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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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News Reports

Prevention and Surveillance Efforts

Saudi Arabia Says Hajj Will Be Limited To 60,000 People, All From Within The Kingdom
<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/12/1005859782/hajj-saudi-arabia-60000-pilgrims-pandemic?sc=18&f=1001>

Australia's Largest City Sydney Locks Down For A Third Week
<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/07/1013645306/australias-largest-city-sydney-locks-down-for-a-third-week?sc=18&f=1001>

3 fully vaccinated Texas Democrats in Washington, D.C., test positive for Covid
https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/3-fully-vaccinated-texas-delegation-members-test-positive-covid-n1274278?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma&fbclid=IwAR0-FSaI7SNf6hkTKhC1HEAuHhZZuEPb_qfpaiWCYsjDXDSJGoadFHVFr78

Where Are The Newest COVID Hot Spots? Mostly Places With Low Vaccination Rates
<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/07/09/1014512213/covid-is-surg-ing-in-new-hotspots-driven-by-low-vaccination-rates?live=1>

Vaccinations

Fake COVID Vaccine Cards Are Being Sold Online. Using One Is A Crime

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/08/1004264531/fake-covid-vaccine-cards-keep-getting-sold-online-using-one-is-a-crime>

Africans 'dangerously exposed' by lack of Covid jabs, says WHO

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/24/africans-dangerously-exposed-by-lack-of-covid-jabs-says-who>

Why fewer women are getting vaccines in militarised Kashmir

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news-feature/2021/6/23/why-fewer-women-are-getting-vaccines-in-militarised-kashmir?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=857a5dc3ae-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COVID19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-857a5dc3ae-75715438

WTO boss sees way for deal to speed COVID vaccines for poor nations

<https://www.reuters.com/world/wto-boss-sees-way-deal-speed-covid-vaccines-poor-nations-2021-06-12/>

Biden administration to buy 500 million Pfizer coronavirus vaccine doses to donate to the world

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/biden-vaccine-donate/2021/06/09/c2744674-c934-11eb-93fa-9053a95eb9f2_story.html?fbclid=IwAR3lJTcEfK1RTqkIs_bvEoyMf9QJ1BlxPmOda3y5cCeOKDouWvV1-iUpjLI

Emergency COVID vaccination scheme in legal jeopardy

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news/2021/6/9/COVAX-covid-vaccine-buffer?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=05d90491f8-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COVID19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-05d90491f8-75715438

Palestinian Authority calls off vaccine exchange with Israel

<https://thehill.com/policy/international/559172-palestinian-authority-calls-off-vaccine-exchange-with-israel?amp=&s=09>

Mexico to donate 154,100 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine to Honduras

https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/mexico-donate-154100-doses-astrazeneca-vaccine-honduras-2021-06-19/?taid=60cd69681025cd0001e2f353&utm_campaign=trueAnthem:+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=twitter

Poll: 46 percent of unvaccinated say they will definitely not get vaccine

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/559122-poll-46-percent-of-unvaccinated-say-they-will-definitely-not-get-vaccine?amp=&s=09>

California residents given digital record of COVID-19 vaccine

<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/559187-california-residents-given-access-to-digital-record-of-their-covid-19>

A coronavirus outbreak hit a Florida government building. Two people are dead but a vaccinated employee wasn't infected

https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/22/us/florida-manatee-county-coronavirus-outbreak/index.html?utm_term=link&utm_content=2021-06-22T10%3A00%3A16&utm_source=fbCNN&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR1vuX6HKKmLj9jYqgPiafWzP1mvW88WRE5ep9zV4OmwAPkOXFPLwqhmsQ

Israel urges parents to vaccinate kids ages 12-15 amid COVID outbreak

<https://www.ipost.com/breaking-news/coronavirus-in-israel-mask-mandate-back-in-schools-following-outbreak-671514>

