

## Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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### INFORMS in the News (5/11/20 – 5/14/20)

- [Enlisting in the COVID-19 Recovery Army \(MedPage Today\)](#)  
Member: Julie Swann
- [Turn the Cacophony Of COVID-19 Responses Into a Symphony — Now! \(Morning Consult\)](#)  
Member: Pinar Keskinocak
- [Organic chicken business falters in pandemic \(E&E News\)](#)  
Member: Anna Nagurney
- [Will coronavirus disruptions prompt a new focus on supply chain risk and resiliency for business? \(Cambridge Judge Business School\)](#)  
Member: Anne Robinson, Feryal Erhun, and Sytske Wijnsma
- [Where Does Your Supply Chain Stand on the Spectrum? Take this Survey to Find Out \(DC Velocity\)](#)  
Member: David Simchi-Levi
- [Older, larger companies benefit from not investing in worker safety, study finds \(KTVZ\)](#)  
Journal Management Science
- [Which COVID-19 Safety Policies Will Comfort Consumers? \(Morning Consult\)](#)  
Member: Tinglong Dai, Laurens Debo, and Robert Shumsky

### U.S. Federal Policy Update

- The House Rules Committee moved forward a rules change that would allow for remote voting during the coronavirus pandemic, and the full House is set to vote on the change tomorrow. However, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) criticized the move from the House to allow remote voting during the coronavirus pandemic, stating that Democrats worked to “jam through remote voting so they can continue to be counterproductive from the comfort of their homes.”
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published six decision trees, which are intended to help [businesses](#), [communities](#), [camps](#), [daycares](#), [mass transit](#), and [schools](#) decide when and how to reopen.
- Today’s Labor Department [data](#) shows that almost 3 million Americans filed for unemployment last week, and the total is 36.5 million for the past two months.
- President Trump announced that the administration will “be making an announcement on the World Health Organization shortly, probably next week some time.”

### Global Response

- The Mexican government announced that it will start opening county-by-county, beginning May 18<sup>th</sup>. After the first group of counties opens, the government will progress to reopening the rest of the country on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- U.N. Secretary General António Guterres released a [statement](#) calling on countries around the world to recognize that “mental health services are an essential part of all government responses to COVID-19.”
- Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro criticized restrictions implemented by other countries, stating that “closing everything is the path to failure – to breaking Brazil.”
- French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe has announced an 18 billion euro plan to revitalize the country’s travel industry.
- Northern Ireland First Minister Arlene Foster announced that their government is planning to ease some of their restrictions starting this Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced that the country would be lifting the state of emergency for a majority of their prefectures. Additionally, Japan’s Health Ministry announced that they would begin distributing shipments of remdesivir to patients across the country.

### **State Update**

- Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that a majority of the counties in the state would be authorized to begin reopening their businesses.
- Speaking at an event in Pennsylvania today, President Trump encouraged residents that they “have to get [their] governor to start opening up a little bit,” as there are “areas of Pennsylvania that are barely affected and they want to keep them closed.”
- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Miami-Dade and Broward counties would be allowed to reopen as part of phase one of the state’s reopening plan beginning Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that gyms, pools, campgrounds, and horse racing will be able to reopen for business next week, while still adhering to distancing protocols.
- The Wisconsin Supreme Court voted to strike down the decision made by Governor Tony Evers (D) to extend the state’s stay-at-home order. The vote requires Governor Evers to now work with the state’s Republican-led legislature to make broad decisions regarding Wisconsin’s response to the pandemic.
- New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio stated that the city is attempting to reopen the retail and restaurant sectors by next month, with appropriate social distancing protocols in place.
- Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear announced that the state would permit gatherings of 10 people or less to resume, beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Economic Update (as of close of the markets)**

- U.S. stocks were on the rise today, with all three indices closing the day with gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed by 1.6%, the S&P 500 by 1.2%, and the Nasdaq Composite by 0.9%.

### **Latest Impact Data**

- In the United States: Over 1,453,643 cases and 86,776 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 4,515,011 million cases and 302,827 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

## **In the News**

- [House vote on aid bill set despite Democrats upset over omissions \(Roll Call\)](#)
- [U.S.-China feud looms as battle for next global trade chief begins \(Politico\)](#)
- [Virus Disruptions Fuel 2-Month Wave of Jobless Filings \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [House Rules Committee approves remote voting during pandemic \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Seven weeks into coronavirus lockdowns, Fed has a new, darker message \(Reuters\)](#)