-administration-influence-over-fda-cdc/5981174002/>

Meet some of the Baltimore women driving the national response to the coronavirus pandemic

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/features/women-to-watch/bs-pr-women-coronavirus-response-20201019-2ypuji2qxvdj5mc5oq6szczsou-story.html?outputType=amp&s=09>

The CDC chief lost his way during COVID-19. Now his agency is in the balance.

<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/investigations/2020/11/11/covid-19-cdc-director-buckled-politics-tarnishing-agency/3755324001/>

Veterans Affairs, WBAMC collaborate to assist the city of El Paso with COVID-19 response

<https://kfoxtv.com/news/local/veterans-affairs-wbamc-collaborate-to-assist-the-city-of-el-paso-with-covid-19-response>

In Worcester, State Will Reopen First Field Hospital For Second Coronavirus Surge

<https://www.wbur.org/commonhealth/2020/11/13/dcu-center-worcester-field-hospital-opens-again>

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FEMA Help for COVID-19 Still Available to Nonprofits, Govs

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3 big ideas to fuel an equitable COVID recovery

<https://why.org/articles/3-big-ideas-to-fuel-an-equitable-covid-recovery/>

The Strategic Stockpile failed; experts propose new approach to emergency preparedness

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/11/201112120500.htm>

Phillipsburg streamlines procedures with COVID-19 emergency declaration

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/phillipsburg/2020/11/phillipsburg-streamlines-procedures-with-covid-19-emergency-declaration.html>

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Education

Schools, Colleges Navigate the Challenges of COVID-19

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Amid pandemic, African schools broadcast lessons to close gaps

https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Education/2020/1021/Amid-pandemic-African-schools-broadcast-lessons-to-close-gaps?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&cmpid=FB&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1603339397

COVID-19 Pandemic Intensifies Disaster Recovery Challenges for K-12 Schools

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/infrastructure-security/covid-19-pandemic-intensifies-disaster-recovery-challenges-for-k-12-schools/>

How one Native American tribe in S.D. created its own wireless education network

<https://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2020/10/19/how-one-native-american-tribe-s-d-created-its-own-wireless-education-network/3711419001/>

Economic Impacts

The Coronavirus Disproportionally Putting Women Out of Work

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Covid-19 Scammers Driving Unemployment Fraud Across Nation

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/covid-19-scammers-driving-unemployment-fraud-across-nation>

California's Theme Parks Won't Reopen Anytime Soon

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Even The Most Successful Women Pay A Big Price In Pandemic

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/20/924566058/even-the-most-successful-women-are-sidelining-careers-for-family-in-pandemic?sc=18&f=1001>

Air Travel High: TSA Screens 1 Million For 1st Time Since March

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/19/925577175/air-travel-high-tsa-screens-1-million-for-first-time-since-march?sc=18&f=1001>



Public Safety

12 Ill. city firefighters, including chief, test positive for COVID-19

<https://www.firerescue1.com/coronavirus-covid-19/articles/12-ill-city-firefighters-including-chief-test-positive-for-covid-19-PrwBCpbvBbRBDj6Y/>

County Sheriff's Department Partially Shut Down Due to COVID

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/County-Sheriffs-Department-Partially-Shut-Down-Because-of-COVID-19.html?utm_term=County%20Sheriff%5Cu2019s%20Department%20Partially%20Shut%20Down%20Because%20of%20COVID-19&utm_campaign=All%20COVID-19%20Precautions%20Didn%5Cu2019t%20Save%20This%20Nurse%20Practitioner&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

Early numbers suggest domestic violence homicides may be on the rise around the country

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/early-numbers-suggest-domestic-violence-homicides-may-be-rise-around-n1243735?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma

Cybersecurity: One in three attacks are coronavirus-related

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/cybersecurity-one-in-three-attacks-are-coronavirus-related/>

More than 130 Secret Service officers are said to be infected with coronavirus or quarantining in wake of Trump's campaign travel

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-coronavirus-outbreak/2020/11/13/610eebcc-2539-11eb-8672-c281c7a2c96e_story.html

Global Affairs and Security

UN peacekeeping chief tests positive for COVID-19

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UN chief urges global fight against pandemic and hatred

<https://apnews.com/article/race-and-ethnicity-virus-outbreak-discrimination-antonio-guterres-anti-semitism-e49deaa5ddb3ea7f02116c300b9eab360>