'It's a tipping point': Flood of COVID-19 vaccine donations buoys mood at WHO

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/06/it-s-tipping-point-flood-covid-19-vaccine-donations-buoys-mood-who>

Johnson & Johnson COVID Vaccines Get An Extra 6 Weeks Of Shelf Life

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/10/1005240170/johnson-johnson-covid-vaccines-get-an-extra-6-weeks-of-shelf-life?sc=18&f=1001>

Rural Communities Fall Further Behind In COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/06/11/1005367753/rural-communities-fall-farther-behind-in-covid-19-vaccination-rates?sc=18&f=1001>

G-7 Leaders Are Set To Pledge 1 Billion Coronavirus Vaccines To Other Countries

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/06/11/1005437511/g-7-leaders-to-pledge-1-billion-vaccines-to-countries-struggling-with-covid-19?sc=18&f=1001>

From Money To Monsoons: Obstacles Loom For Countries Awaiting Vaccine Doses

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/07/05/1011690896/its-a-tricky-balancing-act-for-countries-awaiting-vaccine-doses?sc=18&f=1001>

As COVID Vaccinations Slow, Parts Of The U.S. Remain Far Behind 70% Goal

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/07/05/1013080128/as-covid-vaccinations-slow-parts-of-the-u-s-remain-far-behind-70-goal?sc=18&f=1013080128>

Haiti still awaiting first COVID vaccines, as cases surge

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news/2021/7/5/haiti-still-awaiting-first-covid-vaccines-as-cases-surge?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=5dde125eaf-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COVID19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-5dde125eaf-75715438

Meet Maryland's Secret Weapon In The Battle To Close The Latino Vaccination Gap

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/07/07/1012502246/meet-marylands-secret-weapon-in-the-battle-to-close-the-latino-vaccination-gap?sc=18&f=1001>

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American Indians have the highest Covid vaccination rate in the US

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/native-americans-highest-covid-vaccination-rate-us/?utm_campaign=nova_2021&utm_content=1625753346&utm_medium=pbsofficial&utm_source=facebook

Health clinics race to get people vaccinated as variants spread

https://www.ketv.com/article/health-clinics-race-to-get-people-vaccinated-as-variants-spread/36974609?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot#

UNICEF signs agreement on supply of 220 mln doses of COVID-19 vaccine to Africa

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-07/09/c_1310050664.htm

The French Rush For Vaccines After They're Told They'll Need Them To Go To Cafes

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/07/13/1015591406/french-people-rush-for-vaccines-after-macron-ties-a-new-health-pass-to-cafe-life?sc=18&f=1001>

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Is Linked To Neurological Disorder In Extremely Rare Cases

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/07/12/1015366005/johnson-johnson-vaccine-is-linked-to-neurological-disorder-in-extremely-rare-cas?sc=18&f=1001>

Tennessee's vaccine manager says she's worried for her state after she was fired

https://amp-cnn-com.cdn.ampproject.org/v/s/amp.cnn.com/cnn/2021/07/12/health/tennessee-vaccine-manager-fired/index.html?amp_gsa=1&_js_v=a6&usqp=mq331AQKKAFAQrABIIACAw%3D%3D&fbclid=IwAR0jWBQHFWA_i-f3s3DSJtedVmlsfNfc_-mQiC0-2ih98fXB5O20LfLLFc#amp_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=16261777639869&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com&share=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2021%2F07%2F12%2Fhealth%2Ftennessee-vaccine-manager-fired%2Findex.html

Benefits of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines outweigh rare heart risks, says WHO

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/benefits-of-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-outweigh-rare-heart-risks-says-who-1.5503461>

WHO decision challenges West to recognize Chinese vaccines

<https://apnews.com/article/united-nations-europe-business-coronavirus-pandemic-coronavirus-vaccine-d038b8b430d680aba3e2d893d64004bc>

COVID Vaccines Will Not Reach Poorest Countries Until 2023

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/covid-vaccines-will-not-reach-poorest-countries-until-2023/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=today-in-science&utm_content=link&utm_term=2021-07-06_top-stories&spMailingID=70347422&spUserID=NDYwODQxNTE4Mig3S0&spJobID=2160631333&spReportId=MjE2MDYzMTMzMwS2

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On COVID vaccinations for refugees, will the world live up to its promises?

