



**Case No. 2020-00717-FOIA-OS**  
**American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 20-1169**

**December 7, 2021**

Austin Evers  
Executive Director  
American Oversight  
Sent via email: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the seventh interim response to your March 18, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

American Oversight requests that HHS produce the following records as soon as practicable, and at least within twenty business days:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations) sent by the government officials specified below containing any of the following key terms:

1. Coronavirus
2. Corona
3. Virus
4. Disease
5. Pandemic
6. Epidemic
7. Outbreak
8. containment
9. "public health emergency"
10. "COVID-19"
11. "COVID 19"
12. COVID19
13. SARS
14. "2019-nCoV"
15. POTUS
16. Test
17. Tests
18. Testing
19. EUA
20. Emergency
21. Wuhan
22. Hoax
23. Hubei
24. Princess
25. Cruise
26. Kirkland
27. Seattle
28. "New Rochelle"
29. "BioGen Conference"
30. CPAC
31. AIPAC
32. RNA

33. "Extraction kits"
34. Roche
35. Vaccine
36. Antiviral
37. Antiretroviral
38. Quarantine
39. Distancing
40. Isolation
41. N95
42. Mask
43. Respirator

#### Government Officials

1. Alex Azar, Secretary
2. Brian Harrison, Chief of Staff
3. Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary
4. Jerome Adams, Surgeon General
5. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
6. John Brooks, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Drug Pricing Reform

On February 10, 2021, you narrowed your request per the following:

Eliminate attachments, documents regarding "Red Dawn" and obvious marketing and news bulletins

- a. Limit the date range of the following key terms as stand-alone search terms from January 15, 2020 through February 29, 2020. ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (Test OR Tests OR Vaccine OR EUA OR "Emergency Use" OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR "the WHO" OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR PPE OR Ventilators OR Respirators OR Swabs OR DPA OR "Defense Production Act" OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR "White House" OR "the WH")]]~~

- i. Coronavirus
- ii. Corona
- iii. "COVID-19"
- iv. "COVID 19"
- v. COVID19
- vi. "2019-nCoV"

~~vii. SARS~~

~~viii. Epidemic~~

~~ix. Pandemic~~

~~x. Outbreak~~

~~xi. "Public Health Emergency"~~

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- b. After March 1, 2020, for the key terms listed in Column A below (the same search terms as identified above), limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B:



| Column A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Column B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronavirus</li> <li>• Corona</li> <li>• “COVID-19”</li> <li>• “COVID 19”</li> <li>• COVID19</li> <li>• “2019-nCOV”</li> <li>• <del>SARS</del></li> <li>• <del>Epidemic</del></li> <li>• <del>Pandemic</del></li> <li>• <del>Outbreak</del></li> <li>• <del>“Public Health Emergency”</del></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Vaccine</li> <li>• <del>Antiviral</del></li> <li>• <del>Antiretroviral</del></li> <li>• EUA</li> <li>• “Emergency Use”</li> <li>• Shortage</li> <li>• Shortages</li> <li>• Supplies</li> <li>• <del>“Emergency Use”</del></li> <li>• <del>EUA</del></li> <li>• “the WHO”</li> <li>• <del>“W.H.O.”</del></li> <li>• <del>“World Health Organization”</del></li> <li>• States</li> <li>• Governor</li> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• PPE</li> <li>• Ventilators</li> <li>• Respirators</li> <li>• Swabs</li> <li>• DPA</li> <li>• “Defense Production Act”</li> </ul> |

- c. For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.

| Column A                                                                                                          | Column B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• <del>“Extraction Kits”</del></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV19</li> <li>• “CV-19”</li> <li>• C19</li> <li>• “C-19”</li> <li>• <del>Roche</del></li> <li>• <del>RNA</del></li> <li>• Shortage</li> <li>• Shortages</li> <li>• Supplies</li> <li>• “Emergency Use”</li> <li>• “EUA”</li> <li>• “the WHO”</li> <li>• <del>“W.H.O.”</del></li> <li>• <del>“World Health Organization”</del></li> <li>• States</li> <li>• Governor</li> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• <del>Kit</del></li> <li>• <del>Kits</del></li> <li>• DPA</li> <li>• “Defense Production Act”</li> </ul> |

- d. ~~[~500 records] For the key terms that are in Column A below, limit responsive records to those that also include one or more of the terms from Column B, for the full time period of the search.~~

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| <del>Column A</del> | <del>Column B</del> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine</li> <li>• Antiviral</li> <li>• Antiretroviral</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV19</li> <li>• “CV-19”</li> <li>• C19</li> <li>• “C-19”</li> <li>• “EUA”</li> <li>• “Emergency Use”</li> <li>• “DPA”</li> <li>• “Defense Production Act”</li> <li>• “the WHO”</li> <li>• “W.H.O.”</li> <li>• “World Health Organization”</li> </ul> |
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e. ~~[~50 records] For the key term “Emergency” limit responsive records to those that also include “DPA” or “Defense Production Act,” for the full time period of the search.~~

f. For the following key terms, please limit the time period as indicated:

i. Princess - February 1, 2020, through March 1, 2020 ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

~~ii. [~150 records] Kirkland - February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iii. [~750 records] Seattle - February 24, 2020, through March 24, 2020~~

~~iv. [~200 records] “New Rochelle” - March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~v. [~~<50 records~~] “BioGen Conference” - March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020~~

~~vi. [~~<50 records~~] CPAC - February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

~~vii. [~~<50 records~~] AIPAC - February 21, 2020, through March 21, 2020~~

g. For the following key terms, please run the search without any modifiers and using the full date range (i.e., no changes from original search)

i. Wuhan ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

ii. Hoax ~~[[no changes]]~~

iii. Hubei ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

iv. POTUS ~~[[no changes]]~~

v. Cruise ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

vi. Quarantine ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

vii. Distancing ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

~~viii. Isolation~~

ix. N95 ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

x. Mask ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

xi. Respirator ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

xii. Testing ~~[[Limit responsive records to those that also include: (CV19 OR “CV-19” OR C19 OR “C-19” OR Shortage OR Shortages OR Supplies OR “Emergency Use” OR “EUA” OR “the WHO” OR States OR Governor OR Governors OR DPA OR “Defense Production Act” OR Trump OR Pence OR Jared OR Kushner OR “White House” OR “the WH”]]~~

~~xiii. Containment~~

h. Cut the following key terms completely: [[no changes]]

- i. Disease
- ii. Virus

The Department processed **409 pages** of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for FOIA request 2020-00717-FOIA-OS. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined to release **277 pages** to you in their entirety and I am further releasing **53 pages** in part, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemptions (b)(5), and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) and (b)(6)). Furthermore, I have determined that **79 pages** should be sent for consultation to others and returned to this Department for final disposition.

FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. This exemption protects documents that would be covered by any privilege an agency could assert in a civil proceeding. These privileges include, among others, the deliberative process privilege, the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product privilege and the presidential communications privilege.

FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits a Federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of "similar files" has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible, consistent with our available resources. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Alesia Y. Williams  
Director, FOIA Appeals and Litigations  
FOI/Privacy Act Division

Enclosure(s)

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☐☐ **Good Wednesday morning.** *Today's Smart Brevity™ count: 1,399 words ... 4½ minu*

1 big thing: Bloomberg's historic bust



Michael Bloomberg campaigns in Manassas, Va., on Monday. Photo: Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

**Never in American history** has a presidential candidate spent more to get less than Mike Bloomberg.

- • **Why it matters:** Bloomberg spent \$600 million to win as many states as every American president.
- • **Fellow billionaire Tom Steyer** got off — and out — cheap by spending less than half as much.

**What's next:** Look for Bloomberg to drop out as soon as this morning, and try to save face by

- • **Bloomberg returned** to New York after speaking in West Palm Beach last night. Sources say he's considering a return to the campaign.
- • **He doesn't want history** to remember him as the spoiler who helps Sanders win the White House.

**What happened:**

- • **Bloomberg bet** Joe Biden was toast. He was wrong.
- • **Bloomberg bet** Democrats would rally around him as the Electable One. He was wrong.
- • **Bloomberg bet** he could buy support with TV ads, while avoiding tough media interviews.

- • **Bloomberg bet** on a brokered convention. This could still happen. But he appears dead.

A nighttime Twitter thread by Bloomberg campaign manager Kevin Sheekey gives the cand

- • **Sheekey said** that in just 100 days Bloomberg had gone from 1% in polls to being "a co

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## 2. Biden reborn



Joe Biden speaks at his rally last night in L.A., with his wife, Dr. Jill Biden (left), and sister, Valerie Biden. Photo: Chris Carlsson

**Super Tuesday** made Joe Biden the 77-year-old Comeback Kid, clipping Bernie Sanders' wings.

- • **Why it matters:** Biden's campaign was broke and all but dead until he won South Carolina, rallying establishment Democrats around the former vice president.
- • **"They don't call it Super Tuesday for nothing,"** Biden declared at his victory rally in L.A.

**The big picture,** from Axios politics editor Margaret Talev: This may not be over for a while. Sanders still has a shot.

- • **Biden appeared** to get significant boosts from the endorsements of former rivals Amy Klobuchar and Elizabeth Warren.
- • **Voters were splitting geographically,** with Sanders performing better in western states and Biden in the Northeast.
- • **Elizabeth Warren's** relentless attacks on Bloomberg in recent weeks hit their mark. Bloomberg's endorsement of Sanders.

**Details:** Biden was the projected winner in Alabama, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

- • **The Texas win** was Biden's biggest victory. With 228 delegates at stake, it was once the
- • **Sanders was winning** Colorado, Utah and his home state of Vermont — and is projected to
- • **Maine** is still too close to call.

