



# Emergency Manager's Special Report 4-2-21

## Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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## News Reports

### Prevention and Surveillance Efforts

Birx tells CNN most U.S. covid deaths 'could have been mitigated' after first 100,000  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/03/27/birx-tells-cnn-most-us-covid-deaths-could-have-been-mitigated-after-first-100000/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3irRZEB0nyKvA6ZHbUQUJIOZxVRJXXAvdZC1\\_shqM41LVI7IDhBtpE](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/03/27/birx-tells-cnn-most-us-covid-deaths-could-have-been-mitigated-after-first-100000/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3irRZEB0nyKvA6ZHbUQUJIOZxVRJXXAvdZC1_shqM41LVI7IDhBtpE)

India's abrupt lockdown forced millions to walk, bike and hitchhike home. Many lives will never be the same.  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/04/01/india-coronavirus-lockdown-migrant-workers/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/04/01/india-coronavirus-lockdown-migrant-workers/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook)

Shocked, afraid and 'blessed': Cruise line workers remained on board for months to keep ships operational  
[https://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/shocked-afraid-blessed-cruise-line-workers-remained-board-months-keep-n1261365?cid=sm\\_npd\\_nn\\_fb\\_ma&fbclid=IwAR3BPVYLZE41eHfbsIKbl61\\_nqHKpAb\\_PgJWJFSJ8l2qfDsYIOFJWWS4](https://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/shocked-afraid-blessed-cruise-line-workers-remained-board-months-keep-n1261365?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma&fbclid=IwAR3BPVYLZE41eHfbsIKbl61_nqHKpAb_PgJWJFSJ8l2qfDsYIOFJWWS4)

Reports: New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's family got priority to COVID-19 tests early in pandemic  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/03/24/new-york-gov-andrew-cuomo-family-given-priority-covid-tests/6991721002/>

In Reversal, Merkel Drops Plan For Lockdown In Germany Ahead Of Easter  
[https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/24/980869865/in-reversal-merkel-drops-plan-for-lockdown-in-germany-ahead-of-easter?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_term=npnews&s=09](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/24/980869865/in-reversal-merkel-drops-plan-for-lockdown-in-germany-ahead-of-easter?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=npnews&s=09)

Spring break invasion of South Florida spurred by cheap fares and lax Covid-19 restrictions  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/spring-break-invasion-south-florida-spurred-cheap-fares-lax-covid-n1261767>

Covid-19 cases are rising. States are opening up anyway.  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/covid-19-cases-are-rising-states-are-opening-anyway-n1261912>

Governor Ignored Experts as Coronavirus Pandemic Raged  
[https://www.govtech.com/em/Governor-Ignored-Experts-as-Coronavirus-Pandemic-Raged-.html?utm\\_term=Governor%20Ignored%20Experts%20as%20Coronavirus%20Pandemic%20Raged&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.govtech.com/em/Governor-Ignored-Experts-as-Coronavirus-Pandemic-Raged-.html?utm_term=Governor%20Ignored%20Experts%20as%20Coronavirus%20Pandemic%20Raged&utm_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email)

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FDA authorizes rapid at-home Covid-19 tests without a prescription.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/science/science-news/fda-authorizes-rapid-home-covid-19-tests-prescription-rna570>

US could save tens of thousands of lives and tens of billions of dollars with 3 weeks of strict COVID-19 measures

[https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/76629?&a=email&utm\\_source=pw\\_email](https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/76629?&a=email&utm_source=pw_email)

Coronavirus: location-tracking apps could stop the disease – here's how

[https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/71210?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_campaign=PreventionSavesLives&s=09](https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/71210?utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=PreventionSavesLives&s=09)

Jerusalem's Old City Comes Alive With Religious Festivals As Vaccination Rate Rises

[https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/04/02/983776343/jeruselems-old-city-comes-alive-with-religious-festivals-as-vaccination-rate-ris?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_term=npmnews&utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR0L3AJIOiiPK2otG-bAdkNvWLoX8ugHebP2Jmh2iDoksjHcGKzVW1w-AKM](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/04/02/983776343/jeruselems-old-city-comes-alive-with-religious-festivals-as-vaccination-rate-ris?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_term=npmnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR0L3AJIOiiPK2otG-bAdkNvWLoX8ugHebP2Jmh2iDoksjHcGKzVW1w-AKM)

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## Vaccinations

Volunteers are key at vaccine sites. It pays off with a shot

<https://apnews.com/article/seattle-washington-coronavirus-pandemic-5dcef04d8b6fd33cd287ac3ab3e26137>