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After teen daughter hospitalized with Covid, mom regrets saying no to vaccine

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/after-teen-daughter-hospitalized-covid-mom-regrets-saying-no-vaccine-n1274227?fbclid=IwAR11C52qPhr1OrYB2eetDttvzRBYNOqSH3pEyPP0XWvrJfydQtyl03huDok>

Public Health and Healthcare

Judge dismisses lawsuit filed by Houston hospital employees who refused covid-19 vaccine

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/06/13/methodist-vaccine-lawsuit-dismissed/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2pOHooa_XssSUMmUyYtHxk-mT5isuObaR7wOz0Jv67qazMfXenbII3E

The next phase of the U.S. pandemic? Pockets of localized outbreaks

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/the-next-phase-of-the-us-pandemic-pockets-of-localized-outbreaks?cmpid=org::mc=social::src=twitter::cmp=editorial::add=tw20210604science-localizedoutbreakscvd&sf246512314=1>

Covid: Everyone can see hospitalisations going up, says PM

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-57417802>

2 passengers test positive for COVID-19 on 1st North American cruise since 2020

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/passengers-test-positive-covid-19-1st-north-american/story?id=78210113>

A COVID Outbreak At The U.S. Embassy In Kabul Has Sickened 114 People And Killed 1

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/17/1007625010/a-covid-outbreak-at-the-u-s-embassy-in-kabul-has-sickened-114-people-and-killed-?sc=18&f=1001>

Delta, now a 'variant of concern,' accounts for 10 percent of new U.S. cases, CDC says

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/newly-deemed-variant-concern-delta-accounts-10-percent-u-s-n1270915>

Respiratory Virus Infecting Kids Across the South

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/respiratory-virus-infecting-kids-across-the-south?utm_term=Respiratory%20Virus%20Infecting%20Kids%20Across%20the%20South&utm_campaign=Experts%20Having%20Second%20Thoughts%20on%20Vaccinating%20Kids&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

Federal COVID Workplace Safety Rules Are Here. But Only For Health Care Workers

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/10/1005036698/federal-covid-workplace-safety-rules-finally-here-but-only-for-health-care-work?sc=18&f=1001>

States Scale Back Pandemic Reporting, Stirring Alarm

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/06/11/1004751742/states-scale-back-pandemic-reporting-stirring-alarm?sc=18&f=1001>

A Crippling 3rd Wave Of COVID Adds To Afghanistan's Woes

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/07/02/1010386264/a-crippling-third-wave-of-covid-adds-to-afghanistans-woes?sc=18&f=1001>

Africa 'in the midst of full-blown third wave' of coronavirus

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/africa-midst-full-blown-third-wave-coronavirus/?s=09>

UN: Like COVID-19, Inequalities Drive AIDS Epidemic

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/un-covid-19-inequalities-drive-aids-epidemic>

COVID-19 could be headed to a scary place

<https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/560842-covid-19-could-be-headed-to-a-scary-place?rl=1>

Health Care Workers Cope With Burnout From Pandemic

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/health-care-workers-cope-with-burnout-from-pandemic?utm_term=Health%20Care%20Workers%20Cope%20With%20Burnout%20From%20Pandemic&utm_campaign=New%20Tsunami%20Hazard%20Zones%20in%20Downtown%20San%20Francisco&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

COVID Cases In Parts Of Missouri And Arkansas Surge To Levels Not Seen Since Winter

<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/13/1015581093/covid-cases-in-parts-of-missouri-and-arkansas-surge-to-levels-not-seen-since-win?sc=18&f=1001>