**At Sanders' rally in Vermont,** Axios' Alexi McCammond heard sneers and anger about "the

- • **The bottom line ...** A veteran strategist said of the late but swift rally around Biden: "

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### 3. Black voters brought Biden back



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# Responding to the coronavirus



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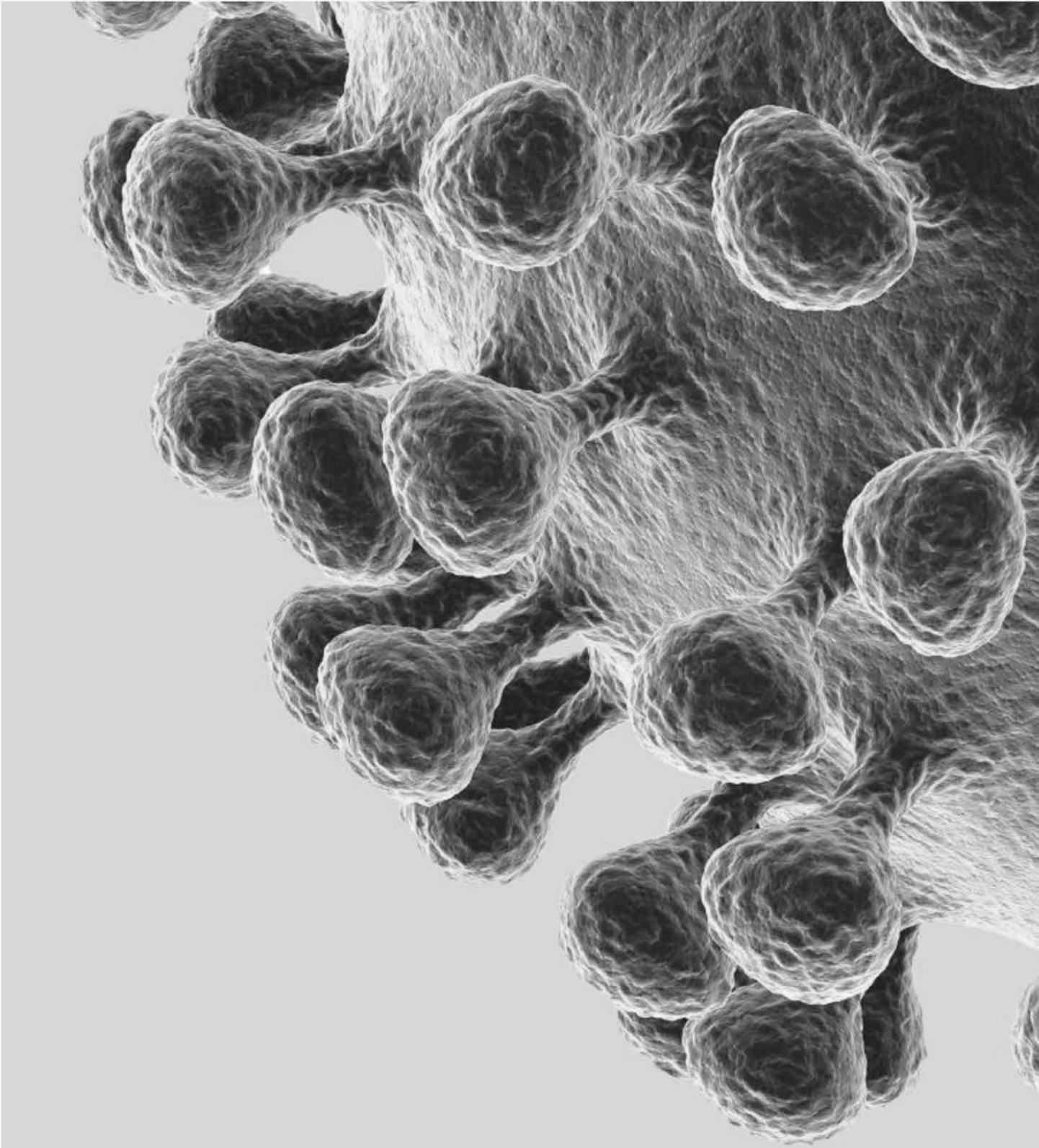
Good morning.

**Situational awareness:** Vice President Mike Pence announced yesterday evening that, effective

- • Catch up on the latest coronavirus news in the Axios stream.

**Today's word count** is 852, or a 3-minute read.

1 big thing: Coronavirus could expose our health system's v



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## **HHS Executive Summary: Wednesday, 04Mar20**

### **1. HHS**

#### **Today's Noteworthy Topics:**

##### COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Current global cases are 88,918 and 3,043 global deaths. 123 individuals released from quarantine 02-03Mar20 at Lackland AFB. New York is requiring health insurers to waive testing cost sharing, to reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing. Phase 1 trial for the mRNA-1273 vaccine candidate received a safe-to-proceed letter from the FDA. FDA and CDC are allowing health care personnel to use non-FDA regulated National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved respirators to increase number of available N95s. Twenty-four ESF-13 LNOs coordinating safety and security activities at quarantine sites and in Washington, D.C.

##### Tornado Outbreak, Tennessee

FEMA reports up to seven EF-3 tornadoes touched down on 03Mar20 near Nashville, TN causing multiple power outages and damage to commercial and residential structures. As of 0300ET 04Mar20, FEMA reported 21 fatalities (media sources are reporting up to 24 fatalities) and approximately 65 injured. Eagle-I reports 40680 customers are without power across Tennessee. Initial assessments indicate significant damage to Putman, Benton, Davidson, and Wilson Counties. FEMA reports 48 buildings are either collapsed or partially collapsed. Metro Nashville Public Schools and Wilson County Schools are closed due to storm damage. The John C. Tune Municipal Airport (general aviation) is closed due to significant damage. There have been no requests for federal assistance. The Governor of TN declared a State of Emergency. Damage assessments are ongoing.

#### **Daily Operational Schedule:**

0815 – SOC/IMT/Task Force Operational Coordination Call  
0830 – FEMA Daily Operations Briefing  
0900 – COVID White House Sub Task Force Call  
1100 – COVID-19 PMO Call  
1200 – DOD COVID-19 SVTC  
1300 – IMD Sync Call for COVID-19  
1330 – IST Section Chief Meeting  
1400 – Resource Coordination Call  
1600 – COVID-19 White House Task Force Call

**Public Health Emergency of National Significance:**

Puerto Rico (Earthquake): 08Jan20  
Opioid Crisis, Nationwide: 24Jan20  
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): 31Jan20

**HHS Response Status Summary:**

HHS SOC: Level I (Full Activation)  
CDC EOC: Level III (Polio/Ebola)  
CDC EOC: COVID-19 (Agency-Wide Response)  
FDA EOC: Level II (Vape Product Response, COVID-19)

**Emergency Support Function (ESF) Activation:**

ESF – 8: Not Activated  
ESF – 6: Not Activated

**Recovery Support Function (RSF) Activation:**

H&SS RSF: Activated Region II (2017 Irma/Maria, Puerto Rico projected end date of 19Mar20). Activated Region IX (2018 California Wildfires projected end date of 31Mar20).

**HHS Deployments: (Total = 785)**

**ASPR: 475** – (6) 2020 Earthquake Puerto Rico, (454) COVID-19, (6) Irma/Maria and recovery, (1) California Wildfires, (5) FY Training Q1, (2) FY Training Q2, (1) Recovery California Wildfires

**CDC: 310** (1) Puerto Rico, (243) COVID-19, (29) Polio, (37) Ebola

**FMS Status:**

- 32 (250 Bed) FMS sets are deployable
- 10 (50 Bed) FMS sets are deployable

**New Mission Assignments (MA):** 4339DR-PR-HHS-09-14: FEMA has sent, and HHS has accepted, a mission assignment. In accordance with the NDRF, post declaration activation of the Health and Social Services Recovery Support Function (RSF) to provide federal coordination with the appropriate RSF primary and support agencies and organizations. This mission assignment provides \$0.00. Estimated projected end date of 19Mar20.

**Active Situations (7):**

- Influenza Season
- Irma/Maria, Puerto Rico, &USVI (Recovery)
- Ebola in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo
- California Wildfires (Recovery)
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Bravo Response
- Earthquake, Puerto Rico

**U.S. International Health Regulation National Focal Point Status:** NSTR

**2. FEMA:****Interagency Response Status Summary:**

NWC: Monitoring

NRCC: Blue

National IMATs: Red – Fully Mission Capable; Blue – Fully Mission Capable – PR; Gold – Fully Mission Capable

Regional IMATs: Region II, PR (Reconstituting); Region III, PMC; Region VI-1, PMC; Region VIII, PMC; Region IX-1, PMC

**Significant National Weather:** A slow moving front will focus hazardous weather across the South over the next few days, with a broad threat for flash flooding, and renewed chances of river flooding across the Southeast. Severe thunderstorms are possible each day, progressing from parts of Texas eastward across the Gulf Coast. Critical fire weather concerns are forecast across Deep South Texas and the Central High Plains.

### 3. OPDIV/STAFFDIV Overnight Reports:

#### CDC:

- COVID-19 – Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom - Update Polio (Wild Type) – Pakistan – Update

#### FDA:

- Adverse Events Possibly Linked to Vaping Products/Unknown/Aug 2019
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)/ML/2019
- Salmonella* Braenderup/Fruit (suspect)/Dec 2019
- E. coli* O103:H2/Produce (Suspect)/Feb 2020
- E. coli* O157:H7/Leafy Greens (Suspect)/Dec 2019
- Hepatitis A Virus/Fresh Fruit (Suspect)/Jan 2020

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### **1. HHS**

#### **Today's Noteworthy Topics:**

##### COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Current global cases are 88,918 and 3,043 global deaths. 123 individuals released from quarantine 02-03Mar20 at Lackland AFB. New York is requiring health insurers to waive testing cost sharing, to reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing. Phase 1 trial for the mRNA-1273 vaccine candidate received a safe-to-proceed letter from the FDA. FDA and CDC are allowing health care personnel to use non-FDA regulated National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved respirators to increase number of available N95s. Twenty-four ESF-13 LNOs coordinating safety and security activities at quarantine sites and in Washington, D.C.