After year of isolation, vaccinated older Americans start to reclaim their lives

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-seniors/after-year-of-isolation-vaccinated-older-americans-start-to-reclaim-their-lives-idUSKBN2B119J>

EU regulator 'convinced' AstraZeneca benefit outweighs risk

<https://apnews.com/article/eu-regulator-astrazeneca-benefit-outweighs-risk-37c3f8fa9523c58576cbff6d9c13a103>

Florida Won't Say if Blacks Getting Vaccines at Fed Sites

<https://www.govtech.com/em/State-Wont-say-Whether-Black-People-are-Getting-Vaccines-at-Fed-Sites.html>

Washington Tribes Help Speed COVID Vaccinations to Teachers

<https://www.govtech.com/em/Washington-Tribes-Help-Speed-COVID-19-Vaccinations-to-Teachers-.html>

'Strike Teams' Helping Vaccination Efforts; How they Work

<https://www.govtech.com/em/Strike-Teams-Helping-Vaccination-Efforts-How-they-Work.html>

Pakistan's prime minister contracts coronavirus two days after his first vaccine dose

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/pakistan-imran-khan-tests-positive/2021/03/20/a2730f16-8962-11eb-82bc-e58213caa38e\\_story.html?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1jR6\\_iWNFONIEi\\_4mOPY6jFY9mimJwgVyNpwL4JUBnFzqevatZdAOqgU](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/pakistan-imran-khan-tests-positive/2021/03/20/a2730f16-8962-11eb-82bc-e58213caa38e_story.html?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1jR6_iWNFONIEi_4mOPY6jFY9mimJwgVyNpwL4JUBnFzqevatZdAOqgU)

Seminole Nation Freedmen member recorded being denied COVID vaccine by Oklahoma Indian Health Service clinic

[https://kfor.com/news/local/seminole-nation-freedmen-member-recorded-being-denied-covid-vaccine-by-oklahoma-indian-health-service-clinic/?utm\\_campaign=socialflow&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR0jR5oBrtH1n-whKk2mNS2H\\_WTDBRGNPpaidb-dlQxqY91ECYoxrEwLEX-g](https://kfor.com/news/local/seminole-nation-freedmen-member-recorded-being-denied-covid-vaccine-by-oklahoma-indian-health-service-clinic/?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR0jR5oBrtH1n-whKk2mNS2H_WTDBRGNPpaidb-dlQxqY91ECYoxrEwLEX-g)

Hong Kong suspends use of BioNTech coronavirus vaccine, citing packaging defects

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/coronavirus-vaccine-biontech-hong-kong/2021/03/23/703d2ae0-8c46-11eb-a33e-da28941cb9ac\\_story.html?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/coronavirus-vaccine-biontech-hong-kong/2021/03/23/703d2ae0-8c46-11eb-a33e-da28941cb9ac_story.html?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook)

As trust fades, Indigenous groups in the Amazon race against time on vaccines  
[https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news-feature/2021/3/24/indigenous-groups-in-amazon-race-against-time-on-vaccines?utm\\_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm\\_campaign=18af3c1c1e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_12\\_11\\_Weekly\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d842d98289-18af3c1c1e-75715438](https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news-feature/2021/3/24/indigenous-groups-in-amazon-race-against-time-on-vaccines?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=18af3c1c1e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_11_Weekly_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-18af3c1c1e-75715438)

AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Data Questioned By Safety Board  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/23/980230571/astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine-trial-data-questioned-by-safety-board?sc=18&f=1001>

COVID-19 Vaccination Has Been Conjuring Up Emotions And Memories  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/21/978727427/covid-19-vaccination-has-been-conjuring-up-emotions-and-memories?sc=18&f=978727427>

'I'm not throwing away my shot': Doctors use 'Hamilton' inspiration to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations  
<https://www.ktvu.com/news/im-not-throwing-away-my-shot-doctors-use-hamilton-inspiration-to-encourage-covid-19-vaccinations>

FEMA To Set Up A COVID-19 Vaccine Center At Greenbelt Metro Station  
<https://www.npr.org/local/305/2021/03/30/982666054f-e-m-a-to-set-up-a-c-o-v-i-d-19-vaccine-center-at-greenbelt-metro-station>

Africa's Access to COVID-19 Vaccines Remains a Challenge  
<https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/africas-access-covid-19-vaccines-remains-challenge>