A Woman Died Of COVID After Contracting 2 Variants At The Same Time, Researchers Say

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/07/12/1015242810/belgian-woman-infected-2-covid-variants?sc=18&f=1001>

WHO CALL TO FUND COVID-19 EQUIPMENT FOR POOR COUNTRIES FALLS SHORT BY 16.8 BN DOLLARS

<https://www.firstpost.com/tech/science/who-call-to-fund-covid-19-equipment-for-poor-countries-falls-short-by-16-8-bn-dollars-9785161.html>

COVID left Portland's homeless population in crisis mode. Then the heat wave hit

<https://grist.org/cities/portland-heat-wave-homeless-support/>



Emergency Management

COVID-19 state of emergency 'no longer necessary,' Gov. McMaster says
<https://www.wmbfnews.com/2021/06/07/mcmaster-hold-briefing-states-response-covid-19/>



Education

College of Charleston Heads Into Fall With COVID Answers

https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/college-of-charleston-heads-into-fall-with-covid-answers?utm_term=College%20of%20Charleston%20Heads%20Into%20Fall%20With%20COVID%20Answers&utm_campaign=Lawmakers%20in%20Florida%20Need%20to%20Act%20in%20Wake%20of%20Condo%20Collapse&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email

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Economic Impacts and Recovery

New York culture department announces three new projects as part of City Artist Corps programme

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/new-york-culture-department-announces-three-new-projects-as-part-of-city-artist-corps-programme>

Art Basel confirms it is happening this September IRL—but with some caveats

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/art-basel-is-happening-with-capped-attendance-and-extended-vip-opening>

The pandemic has slowed tourism to Thailand's Buddhist temples, but the impact is more than economic

<https://theconversation.com/the-pandemic-has-slowed-tourism-to-thailands-buddhist-temples-but-the-impact-is-more-than-economic-160673>

Looking toward a post-COVID cultural reopening

<https://www.chase.com/personal/investments/learning-and-insights/article/looking-toward-a-post-covid-cultural-reopening>

Mellon Foundation Will Give \$125 M. to Aid the Recovery of New York's Arts Sector

<https://www.artnews.com/art-news/news/mellon-foundation-new-york-arts-sector-recovery-1234594771/>

EU Opens The Door To American Travelers. But Be Sure To Read The Fine Print

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/18/1008187671/eu-opens-the-door-to-american-travelers-but-they-may-not-be-welcome-everywhere?sc=18&f=1001>

NYC Will Distribute \$5K Grants to Over 3,000 Artists to Create Public Art

https://hyperallergic.com/651999/new-york-city-artist-corps-will-distribute-5k-grants-to-artists-for-public-art/?utm_content=buffer93598&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=buffer

Public Safety

Research: How COVID-19 impacted community supervision

<https://www.corrections1.com/coronavirus-covid-19/articles/research-how-covid-19-impacted-community-supervision-IGqHZqhHz58E4kg3/>

Jails emptied in the pandemic. Should they stay that way?

<https://apnews.com/article/pandemics-health-coronavirus-pandemic-government-and-politics-5f212e27598df815243ef90a7aea4dc5>

He promised 6 million N95 masks and couldn't deliver. Now he's going to prison.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/he-promised-6-million-n95-masks-and-couldnt-deliver-now-hes-going-to-prison/2021/06/17/038e5dd4-cec6-11eb-8cd2-4e95230cfac2_story.html?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2UDJBaTnZiF6q7PXTz2BH8VxM-7k0Z3UdO2gpJ4fcr7MMW4op6THdloU

911 dispatchers left off Florida's first-responder bonus list

<https://www.fox13news.com/news/911-dispatchers-left-off-floridas-first-responder-bonus-list>

Belgium's Van Ranst: Covid scientist targeted by a far-right sniper

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-57358492>

Global Affairs and Security

As Brazil Tops 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths, Protesters Blame President

https://www.npr.org/2021/06/19/1008434799/as-brazil-tops-500-000-covid-19-deaths-protesters-blame-president?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=20210619&s=09