##### Tornado Outbreak, Tennessee

FEMA reports up to seven EF-3 tornadoes touched down on 03Mar20 near Nashville, TN causing multiple power outages and damage to commercial and residential structures. As of 0300ET 04Mar20, FEMA reported 21 fatalities (media sources are reporting up to 24 fatalities) and approximately 65 injured. Eagle-I reports 40680 customers are without power across Tennessee. Initial assessments indicate significant damage to Putman, Benton, Davidson, and Wilson Counties. FEMA reports 48 buildings are either collapsed or partially collapsed. Metro Nashville Public Schools and Wilson County Schools are closed due to storm damage. The John C. Tune Municipal Airport (general aviation) is closed due to significant damage. There have been no requests for federal assistance. The Governor of TN declared a State of Emergency. Damage assessments are ongoing.

#### **Daily Operational Schedule:**

0815 – SOC/IMT/Task Force Operational Coordination Call  
0830 – FEMA Daily Operations Briefing  
0900 – COVID White House Sub Task Force Call  
1100 – COVID-19 PMO Call  
1200 – DOD COVID-19 SVTC  
1300 – IMD Sync Call for COVID-19  
1330 – IST Section Chief Meeting  
1400 – Resource Coordination Call  
1600 – COVID-19 White House Task Force Call

**Public Health Emergency of National Significance:**

Puerto Rico (Earthquake): 08Jan20  
Opioid Crisis, Nationwide: 24Jan20  
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): 31Jan20

**HHS Response Status Summary:**

HHS SOC: Level I (Full Activation)  
CDC EOC: Level III (Polio/Ebola)  
CDC EOC: COVID-19 (Agency-Wide Response)  
FDA EOC: Level II (Vape Product Response, COVID-19)

**Emergency Support Function (ESF) Activation:**

ESF – 8: Not Activated  
ESF – 6: Not Activated

**Recovery Support Function (RSF) Activation:**

H&SS RSF: Activated Region II (2017 Irma/Maria, Puerto Rico projected end date of 19Mar20). Activated Region IX (2018 California Wildfires projected end date of 31Mar20).

**HHS Deployments: (Total = 785)**

**ASPR: 475** – (6) 2020 Earthquake Puerto Rico, (454) COVID-19, (6) Irma/Maria and recovery, (1) California Wildfires, (5) FY Training Q1, (2) FY Training Q2, (1) Recovery California Wildfires

**CDC: 310** (1) Puerto Rico, (243) COVID-19, (29) Polio, (37) Ebola

**FMS Status:**

- 32 (250 Bed) FMS sets are deployable
- 10 (50 Bed) FMS sets are deployable

**New Mission Assignments (MA):** 4339DR-PR-HHS-09-14: FEMA has sent, and HHS has accepted, a mission assignment. In accordance with the NDRF, post declaration activation of the Health and Social Services Recovery Support Function (RSF) to provide federal coordination with the appropriate RSF primary and support agencies and organizations. This mission assignment provides \$0.00. Estimated projected end date of 19Mar20.

**Active Situations (7):**

- Influenza Season
- Irma/Maria, Puerto Rico, &USVI (Recovery)
- Ebola in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo
- California Wildfires (Recovery)
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Bravo Response
- Earthquake, Puerto Rico

**U.S. International Health Regulation National Focal Point Status:** NSTR

**2. FEMA:****Interagency Response Status Summary:**



NWC: Monitoring

NRCC: Blue

National IMATs: Red – Fully Mission Capable; Blue – Fully Mission Capable – PR; Gold – Fully Mission Capable

Regional IMATs: Region II, PR (Reconstituting); Region III, PMC; Region VI-1, PMC; Region VIII, PMC; Region IX-1, PMC

**Significant National Weather:** A slow moving front will focus hazardous weather across the South over the next few days, with a broad threat for flash flooding, and renewed chances of river flooding across the Southeast. Severe thunderstorms are possible each day, progressing from parts of Texas eastward across the Gulf Coast. Critical fire weather concerns are forecast across Deep South Texas and the Central High Plains.

### 3. OPDIV/STAFFDIV Overnight Reports:

#### CDC:

- COVID-19 – Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom - Update Polio (Wild Type) – Pakistan – Update

#### FDA:

- Adverse Events Possibly Linked to Vaping Products/Unknown/Aug 2019
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)/ML/2019
- Salmonella* Braenderup/Fruit (suspect)/Dec 2019
- E. coli* O103:H2/Produce (Suspect)/Feb 2020
- E. coli* O157:H7/Leafy Greens (Suspect)/Dec 2019
- Hepatitis A Virus/Fresh Fruit (Suspect)/Jan 2020

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Sirs,

Thought you would be interested in the update from Japan. Some good info in this response by Jun.

BLUF: They do not appear to be overwhelmed nationally, and they are still in a containment posture.

Best,

Joe

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**To:** Lamana, Joseph (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Joseph.Lamana@hhs.gov>

**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Response

Hi Joe,

Thank you for your email. I've survived DP chaos without quarantine!

As the international attention has been shifted, we have a bit less tension than before.

We are still managing 20+ severe cases from DP in Japan including U.S. national and we are observing their conditions every day.

Our clinical providers are trying to keep them alive and they are relatively successfully managing the cases considering the age distribution of the DP population.

The outbreak at nursing home is exactly what we are worrying about in Japan and we are also carefully observing the situation in Washington State.

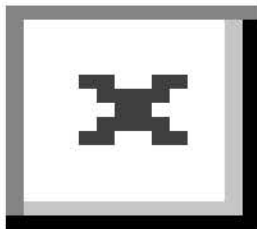
We are also moving towards mitigation strategy, but based on China's experience, we still think containment is possible and chases clusters.

Actually 75% of cases did not generated any secondary cases.

Small clusters tend to diminish if proper containment measures are taken.

So, our goal is to prevent the emergence of chain of clusters which was observed in Wuhan, Diamond Princess, Daegu and Iran.

We have mobilized major academic institutions to our national team to chase and contain these clusters.



Regarding NPI measures, we have asked society to hold off major mass gathering events and implemented school closure as we observed amplifying events at school.

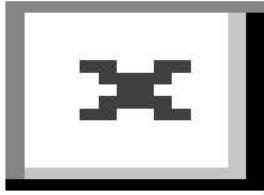
Also, we are asking society to postpone any social gatherings particularly in small closed and congested environment as the most of the super-spreading events we have observed was occurred in such environment.

We are calculating effective reproduction number ( $R$ ) every day and it is still stagnated around  $R = 0.9 < 1$  for now.

So, we consider we can still continue containment phase measures while preparing mitigation measures. The containment and mitigation measures might have to be implemented simultaneously to respond to this virus.

This is very different than the traditional panflu strategy.

We recently observed slowdown of increase in  $R$ , so, if this trend continues, we might be able to contain the outbreak.



If the major outbreak happens, R will easily exceed 2 and that's the time we have to implement further NPI measures.

Hospitals are of course fearing this outbreak as we also observed several healthcare-related outbreak, but we have not had any large-scale one so far. They are feared enough and implementing IPC measures.

We are talking with IOC and WHO regarding Olympic Games, but I feel it is still too early to make any decision.

It is actually out of our control as global epidemic is ongoing and the situation outside Japan will heavily affect the Olympics.

We really thanked your devotion for caring U.S. citizen as we have apparently overwhelmed by the DP outbreak particularly due to such an international background of the cruise ship and your help was highly appreciated as the majority of the passengers were the U.S. citizen.

We could also "postponed" DMAT exercise for the next FY. I am looking forward to meeting you at Hawaii!

Best regards,

Jun

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**Subject:** COVID-19 Response

Hi Jun,

Hope this finds you well and not quarantined! I am just checking in to see how you are doing.

As you have probably seen in the news, our cases are growing by the day, and we now have community acquired cases, not related to any travel history. Sadly, we have a nursing home in the state of Washington that had 6 deaths in a short span of time in that one facility. Of course the cases were all elderly with co-morbidities--about what could have been predicted.

We are holding community conference calls, seemingly every day with healthcare providers and health associations, trying to give them the most current information, but also in the hopes we can take some of the fear away. The nursing home I mentioned is now short of staff because their staff are refusing to come to work out of fear of catching the virus. We will likely be sending a team there to augment the remaining staff until this subsides.

Hospitals seem to be holding their own for now, but we are worried that as the cases grow, issues will grow like staffing, PPE stockpiles, and medication shortages. It has taken a couple of more days than I would have liked, but it now seems that we are moving from a strategy of containment to mitigation. This acceptance that the virus is here and now we have to manage it, took some time, especially for CDC. We now have the Vice President leading the way, so hopefully this will get the attention it needs.

The good news is that nearly every person that were returned from Wuhan and from the cruise ship have recovered or are recovering, even those that were tested positive. This is a survivable disease, provided you are not over 65 with chronic illness or a weakened immune system.

So we are working on increasing production and supplies for PPE, specifically N95 masks. We are working with the private sector to help speed up therapeutics and vaccine development, but both of those seem months (or longer) away. We are trying to get on top of messaging, but as the federal government, this is traditionally a challenge. What are the recommendations for mass gatherings? Do we cancel sporting events, attending conferences, or all international travel? It appears the desire is not to do any of that and to try to take a common sense approach to spreading disease. And we are trying to figure out how bad this is going to get before it gets better. The modeling team is busy at work, but that is an inexact science. The hope is that this virus will burn itself out in a couple of months.

How are the hospitals faring there? Are you seeing any sign of this slowing there in Japan? I know there is still time to make this decision, but I am sure there are frequent discussions about the Olympics' status. I cannot imagine how difficult those decisions are.

I think the last of our trial team comes out the end of the week. Not sure if anyone has commented, but i wanted to thank you for all your support for the trial, for letting us come in without teams, and for caring for our citizens.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. I will do my best.