EU closes ranks over Covid surge and vaccine delays  
[https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-56361840?xtor=AL-72-%5Bpartner%5D-%5Bbbc.news.twitter%5D-%5Bheadline%5D-%5Bnews%5D-%5Bbizdev%5D-%5Bisapi%5D&at\\_medium=custom7&at\\_custom3=%40BBCNews&at\\_custom2=twitter&at\\_custom4=C6A596A4-8397-11EB-87C9-929A4744363C&at\\_custom1=%5Bpost+type%5D&at\\_campaign=64](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-56361840?xtor=AL-72-%5Bpartner%5D-%5Bbbc.news.twitter%5D-%5Bheadline%5D-%5Bnews%5D-%5Bbizdev%5D-%5Bisapi%5D&at_medium=custom7&at_custom3=%40BBCNews&at_custom2=twitter&at_custom4=C6A596A4-8397-11EB-87C9-929A4744363C&at_custom1=%5Bpost+type%5D&at_campaign=64)

Aid groups call on Biden to develop plans to share vaccines  
<https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-us-news-coronavirus-pandemic-coronavirus-vaccine-19cd63a9f69ff5048f80228bebf75d79>

Vaccine data suggests Biden equity goal remains elusive  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/vaccine-data-suggests-biden-equity-goal-remains-elusive-n1262226>

Pfizer says Covid vaccine 100 percent effective in children ages 12 to 15  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/pfizer-says-its-covid-vaccine-100-percent-effective-young-teens-n1262550>

Florida Gov. DeSantis Rejects Vaccine Passports As 'Completely Unacceptable'  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/30/982837517/florida-gov-desantis-rejects-vaccine-passports-as-completely-unacceptable?sc=18&f=1001>

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### Racial Equity In Vaccination? Dialysis Centers Can Help With That

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/03/30/981242648/racial-equity-in-vaccination-dialysis-centers-can-help-with-that?sc=18&f=1001>

### J&J finds problem with COVID vaccine batch; NYTimes says 15 million doses ruined

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-jj-vaccine/jj-finds-problem-with-covid-vaccine-batch-nytimes-says-15-million-doses-ruined-idUSKBN2BN3GX>

### U.S. Is In A Race Between Vaccines And Variants, Says Public Health Expert

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/03/28/982086058/u-s-is-in-a-race-between-vaccines-and-variants-says-public-health-expert?sc=18&f=1001>

### Indigenous-Language Radio Show In Oakland Promotes Vaccine Effort

<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/27/978592445/indigenous-language-radio-show-in-oakland-promotes-vaccine-effort?sc=18&f=1001>

### Biden administration launches \$10 million ad campaign, leaders' network to encourage vaccination

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/01/politics/vaccine-confidence-advertising-biden-administration/index.html>

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## Public Health and Healthcare

Brazil stares into the abyss as Covid intensive care units fill up everywhere

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/mar/19/brazil-coronavirus-intensive-care-unit-capacity>

WHO Report: Wildlife Farms, Not Market, Likely Source Of Coronavirus Pandemic

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/03/29/982272319/who-report-wildlife-farms-not-market-likely-source-of-coronavirus-pandemic>

Florida COVID numbers face new scrutiny

<https://news.yahoo.com/florida-covid-numbers-face-new-scrutiny-090058319.html>

New Philippines Covid variant found in England – as it happened

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2021/mar/16/coronavirus-live-news-keep-using-astrazeneca-oxford-vaccine-says-who?CMP=fb\\_gu&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook#Echobox=1615902155](https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2021/mar/16/coronavirus-live-news-keep-using-astrazeneca-oxford-vaccine-says-who?CMP=fb_gu&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1615902155)

Maryland Pushing New, Early Treatment for COVID Now

[https://www.govtech.com/em/Maryland-Pushing-New-Early-Treatment-for-COVID-Now.html?utm\\_term=Maryland%20Pushing%20New%2C%20Early%20Treatment%20for%20COVID%20Now&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.govtech.com/em/Maryland-Pushing-New-Early-Treatment-for-COVID-Now.html?utm_term=Maryland%20Pushing%20New%2C%20Early%20Treatment%20for%20COVID%20Now&utm_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email)

Burnout, Trauma Grip Colorado Health-Care Workers

[https://www.govtech.com/em/Burnout-Trauma-Grips-Colorado-Health-Care-Workers.html?utm\\_term=Burnout%2C%20Trauma%20Grip%20Colorado%20Healthcare%20Workers&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.govtech.com/em/Burnout-Trauma-Grips-Colorado-Health-Care-Workers.html?utm_term=Burnout%2C%20Trauma%20Grip%20Colorado%20Healthcare%20Workers&utm_campaign=COVID-19%3A%20After%20a%20Year%20of%20Study%2C%20Misinformation%20Persists&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email)

Hospital workers despair as France's virus strategy flails

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/medics-despair-as-frances-third-way-virus-strategy-flails/2021/04/01/02661840-92ba-11eb-aadc-af78701a30ca\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/medics-despair-as-frances-third-way-virus-strategy-flails/2021/04/01/02661840-92ba-11eb-aadc-af78701a30ca_story.html)