India's COVID Orphans Face Trauma And Trafficking Risks

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/06/10/1004883272/indias-covid-orphans-face-trauma-and-trafficking-risks?sc=18&f=1001>

Aussies Stranded Abroad Include Hundreds Of Kids, Folks Short On Cash

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/07/04/1010891117/aussies-stranded-abroad-include-hundreds-of-kids-folks-short-on-cash?sc=18&f=1001>

Authoritarianism advances as world battles the pandemic

https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-business-health-religion-government-and-politics-a127151d7208b79c02767b435355511d?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP_Europe&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR15Km8S3ovoauHtWlbi-yZefxWrSMZRFjRAkKsOS0xfIY614rbICbAhA



Food Security

How COVID-19 and climate shocks are hurting children's health in Guatemala

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news-feature/2021/7/15/how-covid-19-and-climate-shocks-are-hurting-childrens-health-in-guatemala?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=e85c4eba70-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COVID19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-e85c4eba70-75715438

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Humanitarian Affairs, International Development, Migration and Refugees

COVID-19 Worsens Venezuela Displacement Crisis

<https://www.voanews.com/americas/covid-19-worsens-venezuela-displacement-crisis>

UN: Nearly 3 million fled homes in 2020 despite COVID-19 pandemic

<https://thehill.com/policy/international/559135-un-nearly-3-million-fled-homes-in-2020-despite-covid-19-pandemic>

COVID-19 and climate change top the agenda at UN humanitarian talks

https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news/2021/6/22/whats-on-the-agenda-at-ECOSOC?utm_source=The+New+Humanitarian&utm_campaign=f068972902-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_ENGLISH_AID_AND_POLICY&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d842d98289-f068972902-75715438

'They cannot go up and they cannot go back': Pandemic leaves migrants stranded in the Sahara

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/cannot-go-cannot-go-back-pandemic-leaves-migrants-stranded-sahara/>

Undocumented and unvaccinated yet still essential

https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/555596-undocumented-and-unvaccinated-yet-still-essential?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=facebook&utm_term=cfe783f8-51c3-4bd0-9a82-6cd73604b773&utm_content=&utm_campaign=&rl=1

Misinformation

YouTube suspends GOP Sen. Ron Johnson's account, says he violated Covid-19 policy
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/youtube-suspends-gop-sen-ron-johnson-s-account-says-he-n1270569>

Anti-Vaxxer Propaganda Spreads in Asia, Endangering Millions
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-06-30/anti-vaxxer-disinformation-spreads-in-asia-endangering-millions?sref=Yg3sQEZ2&utm_medium=social&cmpid=socialflow-twitter-business&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic&utm_content=business&s=09

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene refers to Nazi-era 'brown shirts' in opposing vaccination push
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/rep-marjorie-taylor-greene-refers-nazi-era-brown-shirts-opposing-n1273204>

Father James Altman, who said Democrats would burn in Hell and called Covid restrictions 'Nazi-esque,' removed by his bishop
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/07/09/father-james-altman-removed-wisconsin-bishop-241015>

DeSantis sells 'Don't Fauci My Florida' merch as new coronavirus cases near highest in nation
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/13/desantis-fauci-florida/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3N6IrdvoQxSQYieU1aKChdyKtSqjsgKstl2XveDVrnJNoZpt2cS6GDFfc



Other

Why 'getting back to normal' may actually feel terrifying

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/why-getting-back-to-normal-may-actually-feel-terrifying?cmpid=org=ngp::mc=social::src=twitter::cmp=editorial::add=tw20210607science-cvdmentalhealth&sf246532643=1>

Lawmakers seek 9/11-style commission to probe COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.q13fox.com/news/lawmakers-seek-9-11-style-commission-to-probe-covid-19-pandemic.amp?s=09>

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