



Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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INFORMS Members In The News

- [We can't shelter in place forever: How the coronavirus lockdown might end \(Los Angeles Times\)](#)

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U.S. Federal Policy Update

- In this afternoon's White House Coronavirus Task Force press briefing, President Donald Trump announced that he is planning to unveil his selections for a second coronavirus task force on Tuesday next week. This council of experts will be focused on reopening the country, and President Trump has stated that he thinks it's a bipartisan group.
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer stated that he "had a constructive call" with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin this morning regarding the stalled \$250 billion additional emergency relief funding for the Paycheck Protection Program. During this call, they agreed to engage in negotiations between Republicans and Democrats from both the House and the Senate to reach a deal. Minority Leader Schumer said that "there's no reason why [they] can't come to a bipartisan agreement early next week."
- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service launched a [web portal](#) designed for Americans who did not file tax returns in 2018 and/or 2019, so they could receive their Economic Impact Payments authorized by the CARES Act.
- House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced [legislation](#) in the House today that proposes the establishment of "a bipartisan commission to provide a full accounting of the country's response to the coronavirus pandemic, just as similar commissions have been established after other great national tragedies" – a nod to the commission created in the wake of 9/11. Chairman Schiff also [announced](#) that Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris (both also D-CA) are planning to introduce the companion legislation in the Senate.
- The CDC extended their no-sail order upon cruise ships through a [directive](#) issued late last night.

Global Response

- The Eurogroup – the coalition of the European Union's 19 finance ministers – stated that they have agreed upon an economic rescue package worth 590 million US dollars to support their member economies.
- The United Nations Security Council met yesterday to discuss efforts to "mitigate the peace and security implications of the COVID-19 pandemic." However, they weren't able to reach a conclusion, and will engage in further conversations.
- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced that he would be extending the country's lockdown by three weeks – until May 3rd.
- Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar announced that the country's social restrictions will be extended until May 5th.

- Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin stated that the city is planning to gradually roll out a system asking citizens to download mobile passes when they leave their homes.

State Update

- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that he has directed a “budget freeze on all state spending across all state government agencies,” except the funds involved with payroll and coronavirus-related expenditures.
- Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signed an [executive order](#) suspending the state’s political conventions this year. The executive order also authorizes the Republican and Democratic parties to “establish new methods and procedures for the selection of their State Executive Committees and their delegates.”
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that he is planning to issue an executive order next week regarding the process for businesses to be able to reopen in the state.
- Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced an executive order that restricts residents from visiting the homes of friends and relatives in the state.
- Vermont Governor Phil Scott announced that residents will be isolated for the next five weeks – through May 15th.
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont signed an executive order extending their social distancing measures and closures until May 20th.
- Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced a “Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force” would be launched today. The group will be working on efforts “to minimize the spread of COVID-19 across the state, but particularly in these communities where members are the most vulnerable.”

Economic Update (as of the close of markets)

- U.S. stock markets were closed today in observance of Good Friday, and will resume trading hours on Monday.

Latest Numbers

- In the United States: Over 492,962 cases and 18,466 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 1,645,000 cases and 101,000 deaths in at least 204 countries.

In the News

- [Data scientists: White House issues a call to arms \(ZDNet\)](#)
- [Trump and Dems are talking, but remain divided on new coronavirus relief \(Politico\)](#)
- [Plan to defeat coronavirus emerges, but it’s not from White House \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [Surgeon General: Most of the U.S. won’t be ready to open by May 1 \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Small-Business Loans Face Delays Even as Coronavirus Program Expands \(Wall St. Journal\)](#)
- [Saudi, Russia press on with oil cut deal at G20 talks, U.S. offers help \(Reuters\)](#)