



Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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INFORMS Members In The News

- [Slow Economic Reboot: MIT Expert Warns Colleges To Stay Shut Through 2020 \(Forbes\)](#)
Member: Richard Larson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- [When will we get back to normal? Here's the way out of coronavirus quarantine in N.J. \(NJ.Com\)](#)
Member: Julie Swann (North Carolina State University)
- [NC coronavirus cases increased by more than 1,600 this week; churches prep for online Easter services \(The News & Observer\)](#)
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- [How will the coronavirus lockout end? \(The Press Stories\)](#)
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- [When can social distancing end? 'Back to normal' could be a ways off \(Dallas Morning News\)](#)
Members: Pinar Keskinocak (Georgia Tech) & Julie Swann (North Carolina State University)
- [Three Scenarios to Guide Your Global Supply Chain Recovery \(MIT Sloan Management Review\)](#)
Member: David Simchi-Levi (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- [Syracuse Speaks- Central New York Community Uprooted By COVID-19 \(WAER\)](#)
Member: Mary Helander (Syracuse University)

Upcoming Signal Group Webinar on April 16th: The Next Phase of COVID-19 Response: What Will Congress Prioritize? ([registration link](#))

U.S. Federal Policy Update

- President Trump [tweeted](#) this morning that the process of opening up states “is the decision of the President,” and “a decision by [him] in conjunction with the governors and input from others, will be made shortly.”
- Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) issued a [joint statement](#) on Democratic priorities for the highly-anticipated interim emergency relief funding. The Democratic leaders emphasized that the amounts appropriated by the CARES Act “will not be enough to cover the tremendous need,” and “adequate funding for the production and distribution of national rapid testing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

They also countered Saturday's statement from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), stating that "it's time for the Republicans to quit political posturing by proposing bills they know will not pass either chamber and get serious and work with us towards a solution."

- The Treasury Department [launched](#) "a web portal to allow eligible state, local, and tribal governments to receive payments to help offset the costs of their response to the coronavirus pandemic." Through registering on the portal, these governments will be able to fast-track their access to the \$71 billion appropriated by the CARES Act.
- House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that the House will delay its return to Washington, DC until May 4th at the earliest.
- The Supreme Court [announced](#) that they will hear oral arguments via teleconference in May. This comes after they have postponed oral arguments in both March and April.
- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) released an "[Essential Workers Bill of Rights](#)," which outlined their ten key policy principles to be included in the next coronavirus relief package. These policies include universal paid leave, whistleblower protections, childcare support, corporate accountability, and others.

Global Response

- South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha announced that the country plans to send 600,000 test kits to the United States in order to improve the availability of coronavirus screenings.
- French President Emmanuel Macron announced that he is extending the country's nationwide lockdown until May 11th.
- The United Arab Emirates announced that they were planning to change their labor relations policies with countries that don't take back their expatriates that are working in the UAE.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been released from the hospital, and has subsequently tested negative when re-tested for coronavirus.
- Australia and New Zealand's governments announced that they're planning to continue with the restrictions they have in place to combat coronavirus cases, even though both countries have seen a sharp decline in cases.

State Update

- A coalition of northeastern governors discussed a [cooperative initiative](#) via phone call this afternoon to reopen their regional economy after the effects of the coronavirus pandemic have lessened. The group is composed of Governors Andrew Cuomo (NY), Phil Murphy (NJ), Ned Lamont (CT), Tom Wolf (PA), John Carney (DE), and Gina Raimondo (RI). The governors' plan will create a multi-state council primarily focused on healthcare and the economy.
- Furthermore, western governors – Governors Jay Inslee (WA), Kate Brown (OR), and Gavin Newsom (CA) – [stated](#) that they are working collaboratively on a similar plan.

- South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem announced that the state has partnered with Sanford Health to conduct the U.S.'s first statewide clinical trial of an anti-malaria drug to be used as treatment for coronavirus.

Latest Impact Data

- In the United States: Over 583,870 cases and 23,485 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 1,918,679 cases and 119,212 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

In the News

- [Congressional deadlock deepens as coronavirus urgency increases \(Politico\)](#)
- [White House denies Trump is firing Fauci \(The Hill\)](#)
- [The Coronavirus Economic Reopening Will Be Fragile, Partial and Slow \(WSJ\)](#)
- [Coronavirus pushes annual deficit forecasts toward \\$4 trillion \(Roll Call\)](#)
- [Stocks Drop Before Foggy Earnings Season Begins \(Bloomberg\)](#)

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