Hope to talk and see you soon...in Hawaii! ☐

Best,  
Joe

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## COVID-19 Response update Mar 4, 2020

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### Daily Report Summary

Where feasible, changes in numbers will be show in red. For the US case counts (below), all counts will be shown in black, since very few are changing daily.

- # of confirmed and presumptive US cases of COVID-19: **126** including:
  - **23 confirmed cases presenting in the US**, locations of detection include Massachusetts, Washington State (2), California (10), Chicago (2), Arizona, Wisconsin, Florida (2), Georgia (2), Oregon, Rhode Island
  - **3 among evacuees from Hubei Province**
  - **45 among evacuees from Diamond Princess**, including:
    - 29 diagnosed in Japan
    - 16 diagnosed after arrival in US
  - **55 presumptive US cases (i.e., positive by CDC test performed in state lab, pending confirmation at CDC)**
- # of total confirmed cases in China: **80,304**
- # of total confirmed deaths in China: **2,946**

### Domestic Updates

#### 1. US COVID-19 Cases

- 13 states/territories reporting 23 US confirmed cases and 55 presumptive cases
- 3 cases among evacuees from Hubei repatriation cohort
- 45 cases among evacuees from Diamond Princess repatriation cohort (29 diagnosed in Japan, 16 diagnosed after arrival in US)

### International Updates

Countries or territories with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Source: WHO Sit Rep 42. Data as of 03 March 2020

Global Summary – Total and new cases in the last 24 hours. Data as of 04:00 EST 3 Mar 2020 [Source: [WHO SitRep](#)]

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| Globally<br>Confirmed Cases | China            |                | Outside of China   |              |            |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
|                             | Confirmed Cases  | Deaths         | Confirmed Cases    | Deaths       | Countries  |
| 90,870 (1,922 new)          | 80,304 (130 new) | 2,946 (31 new) | 10,566 (1,792 new) | 166 (38 new) | 72 (8 new) |

**Countries, territories or areas outside China with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths. Data as of 04:00 EST, 03 Mar 2020 [Source: [WHO SitRep](#)]**

| Country                       | Total confirmed* cases | Total confirmed new cases | Total deaths | Total new deaths | Transmission classification† | Days since last reported case |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Western Pacific Region</b> |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| Republic of Korea             | 4,812                  | 600                       | 28           | 6                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Japan                         | 268                    | 14                        | 6            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Singapore                     | 108                    | 2                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Australia                     | 33                     | 6                         | 1            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Malaysia                      | 29                     | 5                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Viet Nam                      | 16                     | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 19                            |
| Philippines                   | 3                      | 0                         | 1            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 28                            |
| Cambodia                      | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 36                            |
| New Zealand                   | 2                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| <b>European Region</b>        |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| Italy                         | 2,036                  | 347                       | 52           | 17               | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Germany                       | 157                    | 28                        | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| France                        | 191                    | 91                        | 3            | 1                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Spain                         | 114                    | 69                        | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| the United Kingdom            | 39                     | 3                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Switzerland                   | 30                     | 6                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Norway                        | 25                     | 6                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Sweden                        | 15                     | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Netherlands                   | 18                     | 5                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Austria                       | 18                     | 8                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Croatia                       | 9                      | 2                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Greece                        | 7                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 1                             |
| Israel                        | 10                     | 3                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Finland                       | 7                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Denmark                       | 5                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |

| Country                             | Total confirmed* cases | Total confirmed new cases | Total deaths | Total new deaths | Transmission classification† | Days since last reported case |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Azerbaijan                          | 3                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 2                             |
| Czechia                             | 3                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Georgia                             | 3                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 2                             |
| Romania                             | 3                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 3                             |
| Iceland                             | 9                      | 7                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Russian Federation                  | 3                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Portugal                            | 2                      | 2                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Andorra                             | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Armenia                             | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Belarus                             | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 4                             |
| Belgium                             | 8                      | 7                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Estonia                             | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 5                             |
| Ireland                             | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 2                             |
| Latvia                              | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Lithuania                           | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 4                             |
| Luxembourg                          | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Monaco                              | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Under investigation          | 2                             |
| North Macedonia                     | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 6                             |
| San Marino                          | 8                      | 7                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| <b>South-East Asia Region</b>       |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| Thailand                            | 43                     | 1                         | 1            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| India                               | 5                      | 2                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Indonesia                           | 2                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Nepal                               | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 39                            |
| Sri Lanka                           | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 36                            |
| <b>Eastern Mediterranean Region</b> |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of)          | 1,501                  | 523                       | 66           | 12               | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Kuwait                              | 56                     | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Bahrain                             | 49                     | 2                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| UAE                                 | 21                     | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 1                             |
| Iraq                                | 26                     | 7                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Lebanon                             | 13                     | 3                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Oman                                | 6                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 4                             |
| Pakistan                            | 5                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Qatar                               | 7                      | 4                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |

| Country                                       | Total confirmed* cases | Total confirmed new cases | Total deaths | Total new deaths | Transmission classification† | Days since last reported case |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Egypt                                         | 2                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Afghanistan                                   | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 8                             |
| Jordan                                        | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Morocco                                       | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Saudi Arabia                                  | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| Tunisia                                       | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| <b>Region of the Americas</b>                 |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| the United States§§                           | 64                     | 2                         | 2            | 2                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Canada                                        | 27                     | 8                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Mexico                                        | 5                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Brazil                                        | 2                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 2                             |
| Dominican Republic                            | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 1                             |
| Ecuador                                       | 6                      | 5                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| <b>African Region</b>                         |                        |                           |              |                  |                              |                               |
| Algeria                                       | 5                      | 4                         | 0            | 0                | Local transmission           | 0                             |
| Nigeria                                       | 1                      | 0                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 4                             |
| Senegal                                       | 1                      | 1                         | 0            | 0                | Imported cases only          | 0                             |
| <b>Subtotal for all regions</b>               | <b>9,860</b>           | <b>1,792</b>              | <b>160</b>   | <b>38</b>        |                              |                               |
| International conveyance (Diamond Princess) ‡ | 706                    | 0                         | 6            | 0                | Local transmission           | 1                             |
| <b>Grand total§</b>                           | <b>10,566</b>          | <b>1,792</b>              | <b>166</b>   | <b>38</b>        |                              |                               |

^ Numbers include both domestic and repatriated cases

\*Case classifications are based on [WHO case definitions](#) case definitions for COVID-19.

†Transmission classification is based on WHO analysis of available official data and may be subject to reclassification as additional data become available. Countries/territories/areas experiencing multiple types of transmission are classified in the highest category for which there is evidence; they may be removed from a given category if interruption of transmission can be demonstrated. It should be noted that even within categories, different countries/territories/areas may have differing degrees of transmission as indicated by the differing numbers of cases and other factors. Not all locations within a given country/territory/area are equally affected.

Terms:



- **Community transmission** is evidenced by the inability to relate confirmed cases through chains of transmission for a large number of cases, or by increasing positive tests through routine screening of sentinel samples.
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\*Cases identified on a cruise ship currently in Japanese territorial waters.

§310 female/416 male/9840 unknown. 34 healthcare workers (9 female/13 male/ 12 unknown).

Erratum: Transmission classification for the Dominican Republic, Israel and Sweden have been corrected.

§§ WHO Count of 64 includes 16 confirmed cases in the US (note this report is from March 3, so the confirmed case count reported to WHO before this report was 16 – it is currently 23), 3 cases among Hubei repatriation cohort, and 45 cases among the Diamond Princess repatriation cohort.  
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US DHHS ASPR TRACIE.  
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US DHHS National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
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US DHHS CDC Weekly COVID-19 newsletter updates  
<https://tools.cdc.gov/CampaignProxyService/subscriptions.aspx>

US DHHS CDC NIOSH  
[https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019\\_ncov.html](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html)

Respirator Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirator-use-faq.html>

US DHHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

[https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Influenza-Viruses)

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US DHHS Food and Drug Administration.

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorizations (FDA)

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#coronavirus2019>

US Dpt of Labor OSHA

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

US Dpt of State. Overseas Security Advisory Council.

<https://www.osac.gov/Content/Announcement/fee23fa6-8c30-44ae-985f-180e3ce9635e>

US Dpt of Transportation FAA. Interim Aircrew Guidance for COVID-19

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USA GOV International Traveler Issues for Americans

<https://www.usa.gov/americans-abroad#item-214568>

US National Governors Association. COVID-19 Site

<https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/>

## **PROFESSIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, PRIVATE AND ACADEMIC SITES**

American College of Emergency Physicians. COVID-19 Resource page

<https://www.acep.org/by-medical-focus/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

American College Health Association

[https://acha.org/acha/resources/topics/2019\\_novel\\_coronavirus\\_2019-ncov.aspx](https://acha.org/acha/resources/topics/2019_novel_coronavirus_2019-ncov.aspx)

Health Industry Distributors Association

<https://www.hida.org/distribution/advocacy/industry-issues/Coronavirus-resource-center.aspx>



International Air Transport Association. Air Transport and Communicable Diseases Page  
<https://www.iata.org/en/programs/safety/health/diseases>

National Ebola Training and Education Center. (Search under COVID-19 Resources)  
<https://netec.org/>

Network for Public Health Law. Coronavirus Primer. Authorities, etc...  
<https://www.networkforphl.org/resources/emergency-legal-preparedness-wuhan-coronavirus/>

University of Minnesota. Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. COVID-19 page.  
<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/infectious-disease-topics/covid-19>

Massachusetts General Hospital. 2019 Novel Coronavirus Toolkit  
<https://www.massgeneral.org/disaster-medicine/tools/>

#### **Region I (New England) Government Information Sites:**

Boston Public Health Commission  
<https://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/infectious-diseases/Infectious-Diseases-A-to-Z/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

Connecticut DPH  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/Main-Page/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

Massachusetts DPH  
<https://www.mass.gov/guides/information-on-the-outbreak-of-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

Maine CDC  
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

New Hampshire DHHS  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>

Rhode Island DOH  
<https://health.ri.gov/diseases/respiratory/?parm=163>

Vermont DOH  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

US DHHS CDC Travel Health Notices  
[https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices?deliveryName=USCDC\\_1150-DM20414](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices?deliveryName=USCDC_1150-DM20414)

US DHHS CDC Weekly COVID-19 newsletter updates  
<https://tools.cdc.gov/CampaignProxyService/subscriptions.aspx>

US DHHS CDC NIOSH  
[https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019\\_ncov.html](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html)



Respirator Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirator-use-faq.html>

US DHHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

[https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Influenza-Viruses)

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<https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Resources/Waivers-and-flexibilities>

US DHHS Food and Drug Administration.