Longtime Palestinian Negotiator Saeb Erekat Dies Of Complications From COVID-19

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/10/925446845/longtime-palestinian-negotiator-saeb-erekat-dies-of-complications-from-covid-19?sc=18&f=1001>

In Midst Of Pandemic Crisis, Peru's Legislature Impeaches The Nation's President

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U.S. denounces terms for WHO-led inquiry into COVID origins

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-who-idUSKBN27Q1LX?utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook



Food Security

Nothing to report



Humanitarian Affairs, International Development, Migration and Refugees

The impact of COVID-19 on global extreme poverty

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2020/10/21/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-global-extreme-poverty/amp/?_twitter_impression=true&s=09

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Misinformation

PM, health officials warn Canadians against believing COVID-19 'internment camps' disinformation

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/covid-19-internment-camps-disinformation-1.5769592>

Trump rails against 'medical deep state' after Pfizer vaccine news comes after Election Day

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/11/11/trump-angry-about-pfizer-vaccine/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2_uMUvfVaLM9dtEIMHMiVtRazkLQtc-Z53F7-LB00wk8ZxJGSZIntbDcw

Rand Paul says millions of covid-19 survivors should throw away their masks: 'We should tell them to celebrate'

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/11/13/rand-paul-covid-immune-masks/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Elon Musk's Dumb Tweets Are Fueling New COVID Conspiracy Theories

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/wx8d59/elon-musks-dumb-tweets-are-fueling-new-covid-conspiracy-theories>

Blogger Who Allegedly Spread COVID Conspiracy Theories Hired By Gov. DeSantis As Data Analyst

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Health Care Workers Ask Therapist: 'Why Aren't More People Taking This Seriously?'

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Quarantine Fatigue Is Real

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/05/quarantine-fatigue-real-and-shaming-people-wont-help/611482/>

Iran struggles with Covid-19, U.S. sanctions and collapsing economy

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/iran-struggles-covid-19-u-s-sanctions-collapsing-economy-n1243856>

Pfizer CEO Sold Millions In Stock After Coronavirus Vaccine News, Raising Questions

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/11/933957580/pfizer-ceo-sold-millions-in-stock-after-coronavirus-vaccine-news-raising-questio?sc=18&f=1001>

WHO chief says coronavirus is "not tired", urges vigilance

<https://news.trust.org/item/20201112084309-c395r/>

Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics, Blueprint for Children

<https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/blueprint-for-children/#.X5GcKPGYH9g.twitter>

RFA: Equipping Local Health Departments to Address Vaccine Hesitancy

https://www.naccho.org/blog/articles/request-for-applications-equipping-local-health-departments-to-address-vaccine-hesitancy?utm_source=MagnetMail&utm_medium=email&utm_term=steveorange2003@yahoo.com&utm_content=Preparedness%20Brief%20%2D%20October%202020&utm_campaign=Preparedness%20Brief%20Digest%3A%20October%202020

COVID-19 Resources for Local Health Professionals Working in Environmental Health (September 30 edition)

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COVID-19 and the Dynamics of Mass Atrocities

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“Herd Immunity” is Not an Answer to a Pandemic

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Governor Cuomo Announces Draft New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Program

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UK Food Standards Agency, Adapting restaurants and food delivery during COVID-19

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/adapting-restaurants-and-food-delivery-during-covid-19>

The pandemic's not over, and the overdose epidemic is getting worse
https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/opioids/pandemic-s-not-over-and-overdose-epidemic-getting-worse?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social_ama&utm_term=4117134149&utm_campaign=Advocacy&utm_effort=FBB009&s=09

Eviction moratorium key weapon in pandemic fight, physicians say
https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/eviction-moratorium-key-weapon-pandemic-fight-physicians-say?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social_ama&utm_term=4117133321&utm_campaign=Public%20Health&s=09

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WHO, Sharing COVID-19 experiences: The Mongolian response- Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKA9UeN5rhk&app=desktop>

COVID-19: Simple Answers to Top Questions Risk Communication Field Guide
Questions and Key Messages
<https://astho.org/COVID-19/Q-and-A/>

Council On Foreign Relations, What Is the World Doing to Create a COVID-19 Vaccine?
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