



Emergency Manager's Special Report 4-3-20

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

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News Reports

Prevention and Surveillance Efforts

WHO Official Defends Guidance: 'We're Not Seeing' Airborne Transmission

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/823905477/who-official-defends-guidance-we-re-not-seeing-airborne-transmission?sc=18&f=1001>

National Guardsman Is First Service Member To Die After Testing Positive For COVID-19

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/824283809/national-guardsman-is-first-service-member-to-die-after-testing-positive-for-cov?sc=18&f=1001>

11 Veterans Die At Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/31/824405812/11-veterans-die-at-soldiers-home-in-massachusetts-amid-covid-19-outbreak?sc=18&f=1001>

Pregnant Women Worry About Pandemic's Impact On Labor, Delivery And Babies

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/30/823575358/pregnant-women-worry-about-pandemics-impact-on-labor-delivery-and-babies?sc=18&f=1001>

Mexico's President Greets El Chapo's Mom And Lawyer, Ignoring Coronavirus Rules

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/823928857/mexicos-president-greets-el-chapo-s-mom-and-lawyer-ignoring-coronavirus-rules?sc=18&f=1001>

If Most Of Your Coronavirus Tests Come Back Positive, You're Not Testing Enough

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/824127807/if-most-of-your-coronavirus-tests-come-back-positive-youre-not-testing-enough?sc=18&f=1001>

As national parks remain open during a pandemic, seven workers are infected

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2020/03/31/national-parks-coronavirus/#click=https://t.co/olIEBLBHIC>

Liberty University Brings Back Its Students, and Coronavirus Fears, Too

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/29/us/politics/coronavirus-liberty-university-falwell.html?referringSource=articleShare>

CDC Director On Models For The Months To Come: 'This Virus Is Going To Be With Us'

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/03/31/824155179/cdc-director-on-models-for-the-months-to-come-this-virus-is-going-to-be-with-us?sc=18&f=1001>

Outbreak On U.S. Aircraft Carrier 'Accelerating,' Commander Warns Pentagon

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/31/824633524/outbreak-on-u-s-aircraft-carrier-accelerating-commander-warns-pentagon?sc=18&f=1001>

CNN Anchor Chris Cuomo Says He Tested Positive For The Coronavirus

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/31/824555135/chris-cuomo-says-he-tested-positive-for-coronavirus?sc=18&f=1001>

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New York City Hospitals Struggle To Get Virus Testing Online Amid Patient Surge
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/31/824412693/nyc-hospitals-struggle-to-get-virus-testing-online-amid-patient-surge?sc=18&f=1001>

As Pandemic Spreads, The Developing World Looks Like The Next Target
<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/03/31/823975440/as-pandemic-spreads-the-developing-world-looks-like-the-next-target?sc=18&f=1001>

Map Reveals Hidden U.S. Hotspots of Coronavirus Infection
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Trudeau leaves door open to using smartphone data to track Canadians' compliance with pandemic rules
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/cellphone-tracking-trudeau-covid-1.5508236>

No, Coronavirus Is Not 'Just Killing Old People'
<https://www.citylab.com/equity/2020/03/coronavirus-vulnerable-elderly-adults-ageism-younger-people/608224/>

Comprehensive COVID-19 hospitalization and death rate estimates help countries best prepare as global pandemic unfolds
https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2020-03/tl-pss_1033020.php

Tribes face COVID-19 with limited test kits, remote staff, lost revenue
https://www.michiganradio.org/post/tribes-face-covid-19-limited-test-kits-remote-staff-lost-revenue-0?utm_content=bufferedd97&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Police break up 47-person 'corona party' at New Jersey apartment, charge renter
<https://www.wkbw.com/news/national/coronavirus/police-break-up-47-person-corona-party-at-new-jersey-apartment-charge-renter>

Megachurch pastors defy coronavirus pandemic, insisting on right to worship
<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-03-31/coronavirus-megachurches-meeting-pastors>

Bolsonaro, Isolated and Defiant, Dismisses Coronavirus Threat to Brazil
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/01/world/americas/brazil-bolsonaro-coronavirus.html?smtyp=cur&smid=fb-nytimes>

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Fact check: Georgia governor says we only just learned people without symptoms could spread coronavirus. Experts have been saying that for months

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/02/politics/fact-check-georgia-gov-brian-kemp-coronavirus-no-symptoms-stay-at-home/index.html>

Top Navy Brass Defend Response To Virus-Stricken Carrier U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/01/825640094/top-navy-brass-defend-response-to-virus-stricken-carrier-u-s-s-theodore-roosevelt?sc=18&f=1001>

DHS wound down pandemic models before coronavirus struck

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/24/dhs-pandemic-coronavirus-146884>

How Disabled Activists Are Fighting Isolation, Collectively

<http://inthesetimes.com/article/22427/disabled-queer-activists-isolation-mutual-aid-bay-area-covid-19>

Waiving Rent and Making Masks, Afghans Meet Coronavirus With Kindness

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/31/world/asia/coronavirus-afghanistan-kindness.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