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorizations (FDA)

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#coronavirus2019>

US Dpt of Labor OSHA

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

US Dpt of State. Overseas Security Advisory Council.

<https://www.osac.gov/Content/Announcement/fee23fa6-8c30-44ae-985f-180e3ce9635e>

US Dpt of Transportation FAA. Interim Aircrew Guidance for COVID-19

[https://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/safo/all\\_safos/media/2020/SAFO20001.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/safo/all_safos/media/2020/SAFO20001.pdf)

USA GOV International Traveler Issues for Americans

<https://www.usa.gov/americans-abroad#item-214568>

US National Governors Association. COVID-19 Site

<https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/>

## **PROFESSIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, PRIVATE AND ACADEMIC SITES**

American College of Emergency Physicians. COVID-19 Resource page

<https://www.acep.org/by-medical-focus/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

American College Health Association

[https://acha.org/acha/resources/topics/2019\\_novel\\_coronavirus\\_2019-ncov.aspx](https://acha.org/acha/resources/topics/2019_novel_coronavirus_2019-ncov.aspx)

Health Industry Distributors Association

<https://www.hida.org/distribution/advocacy/industry-issues/Coronavirus-resource-center.aspx>



International Air Transport Association. Air Transport and Communicable Diseases Page  
<https://www.iata.org/en/programs/safety/health/diseases>

National Ebola Training and Education Center. (Search under COVID-19 Resources)  
<https://netec.org/>

Network for Public Health Law. Coronavirus Primer. Authorities, etc...  
<https://www.networkforphl.org/resources/emergency-legal-preparedness-wuhan-coronavirus/>

University of Minnesota. Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. COVID-19 page.  
<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/infectious-disease-topics/covid-19>

Massachusetts General Hospital. 2019 Novel Coronavirus Toolkit  
<https://www.massgeneral.org/disaster-medicine/tools/>

#### **Region I (New England) Government Information Sites:**

Boston Public Health Commission  
<https://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/infectious-diseases/Infectious-Diseases-A-to-Z/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

Connecticut DPH  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/Main-Page/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

Massachusetts DPH  
<https://www.mass.gov/guides/information-on-the-outbreak-of-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

Maine CDC  
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

New Hampshire DHHS  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>

Rhode Island DOH  
<https://health.ri.gov/diseases/respiratory/?parm=163>

Vermont DOH  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Yeshiva University has been shut down, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday, as the family and a neighbor of the man confirmed for coronavirus this week have all contracted the virus as well.

The 50-year-old man was confirmed Tuesday as the first “community spread” case of the virus in New York. His wife, 14-year-old daughter, 20-year-old son and a neighbor who drove him to the hospital have all now contracted the virus, bringing the total number of New York cases to six.

The man, who has an underlying respiratory condition, remains hospitalized in the intensive care unit. It is still unclear how he contracted the virus having not traveled recently to the countries on the CDC watchlist.

His daughter’s school — Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy, or SAR Academy — shut down Tuesday and remains closed. Yeshiva University, where the son attended, is also shuttered.

Cuomo said he is going to Westchester later Wednesday “to get some more facts and start to track back, to the extent we can” other potential exposures.

“The context is what is most important, we have an epidemic caused by coronavirus, but we have a pandemic that’s caused by fear,” Cuomo said at a press conference in Albany. “There are going to be dozens and dozens and dozens of people, and the more people you test, the more people you’re going to find.”

Cuomo also said that about 300 staff in the state and New York City university systems will be brought back from five hotbed countries — China, Japan, South Korea, Italy and Iran — and quarantined for 14 days. They will be flown back on chartered flights to Stewart International Airport and housed in “dorm set-up,” according to the governor.

Beth Garvey, Cuomo’s special counsel and senior adviser, said officials are in the process of identifying facilities to place those quarantines and have found space in Western New York, the “Utica-Rome area” and on Long Island.

SUNY is also expected to announce additional guidance for those abroad, including students and others outside of the five countries sometime Wednesday. CUNY put out its response plan Tuesday evening and Chancellor Felix Matos Rodríguez sent a message Wednesday to reassure students.

“Please be assured that CUNY is taking this potential threat very seriously, and actively preparing to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, along with the continuity of our operations across a range of scenarios,” the chancellor said.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement Wednesday that city health officials are at Yeshiva University and that two people are being tested for coronavirus at Bellevue.

“Yeshiva University is working closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to take every necessary precaution to ensure the safety of students and the community,” he said. “City disease detectives are on campus to identify close contacts of the student and connect those individuals to testing immediately.”

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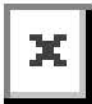


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### Congress agrees on \$8B deal to battle coronavirus

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Congressional negotiators today clinched a bipartisan emergency funding package to combat coronavirus, which both chambers are expected to pass as early as week's end.

The emergency package includes roughly \$8.3 billion aimed at helping states and the federal government fight the coronavirus, with more than 100 confirmed cases in the U.S.

Lawmakers will release the full text of the measure later today, with plans to vote in the House today as well. The Senate could clear the package as soon as Thursday, enabling Congress to send the bill to President Donald Trump.

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**OGA- Please advise on other HHS principals that need to be available for this call**



**Topic:** Video teleconference with health ministers and senior health representatives of Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Suggested dates are March 11, 12, 18, or 19; suggested timing is 8am due to the time difference with AMS.

**Objectives:** Introductory meeting with ASEAN Member States (AMS); share US domestic and global positions on COVID-19 preparation and response; enquire how HHS can support AMS COVID-19 efforts

**AMA's Role:** To talk to AMS health ministers and senior representatives; co-chair discussion between AMS senior health representatives and HHS senior health representatives with AMS co-chair (TBD: Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia)

**Project Lead (IOS Senior Staff):** Brian Harrison

**Working Project Lead (Name, Cell and email):** Kyle Zebley, 202-815-6991, [Kyle.Zebley@hhs.gov](mailto:Kyle.Zebley@hhs.gov)

**Is Conference Call Line needed?** Yes

**Who will initiate the conference call?** Erika Elvander

**Who will provide Briefing materials?** Office of Global Affairs

**HHS Staff Attendees:** Garrett Grigsby, Kyle Zebley, Erika Elvander

**Schedule Request Justification:**

AMS are regionally at the center of the COVID-19 global outbreak. They have met with China and the EU to solicit and share information on outbreak preparedness and response. Engagement with ASEAN on COVID-19 is a priority of the NSC as well as HHS.

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Here is a naturally occurring substance that **should be investigated ... vigorously !**

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**Iridoid glycosides** are the principal bioactive components in **Fructus Gardeniae**, which has antiviral and anti-inflammatory characteristics and has been used as a general Chinese herbal medicine for centuries in several Asian countries<sup>29</sup>. It has been reported that geniposide, a main iridoid glycoside compound extracted from *Gardenia jasminoides* J. Ellis fruit, effectively blocked cell damage induced by the pandemic A/Jiangsu/1/2009 (H1N1) influenza virus and alleviated virus-induced acute lung injuries<sup>30</sup>. In our previous study, it was demonstrated that *Fructus Gardeniae* iridoid glycoside extracts (IGEs) exhibited antiviral effects against influenza A virus H1N1 and H3N2 subtypes in vitro and in vivo<sup>31</sup>. RNA replication of the influenza virus A/FM1/47 was inhibited by IGEs in a dose-dependent manner, but the underlying mechanism has not yet been deciphered.

In the present study, we first determined the **protective effect** of the *Fructus Gardeniae* iridoid glycosides extracts (IGEs) on the cells and mice infected by influenza A virus. Next, we investigated whether the IGEs could inhibit vRNA replication and host factor PACT activation by evaluating the levels of virus replication, protein expression of PACT and phosphorylation of eIF2 $\alpha$  in A549 cells and the levels of IFN $\beta$ , PACT and PKR in mouse lung tissues. In addition, to assess **whether** IGEs inhibit influenza virus replication in PACT-dependent manner, we measured RNA polymerase activity of influenza virus in HEK-293T cells in which PACT protein expression was knocked down by siRNA.

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Sir,

### How We Can Help

We have built the largest Mobile Device location-based data store in the marketplace, with visibility into more than 1.1 billion smartphones and tablets in 34 countries – and over 825 billion cleansed signals collected monthly.

We use location-based data and analytics for human mobility research assisting in Social Justice (*i.e.*, Anti-Trafficking and Opioid Crisis), Intelligence, and Law Enforcement. We believe, these capabilities to be valuable to the Federal Government prevention and relief efforts with respect to the Coronavirus and its spread. Specifically, we can offer solutions to use cases like the following:

#### Use Case #1: **Analyze Recent International Travel to/from the U.S.**

We have the ability to retroactively geofence every airport hosting nonstop flights to/from key countries in Asia and Europe, and then identify mobile devices that were in proximity to those flights here in the U.S.

#### Use Case #2: **Assess U.S. Domestic Patients Infected by Unknown Means**

Given the increasing number of U.S. patients who hadn't recently traveled overseas and/or hadn't come in close contact with known infected individuals – we can do the following:

- •  
Lookback to identify how Patient 0 in each geographic location was potentially infected in the preceding weeks
- •  
Lookback to identify high-risk groups of people that Patient 0 may have infected based on their proximity during the incubation period
- •  
Near Real-Time Modeling of these same high-risk groups of people and any associated high-risk locations

## Who We Are

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Pursuant to FAR 6.302-2; 13 CFR 124.506 (b); and 13 CFR 124.517(a), ANG, as a tribally-owned company has the ability to receive sole-source, non-protestable contracts up to \$100M. Under FAR 19.101 and 15.305(a) (2) (iii) All Native Group is allowed to use the experience of our parent or affiliated to demonstrate our past performance. These companies consist of Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) and 8(a) HUBZone companies with the ability to support classified and unclassified contracts.

