

Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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INFORMS Members in the News

- [“Is MLB Going to Be Able to Pull This Back?” Health Experts Break Down Baseball’s Plan \(The Ringer\)](#)

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U.S. Federal Policy Update

- House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer [announced](#) that the House would resume session tomorrow and Thursday, focusing on votes related to FISA reauthorization and also “two bipartisan bills to support small businesses affected by the coronavirus crisis.”
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stated that another coronavirus relief bill is likely to be finished “in the next month or so” – adding that “it will not be the \$3 trillion bill that the House passed the other day, but there’s still a likelihood that more will be needed.”
- The White House officially published their [document](#) detailing the “U.S. Strategic Approach to the People’s Republic of China.” The report describes the Trump administration’s whole-of-government response, which was required because the policies and actions of the Chinese Communist Party have compelled the United States to adopt a competitive strategy.”
- The Trump Administration published a [fact sheet](#) detailing the actions taken by the White House to ensure that “U.S. seniors remain safe and have access to healthcare resources during the coronavirus pandemic.”

Global Response

- World Health Organization Emergencies Programme Director Mike Ryan continued warnings regarding a second wave of the coronavirus, stating that authorities “need to be cognizant of the fact that the disease can jump up at any time,” and should not “make assumptions that just because the disease is on the way down now that it’s going to keep going down.”
- The German government announced that they are extending the country’s social distancing rules until June 29th.
- The UAE government announced that the city of Dubai is authorizing the reopening of retail and commercial establishments beginning Wednesday – including movie theaters, gyms, and more.
- Indonesian Military Chief Hadi Tjahjanto announced that they’re deploying military forces to enforce their social distancing and mask protocols.
- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that the country would allow nonessential retail businesses to reopen – as long as they follow the [guidance](#) laid out by the British government.

State Update

- Public health officials from the D.C./Maryland/Virginia area stated that the region is anticipated to reach its testing and contact tracing goal by June or early July.
- Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo announced that the state would enter the second phase of reopening beginning next Monday – with more businesses allowed to reopen and domestic travel restrictions being relaxed.
- Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced that the government is planning to lift the restriction on public gatherings, which currently mandates that gatherings are limited to ten people or less.
- South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem announced that the state's school districts are still planning to reopen in the fall, but they're also crafting "contingency plans" in case students have to learn from home due to a second wave of the virus.
- Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive order aimed towards enhancing coronavirus testing sites in the state.
- Maine HHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew announced that the state is planning to increase their contact tracing efforts by launching a comprehensive strategy starting June 1st – with greater funding and personnel.
- Kansas Governor Laura Kelly stated that she will veto a bill pushed forward by the state's legislature that aims to move control of coronavirus response from the governor to the legislative leaders.
- New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that most restaurants in the state will be permitted to resume outdoor dining services beginning tomorrow.
- Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced that all people older than 10 years of age will be required to wear masks in public indoor areas – effective this Friday.

Economic Update (as of close of the markets)

- The New York Stock Exchange reopened its trading floor this morning to in-person trading. U.S. stocks were on the rise today, with all three indices reporting gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 2.2%, the Nasdaq Composite by 0.2%, and the S&P 500 by 1.2%.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 1,724,048 cases and 100,500 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 5,673,692 million cases and 351,505 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- [Stocks rise on economic recovery and vaccine hopes, pulls back from highs \(Reuters\)](#)
- [Pandemic Lockdowns Loosen as U.S. Deaths Near 100,000 \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [US braces for COVID-19 'slow burn' \(The Hill\)](#)
- [House Republicans plan to sue Pelosi over proxy voting \(Politico\)](#)