Some of America's wealthiest hospital systems ended up even richer, thanks to federal bailouts

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2021/04/01/hospital-systems-cares-act-bailout/>

Inside The CDC's Battle To Defeat The Virus

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/04/01/982761755/inside-the-cdcs-battle-to-defeat-the-virus?sc=18&f=1001>

Theory That COVID Came from A Chinese Lab Takes On New Life In Wake Of WHO Report

<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/31/983156340/theory-that-covid-came-from-a-chinese-lab-takes-on-new-life-in-wake-of-who-repor?sc=18&f=1001>



Some Mexicans Travel to U.S. For COVID Vaccines As Their Country's Rollout Stumbles  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/26/981548822/some-mexicans-travel-to-u-s-for-covid-vaccines-as-their-countrys-rollout-stumble?sc=18&f=1001>

WHO Urges Donations of COVID Vaccines to Poorer Countries  
<https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/who-urges-donations-covid-vaccines-poorer-countries>

Covid third wave may overrun Africa's healthcare, warns WHO  
<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/mar/26/covid-third-wave-threatens-african-healthcare-who>

Surprising Nuggets From The WHO Report: Our Science Correspondent Digs In  
[https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/04/02/983773881/surprising-nuggets-from-the-who-report-our-science-correspondent-digs-in?fbclid=IwAR1e5Ge-JQaXQ-sP7xSKKkxNN58J29b\\_9rjRVycq7e6RPyoc-7Zi7gAHs](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/04/02/983773881/surprising-nuggets-from-the-who-report-our-science-correspondent-digs-in?fbclid=IwAR1e5Ge-JQaXQ-sP7xSKKkxNN58J29b_9rjRVycq7e6RPyoc-7Zi7gAHs)



## Emergency Management

MA Governor: 'Lessons to Be Learned' After Year of COVID

<https://www.govtech.com/em/MA-Governor-Talks-About-Lessons-to-be-Learned-After-Year-of-COVID.html>

Aerial Imagery Helps County, City Manage COVID-19 Response

<https://www.govtech.com/em/Aerial-Imagery-Helps-County-City-Manage-COVID-19-Response.html>

Role of crisis management and civil protection in COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.healtheuropa.eu/role-of-crisis-management-and-civil-protection-in-pandemic/106430/>



## Education

Learning what it takes to bring Students back to School amid the Pandemic

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/covid-transmission-schools-60-minutes-2021-03-21/>

Cleaning A College in A Pandemic: 'Without Us This Campus Shuts Down'

<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/01/983127382/cleaning-a-college-in-a-pandemic-without-us-this-campus-shuts-down?sc=18&f=1001>

## Economic Impacts

Fraudsters Still Claim Unemployment Relief, As Feds Pump Billions More Into System  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/22/976583954/fraudsters-still-claim-unemployment-relief-as-feds-pump-billions-more-into-syste?sc=18&f=1001>

After A Year Of Mostly Cancellations, Bookings Are Back For Many Event Venues  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/21/979245440/after-a-year-of-mostly-cancellations-bookings-are-back-for-many-event-venues?sc=18&f=1001>

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says only 0.1 percent of Trump administration's covid farm relief went to Black farmers  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/03/25/vilsack-interview-usda-rescue-plan/>

Evicted and Homeless Due To Pandemic — 'I Literally Had To Sleep In My Car'  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/30/981655702/evicted-and-homeless-due-to-pandemic-i-literally-had-to-sleep-in-my-car>

Remote Work Is Leading To More Gender And Racial Harassment, Say Tech Workers  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/30/982449551/remote-work-is-leading-to-more-gender-and-racial-harassment-say-tech-workers?sc=18&f=1001>

'Fiasco Waiting To Happen': Millions At Risk Of Losing Power Over Unpaid Bills  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/30/982325413/fiasco-waiting-to-happen-millions-at-risk-of-losing-power-over-unpaid-bills?sc=18&f=1001>

NYC Restaurants Balance Safety And Financial Pressure To Reopen  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/01/980011058/nyc-restaurants-balance-safety-and-financial-pressure-to-reopen?sc=18&f=1001>

## Public Safety

Feds: Former Pitt official stole over 13K masks, sold online

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/feds-former-pitt-official-stole-over-13k-masks-sold-online?fbclid=IwAR33-o9j3C4vVu6rY7FfPCkIJBuqhT0zreulQYOOGY-JI7d0hl-3ql74o-l>

Covid package, federal program offer lifeline and herald change for ambulances services

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