## Next Steps

We stand ready to meet face-to-face or schedule a call to discuss the details.

Hannah Basel  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] VP Pool Report #5 / Pool out of diagnostic CEOs meeting, Pence heading to Washington tomorrow

I apologize, an earlier note apparently didn't go through. Resending:

Pool ushered out at 1:23 pm. Noting that Pence announced he will be traveling to Washington state and meeting with Jay Inslee tomorrow.

Rough notes, check with tape:

Pence:

Thank you for being here. Have initiated a whole of government approach.

"We're doing everything in our power to prevent the coronavirus from further coming to the United States, but we're also working every bit as hard to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in this country.

We all grieve the loss of American lives. Word from the CDC is one more American has expired. 10 Americans have succumbed to this disease. A little more than 100 Americans who have contracted this.



This is not just a whole of government approach but a whole of America approach.

Later today we will be implementing a new policy to focus on nursing homes complying with infectious disease protocols.

Change of testing. Our objective is to make testing available to the general public.

Just recently the administration changed the guidance — “any American” who wants to be tested can be.

Meeting with diagnostic CEOs. Formed a consortium.

Also announcing today that I’ll be meeting with Jay Inslee in Washington state.

On behalf of the president let me say how grateful we are to each one of you.

Adam Schechter, Lab Corp:

We have decided to come together as one to focus on this important health crisis. At Lab Corp, we expect to launch our own test soon.

Steven Rutowski, Quest Diagnostics:

We are all in, we are here to help.

Marc Casper, Thermofisher:

It’s been an incredible partnership. We will be shipping the kits.

Pence: The risk to Americans remains low. But we are working, developing vaccines that may not be available for another “year” or “year and a half.” We want every American to have access to testing

State labs, university labs can conduct testing. 1.5 million tests are arriving to hospitals.

We do believe this consortium can make the test more widely.

(Birx speaks on efforts)

Q: traveling to Washington?

Pence: Very important. Will be traveling to Washington. Will be bringing our team with us.

Q what do you say to those who say too little too late with testing?

Azar: We are leading the rest of the world in diagnostics.  
Remember we only have about a hundred cases. South Korea is a very different situation.

Q Congress reached a package?

Can assure you the White House has been working with Capitol Hill.

Pool ushered out 1:23 pm

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Monaco?! That's mine!!!! Appreciate the great work. John

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I stand ready to deploy, sir. And will be first on the plane should Monaco be afflicted.

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FYSA,

A summary of the event posted to the WHO EIS is attached below. Additionally, the full EIS posting of this event is attached as a PDF.

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#### Event Update 2020-03-04

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On 2 March 2020, the Ministry of Health reported to WHO the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Andorra. The patient is a 20-year-old man who travelled to Milan, Italy, and returned to Andorra on 24 February 2020. He did not report contact with any confirmed COVID-19 case. His symptom onset started with cough on 28 February, the next day he developed a slight fever. He phoned healthcare services and was isolated in hospital. Samples were taken and sent to the Spanish National Centre of Microbiology in Madrid, Spain for analysis on 29 February.

The case is still under isolation in hospital and his health status is satisfactory. He will remain isolated until two negative samples (separated by 24 hours) are obtained.

## **Public Health Response**

Health authorities identified and contacted 12 contacts of the confirmed case. They were put under home quarantine for 14 days since the last contact with the confirmed case. They are followed-up by public health personnel from the Ministry of Health. An additional three (3) contacts live in Spain so Spanish health authorities were informed.

The Minister of Health gave a press conference to inform the population.

## **WHO Risk Assessment**

On 7 January 2020, Chinese authorities identified a new type of coronavirus (novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2) from a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, China.

SARS-CoV-2 is a new strain of coronavirus and has not been previously identified in humans. According to the information provided, the initial cases described in Wuhan were linked to Hunan seafood market in Wuhan (the market has been closed since 1 January 2020).

On 30 January 2020, the WHO Director-General declared the current outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), with temporary recommendations issued for all countries. On 28 February, WHO raised the risk assessment for the COVID-19 outbreak internationally from "high" to "very high."

As of 3 March 2020, evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission, including local and community transmission, has been observed in an International conveyance and in at least 31 countries (Algeria, Australia, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Viet Nam) where the cases had no travel history to China but had contact (direct or indirect) with travellers from Wuhan, from China, or were close contacts of confirmed case of COVID-19.

This is the first case of COVID-19 diagnosed in Andorra.

As of 3 March 2020, 72 countries outside China and the International conveyance (Diamond Princess) have reported laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases. Please refer to the WHO



Daily Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) situation reports for further information:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

## **WHO Advice**

It is important to remind populations and health workers of the basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections by:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- Within healthcare facilities, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments.

WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers. In case of symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory illness either during or after travel, the travellers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their health care provider. Health authorities should work with travel, transport, and tourism sectors to provide travellers with information to reduce the general risk of acute respiratory infections via travel health clinics, travel agencies, conveyance operators, and at points of entry.

WHO has provided interim guidance for novel coronaviruses (see reference below).

WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions based on the information currently available on this event.

## **For more information on novel coronavirus, please see:**

1. WHO Novel coronavirus (2019-cCov). Available at:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
2. WHO Technical interim guidance for novel coronavirus. Available at:  
<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
3. WHO travel advice for international travel and trade in relation to the outbreak of pneumonia caused by a new coronavirus in China. Available at:

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4. WHO Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation reports. Available at:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
5. WHO Dashboard for Novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Available at:  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>
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March 4, 2020

### HHS Announces Initial Funding to Jurisdictions Supporting COVID-19 Response

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is announcing upcoming action to provide initial resources to a limited number of state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

“State and local governments are the backbone of our public health system. They have been essential partners in the ongoing work to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the United States,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “The Trump Administration is acting swiftly through every avenue we have to ensure state and local governments have the support they need to combat this outbreak.”

“CDC is committed to working with state, local, tribal and territorial public health departments to mitigate community spread of novel coronavirus in this nation,” said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “Our partners are on the front lines of this response and we support their efforts to increase needed public health capacity to confront the challenges this virus presents.”



Using funds provided to CDC through the HHS Secretary's Transfer, CDC will:

- Award an initial \$25 million cooperative agreement to the states and local jurisdictions who have borne the largest burden of response and preparedness activities to date. This is an initial award for those jurisdictions who require immediate assistance for activities such as monitoring of travelers, data management, lab equipment, supplies, staffing, shipping, infection control, and surge staffing. Once supplemental funding is provided, support will be provided to all states and local jurisdictions for a variety of critical public health activities.
- Award an initial \$10 million cooperative agreement to state and local jurisdictions to begin implementation of coronavirus surveillance across the U.S., building on existing influenza activities and other surveillance systems. This initial award is for a limited number of jurisdictions. Once supplemental funding is provided, additional support will be provided to all states and local jurisdictions to enhancing testing and surveillance.

CDC will use existing networks to reach out to state and local jurisdictions to access this initial funding.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit CDC's website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
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AT A CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING WITH AIRLINE CEOS

Roosevelt Room

11:27 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, everyone. We're with the great airline executives of the world, really. These are the biggest and the best, and know the business better than anybody. They've been in it for a long time, and they've emerged -- in all cases,



head their companies. And we're talking about the effects of the virus on air travel and what they see.

In a certain way, you could say that the borders are automatically shut down, without having to say "shut down." I mean, they're, to a certain extent, automatically shut down. But it's affecting the airline business, as it would. And a lot of people are staying in our country, and they're shopping and using our hotels in this country. So, from that standpoint, I think, probably, there's a positive impact. But there's also an impact on overseas travel, which will be fairly substantial.

And, Mike, maybe I'll let you give a little briefing as to what we've just discussed.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm grateful to have the opportunity to meet with the leaders of our airline industry today.

You know, Mr. President, you said from early on that we were going to have a whole-of-government approach. But the truth is, as evidenced by all these great industry leaders, it's really a whole-of-America approach.

THE PRESIDENT: Right.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: And the American people deserve to know that, according to all of our experts, the risk to the average American of contracting the coronavirus remains low. And that's largely owing to your decision, Mr. President, to suspend all travel from China into the United States and to quarantine all Americans that are returning.

It's also owing to the tremendous cooperation of this industry, the airline industry. Because in addition to suspending travel from China, you recently made the decision to designate as "do not travel" certain areas of Italy, certain areas of South Korea. But we also, at your direction, have worked with this industry so that now, as of yesterday morning, all passengers on all direct flights from all airports in Italy or South Korea are being screened on multiple times before they board any of these airlines.



We're grateful for that, Mr. President. I know you are. And everyone here should know that we're going to continue to follow the facts and the data.

Dr. Birx is working closely with all of our health officials to determine what additional screening might be required in the United States or in partners around the world. But our airlines are going to play a key role, Mr. President, in preventing the spread of this disease.

And even earlier today, at your direction, we met with leaders of our nursing home industry to talk about the measures of -- increased measures to prevent the spread of infectious disease. We sent new guidance out to nursing homes. We'll be announcing later today new priority of inspections for infectious diseases. We're detailing that. We explained it to the industry today.

And also, on the issue of testing, Mr. President, you've made that a priority. We'll have over a million tests in the field today.

I spoke to several governors this morning that were grateful for the fact that the changes that you made this weekend, through the FDA, now make it possible for state health clinics, as well as universities around the country, to be able to conduct coronavirus tests, but we'll also be meeting this afternoon with leaders of our commercial laboratories to make a coronavirus test more rapidly, more widely available for doctors' offices, medical clinics, and consumers around the country.

