

## Daily Update on the Coronavirus Outbreak

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### INFORMS Members in the News

- [GUEST COMMENTARY: Partnership, not punishment, is the key to keeping colleges open \(NWI Times\)](#)  
Member: Sheldon Jacobson
- [Rise in cases and positivity rate at Temple prompts concern; Gov. Murphy says N.J. schools reopening next week are prepared to handle outbreaks \(The Philadelphia Inquirer\)](#)  
Members: Julie Swann
- [Health experts weigh in after CDC calls on states to prepare for vaccine distribution \(Fox 51 WOGX\)](#)  
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### U.S. Federal Policy Update

- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) sent a letter to his Democratic colleagues that the new Senate Republican \$500 billion “skinny” coronavirus proposal “appears to be completely inadequate and, by every measure, fails to meet the needs of the American people.”
- The Labor Department published their weekly unemployment insurance claims [report](#), which found that 881,000 Americans filed for first-time unemployment – the lowest that this number has been in several weeks.
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci emphasized his encouragement of in-person teaching reopening, stating that states “should open schools with impunity as long as [they] have a plan of knowing what to do when [they] see children who are infected.”
- The Department of Defense [announced](#) that they had selected sites for Phase III COVID-19 vaccine trials of AstraZeneca’s vaccine candidate. The sites include the Naval Medical Center, the Joint Base San Antonio Brooke Army Medical Center, the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.
- Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) – who chairs the House Oversight & Reform Committee’s Subcommittee on Economic & Consumer Policy – sent a [letter](#) to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Director Robert Redfield, urging the agency to publish new guidance on restricting youth tobacco use due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### State Update

- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that the state’s casinos can reopen beginning on Wednesday, as long as they install enhanced air filters. The casinos will be permitted to reach a 25% maximum capacity.
- Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) extended the state’s emergency declaration through October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont (D) announced that they’ve created a rapid response team that will conduct testing in certain childcare facilities and schools, stating that the team “is going to be

able to get to a school really fast in case of a potential infection if the school's not quite sure how to handle that."

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that they would provide [\\$5.71 million](#) in additional funding to Montana for their COVID-19 response efforts.
- Delaware Governor John Carney (D) extended their state of emergency and urged residents that they "need to stay vigilant, especially this Labor Day weekend."

### **Global Response**

- World Health Organization's Area Manager in Immunization and Vaccine Development Dr. Richard Mihigo announced that all countries in Africa are joining the equitable vaccine initiative. Mihigo stated that "once a vaccine is licensed and approved, the initiative aims to secure 220 million doses for the continent."
- United Kingdom Health Secretary Matt Hancock announced that they are allocating 500 million euros towards their rapid COVID-19 testing efforts.
- French Prime Minister Jean Castex announced that their coronavirus relief package – estimated at 100 billion euros – is "the biggest stimulus package of all European countries."
- Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced that the country would allow the resumption of international air travel to and from the United Arab Emirates, the Maldives, and Egypt.

### **Economic Update**

- U.S. stocks fell drastically today, with the three indices closing the day with declines. The Nasdaq Composite dropped by 5.0%, the S&P 500 by 3.5%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average by 2.8%.

### **Latest Impact Data**

- In the United States: Over 6,335,032 cases and 191,058 deaths in 50 states, 4 territories, and Washington, D.C.
- Worldwide: Over 26,457,996 and 872,508 deaths in at least 204 countries and territories.

### **In the News**

- [HHS secretary insists no politics at play in coronavirus vaccine race \(Politico\)](#)
- [Democrats urge CDC to update guidance to encourage colleges, universities go tobacco-free \(The Hill\)](#)
- [Trump administration requests funds for agencies hurt by the pandemic \(Roll Call\)](#)
- [Jobless Claims Ease, Showing Slowly Improving Labor Market \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)