3 more seniors die, leaving Ontario cottage community shocked by COVID-19 outbreak in nursing home

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/coronavirus-outbreak-pinecrest-nursing-home-bobcaygeon-1.5515543>

New Mexico's governor warns tribal nations could be 'wiped out' by coronavirus

<https://abcnews.go.com/amp/Politics/mexicos-governor-warns-tribal-nations-wiped-coronavirus/story?id=69884997>

Bend it like the Bay Area: Doctors see flatter curve after 2 weeks of social isolation

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Coronavirus surveillance poses long-term privacy threat, U.N. expert warns

<https://news.trust.org/item/20200331121336-e2zx7/>

Coronavirus epidemic 'far from over' in Asia: WHO official

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WHO chief makes urgent global plea for increase in protective equipment, medical supplies to fight coronavirus

<https://www.app.com.pk/who-chief-makes-urgent-global-plea-for-increase-in-protective-equipment-medical-supplies-to-fight-coronavirus/>

Florida Governor Orders Statewide Lockdown

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/01/825383186/florida-governor-orders-statewide-lockdown?sc=18&f=1001>

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Sanders Calls On Wisconsin To Delay Election As Governor Calls Up National Guard
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In 'Big Adjustment,' Some European Countries Push For Residents To Wear Masks
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Coast Guard Tells Cruise Ships With COVID-19 Cases To Stay Away From U.S. Ports
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Israel Faces Challenges In Fighting Coronavirus In Ultra-Orthodox Communities
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Italy, Seen By White House As A U.S. Analogue, Extends Nationwide Lockdown
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Moscow To Launch New Surveillance App To Track Residents In Coronavirus Lockdown
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28 College Students Who Chartered A Spring Break Plane To Mexico Now Have Coronavirus
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/01/825162057/28-college-students-who-chartered-a-spring-break-plane-to-mexico-now-have-corona?sc=18&f=1001>

Some Snowbirds Headed North Are Being Told To Stay In Their Southern Nests
<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/01/824670354/some-snowbirds-headed-north-told-to-stay-in-their-southern-nests?sc=18&f=1001>

'We'll get through this': Tribal nations prepare for COVID-19
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Rural America Could Be the Region Hardest Hit by the COVID-19 Outbreak
<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/rural-america-hardest-hit-by-covid-19-outbreak#Older-and-less-healthy>

Sailors cheer for aircraft carrier commander who was removed after issuing coronavirus warning
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Chinese county goes into coronavirus lockdown amid fear of second wave

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Coronavirus FAQs: Is A Homemade Mask Effective? And What's The Best Way To Wear One?

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NY plan to take ventilators could hurt Upstate hospitals, expert warns

<https://www.syracuse.com/coronavirus/2020/04/ny-plan-to-take-ventilators-could-hurt-upstate-hospitals-expert-warns.html>

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Fauci Estimates That 100,000 To 200,000 Americans Could Die From The Coronavirus

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Brazil lacks coronavirus tests, other equipment, report says

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Treatment Efforts

A Creator of the Ebola Vaccine Has Hope for Slowing Covid-19

<https://www.wired.com/story/creator-ebola-vaccine-hope-slowing-covid-19/>

Public Health and Healthcare

Cuomo Makes Plea To Medical Workers Nationwide: 'Please Come Help Us In New York'

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/823970536/cuomo-makes-plea-to-medical-workers-nationwide-please-come-help-us-in-new-york?sc=18&f=1001>

HHS holding up delivery of 2,000 U.S. ventilators, Pentagon says

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/hhs-holding-up-delivery-of-2000-u-s-ventilators-pentagon-says?fbclid=IwAR3L7CiG5v-JKiT93ICPbL4rv7YcVsKBCooE50bHN1I9o_8_PJmTlvh7xkw

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The 1,000-Bed Comfort Was Supposed to Aid New York. It Has 20 Patients.

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Taxpayers Paid Millions to Design a Low-Cost Ventilator for a Pandemic. Instead, the Company Is Selling Versions of It Overseas.

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Campus labs supplying equipment for School of Medicine use and patient care

<https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2020/cabnr-med-school-deliver-ppes>

US could see millions of coronavirus cases and 100,000 or more deaths, Fauci says

<https://us.cnn.com/2020/03/29/politics/coronavirus-deaths-cases-anthony-fauci-cnntv/index.html>

Central Park And Home Of Tennis' U.S. Open To House Hospital Beds For New York

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4 Boston Hospitals Report Significant Number Of Employees Have Coronavirus

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NYU Langone rapidly expands virtual care amid 'explosion' of COVID-19 pandemic in New York

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/telehealth/nyu-langone-rapidly-expands-virtual-care-amid-explosion-of-covid-19-pandemic-in-new-york.html>



Trump's trade war exacerbated shortage of medical equipment

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Coronavirus Has Upended Our World. It's OK To Grieve

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US hospitals rush to find beds for surge of virus patients