So, Mr. President, as you said, it is a whole-of-government approach, but in a very real sense, it's a whole-of-America approach. And I've already expressed, and I know you feel a great deal of gratitude to our partners in industry and in the airline industry for acting on your priority to put the safety and health of the American people first.

THE PRESIDENT: Good, Mike. Thank you very much. I just want to add, if I might -- and to go a little bit further -- the Obama administration made a decision on testing that turned out to be very detrimental to what we're doing. And we undid that decision a few

days ago so that the testing can take place in a much more accurate and rapid fashion. That was a decision we disagreed with. I don't think we would have made it, but for some reason it was made. But we've undone that decision.

Also, when people come in from certain areas, we're doing checks not only at the site of takeoff but at the site of landing. So when they land in our country, we'll also do it; that's if the planes are leaving from certain destinations.

I might ask, Doctor, if you could, I'd like you to say a few words. You've been doing a fantastic job in just a short time. We haven't had much time, but you've really been doing a fan- -- a really fantastic time. Please.

DR. BIRX: Thank you. Well, before you came in, Mr. President, we talked about which Americans are most vulnerable and the fact that younger Americans may not be as vulnerable. So we're really focused very much in that way, and I think the airline industry can help us also in any kind of screening required, particularly to protect our older Americans.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Thank you. Thank you. Doug, do you have anything to say?

MR. PARKER: No. Thank you for having us. Thanks for the work we're doing jointly to keep people safe. We're proud of our team. We're proud of the work they're doing.

We appreciate the aggressive containment efforts that the United States has done to protect Americans and the role we've played in that. So we're happy to be here and continue to be interested in anything we can, and particularly as we move from maybe aggressive containment to mitigation efforts, what can be done there as well.

THE PRESIDENT: Right. Doug is the head of American Airlines, as you know. Maybe we'll go around the room, if you'd like to say something. Please.

MR. KELLY: Well, thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

MR. KELLY: And, again, we appreciate the leadership, appreciate the collaboration and coordination. And, certainly, the industry wants to do everything that we can to keep Americans safe and certainly our employees and our customers.

We've stepped up our efforts to make sure the airplanes are clean and disinfected, and we work very closely with the CDC, and I think that's gone very, very well. So we've got the proper protocols in place whenever there is a suspected illness, and I think all that is working very well. I think everybody is doing a great job and doing all they can.

THE PRESIDENT: We appreciate the job you're doing. Thank you very much. Please.

MR. TILDEN: Brad Tilden with Alaska Airlines. We appreciate the efforts, Mr. President. I think, like all the folks around the table, the focus of the airline leadership teams is the safety of our employees and the safety of our customers, and that's where we're focused.

I think all of us have made a lot of changes to our cleaning procedures, changes to our onboard procedures -- to gloves, sanitation, the service that our flight attendants are providing our customers. And we're trying to do everything we can to help -- help everyone contain the virus and contain the spread of it.

And we appreciate it. And if there's more that we can do to help, we want to -- we're here to tell you that we want to do that.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you using different things for the cleaning, the fluids? Are you using different cleaning (inaudible)?

MR. TILDEN: We've taken a good look at them. The stuff that we're using, I think we've concluded is effective. But we are changing the routines. There's three levels of cleaning that we do and we're intensifying the cleaning of the aircraft.



THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Great job.

Peter?

MR. INGRAM: Peter Ingram with Hawaiian Airlines. Mr. President, I echo my counterparts in the industry talking about -- the safety of our guests and our employees is paramount to everything we do. And we really appreciate the collaboration with the administration and the government to make sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure that.

I think it is -- it is very helpful to hear Dr. Birx talk about the specific areas of risk because there is a lot of concern out there. There's concern internationally about travel and there's concern domestically. And I think the more information that we have to share with our guests about the facts is very helpful as we go forward with this challenge.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Thank you very much. Thanks, Peter.

MR. KOSCAL: Matt Koscal with Republic Airways.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. KOSCAL: Thank you, Mr. President, for this opportunity for us to come together as leaders in the aviation industry and to have a sharing of information, which I think is critical. We all represent the men and women that are on the frontlines and need to ensure that they have the tools, resources, and information to do their job each and every day so that these efforts are effective.

And the one thing the aviation industry has proven it does very well is it comes together in times of challenge --

THE PRESIDENT: It's true.



MR. KOSCAL: -- to provide a solution for this country. So I feel very confident that, with your leadership and all the folks in the room, that we will continue to serve, first and foremost, our employees so they can serve the customers who depend on us.

THE PRESIDENT: That's very good. Chad, did you have anything to say about it?

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: Well, I would just say, Mr. President: Again, at your leadership, we're funneling to 11 specific airports and contract medical staff that we put in place. We've screened over 53,000 individuals and prevented a number of folks from coming into the country. And that's largely due to the cooperation and the flexibility of the individuals in this room. So, again, thank you for everything that you're doing to help us keep America safe.

THE PRESIDENT: And, Chad, anything different on the southern border, where we're doing so well? We're setting records on the southern border, in terms of allowing the people that are supposed to be here in, but not allowing others in. Anything new on the southern border?

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: Well, again, from a screening standpoint, we have some of the same measures that we do at airports of entry and our land points of entry. So CBP officers and, again, contract medical staff -- some from HHS and some contract -- are, again, screening individuals and referring to CDC as necessary. So some of the same procedures at airports are taking place at land ports of entry, as well as maritime ports of entry.

So, for DHS, we're looking at every way individuals come into the country, not just through the -- through the airports, making sure that we're securing the country as a whole.

THE PRESIDENT: Good job. Thank you.

MR. CALIO: Mr. President, thank you for having us. We were delighted when you had

made the Vice President the head of the interagency task force. We believe in collaboration. We want to try to solve these problems, both short- and long-term. We've been sharing ideas with the Vice President's staff and your staff.

We think there are better ways to trace the passengers coming in. We've contracted to have a mobile app and a website developed that everyone would have to fill out that would go directly to CDC with that information, and we're moving forward with that.

So, there's been good progress. I think what we all need is the reassurance that you and the Vice President and others have been providing: that travel is safe and that we can go forward. Because right now, the fear is almost worse than the virus.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. No, we're doing a good job. These professionals are really amazing. They've really stepped up, like the airlines have stepped up, very much so. Thank you.

Please.

MR. HAYES: Mr. President, Robin Hayes, JetBlue. Thank you very much for having us today, Mr. Vice President. And a lot of it has been said, but, you know, we're doing -- taking many of the same measures as everyone else to keep our customers and our crew members, our employees safe and secure.

Thank you for putting the Vice President in charge of these efforts. The federal government has tremendous capability when it comes together and is orchestrated with a common goal.

And I'd just like to spend a -- just a quick shout-out to the people in the federal government and the people that work for all of us who are really in the frontlines of this and the heroic efforts they're making every day to keep us safe and secure.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Oscar?

MR. MUNOZ: I'll take a different angle, just because a lot of it has been said. I started my whole conversation here before you came in: The safety and health of our customers and our employees are the topmost. We will cooperate and collaborate with everything.

I think -- as I look through this from a personal lens, I'm a heart transplant survivor. I am -- if you think of the poster child for the individual that could be affected by this, I am it. I'm over the age and I have immune -- systems. And so, that's the task we take at United about making our planes safe. We're exploring all the different ideas and aspects that we can do to ensure that our planes are as safe as possible.

From the ask perspective, anything that continues to project stability, calm, and -- Dr. Birx, with regards to behavior, we've invented the "corona bump" at United, where you'll see us all bumping each other. It may sound silly, but it's a fun way of expressing what I think we all need to know -- is be careful for the next few weeks as we control this; that we adapt our behavior so that indeed we can continue to stay safe.

So thank you for everything and for having us.

THE PRESIDENT: And that's right: You are a heart transplant survivor.

MR. MUNOZ: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: I was reading about that. He's one of the big executives, great executives of our country, of the world. And you're a heart transplant -- I tell you, you look very good to me, Oscar. (Laughter.)

MR. MUNOZ: I don't recommend it.

THE PRESIDENT: You have that one down. Don't recommend it. (Laughter.) But you --



that's a fantastic story. Wow. That's great. Thank you very much, Oscar.

Mike, why don't you finish it up?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you, Mr. President. Again, the American people deserve to know that the threat of contracting the coronavirus remains low, according to all our experts.

But, at your direction, we are going to continue to bring the full resources of the federal government, and we're going to enlist the full resources of American industry to keep the American people safe. And our airlines have been exceptional partners with us, not only the executives, but we also want to commend the crews that have been taking such good care of passengers, the people that are cleaning the planes, and keeping you all safe, and working with us on the screening process and the funneling process.

And, as you said, Mr. President, we're going to continue to lean into this effort and we will -- we'll continue to do so until we find our way through the impacts of the coronavirus. And when we accomplish that, we'll accomplish it as one American people, as one team. And I'm grateful to have the people on the team here in the room.

THE PRESIDENT: Great job, Mike. As certain areas get to be more of a problem, we may close them up, as we have done with numerous areas. At this moment, we think we have it very much in hand. We've closed certain areas down very strongly -- in some cases, not whole countries, but certain areas within countries, like in Italy. We are, I think, doing a very effective job, in terms of that. It's very important.

The one thing that we were discussing before is you really don't know what the percentage is. Some people will have this at a very light level and won't even go to a doctor or hospital, and they'll get better. There are many people like that. Young people seem to be -- you can't say "immune" to it, but they're certainly -- the numbers are very small. And it does affect the older people, like the nursing home situation that we have on the West Coast -- a single nursing home, where we have a pretty big percentage of people.



But as things go along -- so we were trying to adjust that number and we're trying to see what the number might be. But if you add, you know, many, many people that have it and don't know they have it or they think they have a cold and, all of the sudden, they're recovering from it, I think that number will probably be a lot different number than the two's and even the one and a half's that we're hearing. And I think that's an important thing for people to know.

