



Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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INFORMS Members in the News

- [Forgetting Contagion, Stocks Recover Their Losses \(New York Times\)](#)
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U.S. Federal Policy Update

- The Trump administration officially published an [executive order](#) on the Federal Register, aimed towards “accelerating the nation’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 emergency by expediting infrastructure investments and other activities.”
- The U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority announced that they would award \$23.6 million to pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca – for the “development of a monoclonal antibody combination product against COVID-19.”
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) sent a [letter](#) to the Pandemic Accountability Response Committee requesting that they open an investigation on Project Air Bridge – the Trump administration’s initiative to distribute personal protective equipment and medical supplies for COVID-19 response. In the letter, the lawmakers write that the initiative “has been marked by delays, incompetence, confusion, and secrecy involving multiple federal agencies,” and thus the committee must “conduct a detailed investigation of the program using [the] authority granted under the CARES Act.”
- Yosemite National Park officials [announced](#) that they will reopen the park on Thursday, with limitations on visitor capacities and restrictions on how many vehicles are permitted to enter the park.

Global Response

- World Health Organization Expert Maria Van Kerkhove issued a clarification of previous statements made on asymptomatic transmission – stating that while “the majority of transmissions that [they] know about is [that] people who have symptoms transmit the virus to other people through infectious droplets,” but they “do know that some people who are asymptomatic can transmit the virus on.”

- United Nations General Assembly President Tijjani Muhammad-Bande announced that for the first time in 75 years, the assembly would not meet in person this September due to ongoing concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.
- Spanish Health Minister Salvador Illa announced that the country's government would mandate face masks be worn in public places until the coronavirus pandemic is officially established to be over.
- The Russian government announced that nonessential businesses will be permitted to reopen – with nearly all restrictions scheduled to be lifted by June 23rd.
- The French government announced that they would be providing a \$16.9 billion economic rescue package for its aviation industry.
- The country of Slovakia announced that they would permit travelers from within the European Union to enter the country beginning tomorrow.
- Beginning June 15th, the Greek government will permit travelers from Italy to visit the country.
- Parisian officials announced that the Eiffel Tower would reopen for visitation beginning June 25th.

State Update

- The following 14 states have recorded their highest seven-day averages of new COVID-19 cases over the past week: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Kentucky, New Mexico, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.
- New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy officially [lifted](#) the state's stay-at-home order, and announced that nonessential retail and outdoor dining would resume operations beginning June 15th. This will be followed by close contact businesses – such as personal care, fitness, and salon facilities – reopening on June 22nd.

Economic Update (as of close of the markets)

- U.S. stocks had a volatile day, with indices closing the day with varying results. The Dow Jones Industrial Average declined by 1.1% and the S&P 500 by 0.8%, while the Nasdaq Composite rose by 0.3%.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 2,043,241 cases and 114,060 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 7,302,526 million cases and 412,709 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- [Republicans' big bet on the economy and in no rush to dole out more coronavirus relief \(Politico\)](#)
- [White House Adviser Sees Another Stimulus Bill From Congress Before August Recess \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [S&P 500, Dow ease as focus shifts to Fed; tech pushes Nasdaq to closing record \(Reuters\)](#)
- [WHO seeks to clarify widely criticized statement on asymptomatic spread \(The Hill\)](#)