

Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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INFORMS Members in the News

- [Expect Redistancing if Health Systems Are Overwhelmed \(Morning Consult\)](#)
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- [MLB Already Has a Coronavirus Outbreak. What Happens Now? \(The Ringer\)](#)
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- [Sheldon H. Jacobson: Women's intercollegiate sports should get a green light this fall \(Wisconsin State Journal\)](#)
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- [Society's problems need our best business minds \(Fortune\)](#)
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- [Does N.J. have any hope of getting back to normal in 2020? Here's what coronavirus experts say. \(NJ\)](#)
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- [Local Researchers Say North Carolina is Entering Crucial Phase of Pandemic \(Spectrum Local News\)](#)
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- [The PPE supply chain is a black box—that needs to change \(Fortune\)](#)
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- [Kansas City Profiles Presented by Easton Roofing-Analyzing the Path to Return to Venues-Dr. Irv Lustig \(Danny Clinkscale\)](#)
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U.S. Federal Policy Update

- Senate Republicans officially unveiled their highly-anticipated \$1 trillion fourth coronavirus relief package – the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools (HEALS) Act. The package is composed of several different pieces, including: [liability protection](#) component from Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), [unemployment insurance](#) provisions from Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), [schools and workforce](#) provisions from Senator Lamar Alexander (R-AL), a [funding allocations](#) piece from Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), and a [small business](#) component from Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Susan Collins (R-ME). Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stated that the package “is a starting place,” and there will be changes “as [they] have these discussions back and forth across party lines and with the administration.”
- The White House published a [fact sheet](#) on President Trump’s efforts to “lead a once-in-a-generation effort to ensure Americans have access to a COVID-19 vaccine.”
- During his daily coronavirus briefing, President Trump called on governors not to reverse their reopening decisions, stating that he “really [does] believe that a lot of the governors should be opening up states that they’re not opening.”
- White House National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Pharmaceutical company Pfizer announced that the Food and Drug Administration approved their plan to begin an advanced human testing phase of their trial for a coronavirus vaccine in the United States.

Global Response

- World Health Organization Emergencies Programme Executive Director Mike Ryan encouraged local and national entities to be better coordinated in their coronavirus response. He stated that “it’s striking

that balance between what is national or federal strategy and what is local implementation that is important, as “the only people who really see what’s happening are at the local level.”

- Hong Kong officials announced that they would mandate that all citizens wear masks in indoor and outdoor spaces – effective this Wednesday through August 4th, with a fine imposed for failure to follow the mandate. They have also closed down all in-person dining services, and banned any public gatherings of more than two people.
- The British government announced that they would mandate a two-week quarantine for all travelers entering the United Kingdom from Spain.
- The Moroccan government announced that five of their cities are going to be under lockdown due to recent surges in their coronavirus cases.
- German Health Minister Jens Spahn announced that the country would mandate coronavirus tests for all travelers returning to the country from certain “high-risk areas” – effective August 3rd.
- Over two weeks after he tested positive for COVID-19, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro announced that his latest test results came back negative.
- Bolivian interim president Jeanine Añez announced that she has been discharged from the hospital after having tested positive for coronavirus earlier this month.

State Update

- At least four states – Arkansas, Missouri, North Dakota, and Oklahoma – recorded their record highs of new daily cases today. This was led by Oklahoma, which reported 1,036 new cases.
- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced in a press conference that parents should get to make a choice regarding what mode of instruction they prefer for their children in the fall.
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that state officials announced 132 violations to bars and restaurants due to their lack of compliance with the recently-implemented coronavirus regulations over the weekend.

Economic Update

- U.S. stocks were on the rise today with all three indices reporting gains. The Nasdaq Composite rose by 1.7%, the S&P 500 by 0.7% and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 0.4%.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 4,429,895 cases and 150,393 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 16,620,129 and 655,713 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- [GOP rolls out \\$1 trillion coronavirus relief package \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Vaccine alliance eyes range of prices for COVID shots, says \\$40 would be maximum \(Reuters\)](#)
- [30,000 Americans receive Covid-19 vaccine in major test \(Politico\)](#)
- [Health officials: Results from COVID-19 vaccine trial may be ready by November \(Roll Call\)](#)