<https://apnews.com/842035826c6a2c9b50a077d6262b79c4>

Meet the doctor who ordered the Bay Area's coronavirus lockdown, the first in the U.S.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/03/29/she-shut-down-the-bay-area-to-slow-the-deadly-coronavirus-none-of-us-really-believed-we-would-do-it/amp/>

Spain's Health Staff Are Catching The Coronavirus As Protective Gear Runs Short

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As The Pandemic Spreads, Battles Over Abortion Play Out In Court

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Cacophony of coughing: Inside NYC's virus-besieged ERs

<https://apnews.com/b08afe589e0d6dae9469c8211157199c>

Grim find: Bodies of virus victims in Spanish nursing homes

<https://apnews.com/8bd9ec1261d19913a301a9bfb8684321>

N.J. Asks Retired Paramedics, Nurses, Docs to Help Fight COVID-19

<https://www.emsworld.com/news/1224075/nj-asks-retired-paramedics-nurses-docs-help-fight-covid-19>

Arizona Man Dies After Taking Chemical in Coronavirus Treatment Touted by President Trump

<https://time.com/5808688/chloroquine-phosphate-coronavirus-death/>

Trump rejects Obamacare special enrollment period amid pandemic

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/31/trump-obamacare-coronavirus-157788>

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Emergency Management

Known For Disaster Aid, FEMA Prepares For New Challenge With Coronavirus Relief
<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/817903726/federal-emergency-management-agency-steps-up-incident-level-as-coronavirus-needs>

Space Coast officials criticize Brevard County coronavirus messaging
<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2020/03/23/space-coast-officials-criticize-brevard-county-efforts-to-keep-public-informed-about-covid-19/2881233001/>

If Congress Is Serious About Disaster Recovery, It Needs to Create This New Jobs Program
https://time.com/5813307/coronavirus-workforce-recovery/?amp=true&_twitter_impression=true

Japan 'On The Brink' But Government Resists Declaring Coronavirus State Of Emergency
<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/823800576/japan-on-the-brink-but-government-resists-declaring-coronavirus-state-of-emergen?sc=18&f=1001>

Coronavirus could be FEMA's biggest disaster ever, and it threatens to swamp the agency
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'A number of new stars': The definitive guide to the Trump administration's coronavirus response team
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Behind the scenes, Kushner takes charge of coronavirus response
<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/01/jared-kushner-coronavirus-response-160553>

Coronavirus cited in death of Theodore Monette, former FEMA senior official, resident of Holyoke Soldiers Home
<https://www.masslive.com/coronavirus/2020/03/coronavirus-claims-theodore-monette-former-fema-senior-official-resident-of-holyoke-soldiers-home.html>

Protective gear in national stockpile is nearly depleted, DHS officials say
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National stockpile website abruptly edited after Jared Kushner claims medical supply reserves are 'ours'
<https://www.nydailynews.com/coronavirus/ny-coronavirus-jared-kushner-nepotism-trump-20200403-d4kbe7pffrgatgmiehwvpg36i-story.html>

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Hurricanes in a pandemic: 'Absolutely that's our nightmare scenario'

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2020/04/02/hurricane-season-in-june-during-coronavirus-pandemic/5111024002/>

How the COVID-19 National Emergency Declaration Will Impact Disaster Relief Fund

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/emergency-preparedness/how-the-covid-19-national-emergency-declaration-will-impact-the-disaster-relief-fund/>

Meritus sets up emergency management surge tents

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Without Intelligence, How Can Emergency Managers Respond to Coronavirus Spread?

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What a National Emergency Means for FEMA During COVID-19 Crisis

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FEMA: Defense Production Act no longer needed to secure thousands of test kits

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/24/trump-administration-defense-production-act-146070>

Selfless acts: How Americans are helping each other through the coronavirus

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FEMA can still declare emergency disaster for pandemic: Former administrator

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California's Streamlined SNAP App Pivots to Meet COVID-19 Demand

<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/californias-streamlined-snap-app-pivots-to-meet-covid-19-demand>

Schumer Calls For Hazard Pay For Frontline Workers In Coronavirus Fight

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/01/825577637/schumer-calls-for-hazard-pay-for-frontline-workers-in-coronavirus-fight?sc=18&f=1001>

Why "mass panic" is unlikely, even during a pandemic - despite what the movies have told us

<https://omny.fm/shows/newstalk1010/why-mass-panic-is-unlikely-even-during-a-pandemic>

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FEMA Hadn't Ordered Ventilators. Manufacturers Forged Ahead Anyway
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The Trump administration just changed its description of the national stockpile to jibe with Jared Kushner's controversial claim
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Job Vacancies and Inexperience Mar Federal Response to Coronavirus
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/26/us/politics/coronavirus-expertise-trump.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Frustrated over state's COVID-19 response, Arizona emergency management director resigns
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'Project Airbridge' To Expedite Arrival Of Needed Supplies, White House Says
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FEMA, Racing to Provide Virus Relief, Is Running Short on Front-Line Staff
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