I'm very proud of the people in the administration. I'm very proud of the airline business. You said it very well when you said the airline business always seem to pull together. I've seen that over the years and this is a great case of it. And I want to thank you all. You're great executives and you love the country and you love what you do. And thank you all very much. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Q Mr. President, are you considering giving any sort of financial support to the airlines to deal with that loss of business from overseas travel?

THE PRESIDENT: Don't ask that question, please. Because they haven't asked it. (Laughter.) So, I don't want you to give them any ideas or you'll end up heading an airline. He'll end up heading an airline. That's a pretty tough question.

So, I don't know. Well, they haven't -- we haven't discussed that yet.

AIDE: All right. Thanks guys.

Q Mr. President, is your message that it's safe to fly?

THE PRESIDENT: Wait, go ahead. What?

Q Is your message to Americans that it's safe to fly? And can you convince the traveling public of that?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I think where these people are flying, it's safe to fly. And large portions of the world are very safe to fly. So we don't want to say anything other than that. And we have closed down certain sections of the world, frankly, and they've sort of automatically closed them also. They'll understand that and they understand it better, perhaps, than anybody. Yes, it's safe.

Q And are American businesses overreacting if they're cutting down domestic travel and they're telling people not to fly to conferences inside the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, a lot of people are doing a lot of domestic business now, I can tell you. They're staying in this country. They feel safe because we have a -- if you look at a percentage, we have a very, very small percentage. And a big percentage of what we have is when we brought in the 40 or so people from the ship. We brought them in, we immediately quarantined them, but you're adding that to the numbers that we had, which were very small.

Now, what we're going to do is, as people get better -- because we have -- you know, most of these people are getting better. Some are already released. Some are going home, some are, you know, get a full 100 percent report. We're going to take them off the list.

But we have a very small number of people in this country. We have a big country. The biggest impact we had was when we took the 40-plus people. They're Americans. I mean, I could say, "Don't let them into the country." But these are Americans and they were literally stranded and it was very unfair.

We brought them back. We immediately quarantined them. But you add that to the numbers. But if you don't add that to the numbers, we're talking about very small numbers in the United States.

We've all done a very good job -- all of us. And I think the news has been and the -- for the most part, the media has -- has really treated us very fairly, which I appreciate. I think it's very important.

Q When people get on planes, Mr. President, is there anything that they should be doing differently, since you think it is safe to fly and get on an airplane?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me ask the head of American Airlines and United Airlines.

Q Is there anything, for the executives around the table, that if you're a passenger, you get on that plane -- we've been told "wash your hands."

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. Maybe Dr. Birx.

Q Is there anything that you guys -- that you have a message for passengers?

THE PRESIDENT: Dr. Birx will be -- Ambassador. And then maybe you can say something.

DR. BIRX: Well, we're always saying the common sense of washing your hands, not touching your face, ensuring that if you touched anything, you go and wash your hands again -- 20 seconds with soap. Hand sanitizers also work. But I think I was very reassured to hear the airlines talk about their cleaning procedures and their three levels of cleaning procedures because I think that will be reassuring to the American public.

THE PRESIDENT: And I haven't touched my face in weeks. (Laughter.) Been weeks. I miss it.

Q Mr. President, would you do anything to address some of the concerns that maybe travelers who booked their flights and, you know, they might be, you know, coming up on a trip and they might have to make rearrangements. Is that something --

THE PRESIDENT: Doug, what would you say about that?

MR. PARKER: We've just issued a -- we put out a fare sale recently that allows customers



the flexibility to book their travel in advance, and if they find they want to change that later, the change fees are waived. So I think all of us are working to find -- figure out ways to make sure there's flexibility for the traveling public.

THE PRESIDENT: I would think -- Oscar, how would you handle that? You have a lot of people, they book and now maybe --

MR. MUNOZ: This is a time unprecedented in our history that we need to be absolutely understanding of people's travel plans. And like Doug and most of the airlines, we are taking all appropriate measures to make sure that our customers get the best treatment.

THE PRESIDENT: I think people are going to be very impressed with what the airlines do.

Q Mr. President, you mentioned that Obama-era rule that you have changed --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q -- regarding this virus. I didn't follow that.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, well, let's talk about it. Go ahead.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We could talk -- Bob Redfield, you might speak about the -- the last administration asserted FDA jurisdiction over testing and the development of tests like this. And Bob -- the President changed that on Saturday so that now, as I spoke to several governors this morning, the states now have the ability to actually conduct the coronavirus test in state labs, university laboratories.

THE PRESIDENT: Big difference.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: And that's because of the change the President authorized.

And, Bob, you just might reflect on the changing jurisdiction of that that's freed up more



available testing.

DR. REDFIELD: Well, thank you, Mr. Vice President. So, in the past, we used to be able to have laboratories that could develop what we call "laboratory developed tests" and then be able to apply them for clinical purposes. And in the previous administration, that became regulated so that, now, for someone to do that, they had to formally file with the FDA.

And what the President's decision did was allow that regulatory relief now and that those university labs and those other labs in this country now can be fully engaged in developing laboratory diagnostics for the clinical arena so the men and women in this nation can get access to -- and the doctors -- to get to know the extent of HIV in the patients that they're caring for. It's, really, very important. It's what's changed the availability of testing overnight.

THE PRESIDENT: This was a very big move. And it was a -- it was something that we had to do and we did it very quickly. And now we have tremendous flexibility. Many, many more sites. Many, many more people. And you couldn't have had that under the Obama rule, and we ended that rule very quickly.

Yes.

Q Mr. President, on the contact tracing, can you explain what you're hoping to get from these folks? What more information do they need to track or share with the government?

THE PRESIDENT: Go ahead. Chad.

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: So what we're asking for is additional pieces of information so that the CDC, HHS, and others can track individuals as they come into the country and as they continue on to their final destination.

And if we need to, from a health perspective, to continue to reach out, continue to track them, and to get in touch with them, looking for a few more pieces of information and data

from them.

Q Do you think you'll get resolution in this meeting today on that?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we will continue to have conversations, but, yes, we'll get resolution.

Q Can I follow up on that question? The North Carolina case was someone who was at the nursing home in Washington State. Does the administration now have the contact information who were with that person on the flight to North Carolina?

DR. REDFIELD: That public health evaluation is ongoing right now, and we're working with the airlines and obviously with the North Carolina health department. The CDC supports the local public health department to really get together to get all of that information. It's in progress.

Q But at this point, you do not have that -- the person -- the passenger information of people who were on that flight?

DR. REDFIELD: My understanding is that we have the manifest. Now the trick is to go find them. And that's why we're having this discussion.

THE PRESIDENT: And much of that has been done already.

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you. I can't believe it -- no questions on the election? This has to be very -- I can't -- (laughter) -- no, no. I can't believe it. (Inaudible). That was something.

Q What did you think about last night? You invited us, Mr. President. What did you think about last night?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think the election was great last night. I thought it was great. I

thought the results were -- it was a great comeback for Joe Biden. Incredible comeback, when you think about it.

But if you would've looked -- if Elizabeth Warren would've done what she probably should've done, from their point of view, he would've won. Right? He would've won a lot of states, including Massachusetts, probably Texas, definitely Minnesota.

So Bernie would've won states that he lost, and he lost fairly easily. But, in particular, Massachusetts. I would say, Minnesota, in particular. I would also say Texas. And some others.

So had she -- I put something out on it this morning. She was really a spoiler because other people got out and those votes inured to Joe. And those people really helped Joe, you know, by getting out early -- the couple that got out and made the endorsement.

In the case of Elizabeth Warren, had she gotten out, it would've been a very different situation, I think. It would've been a very different night. Just that one simple move. Had she left, you pick up Massachusetts, Minnesota, and probably Texas. And those are the three I checked. I would imagine there are others that he would've picked up too.

So, Elizabeth Warren was the single biggest factor in that election last night. It would've been a very different thing, and not in a positive way for her -- in a very selfish way for her. She was very selfish from that point of view.

Now, do I care? No, because we're just waiting to find out who we're running against. But when you look at it -- pretty incredible. If she would've -- if she would've gotten out and endorsed -- even if she didn't -- she didn't even have to endorse. I think there's a lot of bad blood there. But had she gotten out and endorsed, he would've been a lot better off.

Q What do you think happens now?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, now, I think it's a very tough -- I think it's tough. I think Joe has



an easier path right now, believe it or not. I see Mini Mike just got out, and he's going to, you know, try and save face by putting some money into Biden's campaign. And we'll see what happens. I don't think that's going to have an impact. You know, you got to -- look, money has to be spent wisely.

One thing this whole thing has shown is that you can't buy an election. It's a beautiful thing. Steyer put in 250, 300 hundred million dollars. And now who knows where he is. He's home, probably licking his wounds.

And Bloomberg put in, probably, a billion dollars. And, you know, sometimes you just don't have what it takes. And I said to him, "It's not easy doing what I did, is it?" So it's one of those things, you know. But it's going to be very interesting.

To think that this would've changed so much -- because if you go before Saturday, before South Carolina, I mean, he had -- Joe had absolutely no chance, according to you people. But they used to say that about me too. Not as much though. I think -- I always felt I had a very good chance. But I'd watch, and they'd say, "Well, can't happen." But it happened, and it happened pretty easily. I think now it's -- I think Joe actually would have the advantage now.

You know, if you look at the states he's going to with Florida and others, I think he's got an advantage in those states. But, again, had Elizabeth Warren endorsed Bernie, you're talking about a whole different subject. And that's not even a question. You're talking about a whole -- because he would've gotten 80, 90, almost -- I mean, he would've gotten most of those votes. So you're talking about a much different thing.

Q What do you make of the stock market's reaction today? It seems like there has been a sigh of relief that --

THE PRESIDENT: I think -- you know what it is? I think --

Q -- now that Biden has the delegate lead over Sanders?



THE PRESIDENT: Well, I've said from the beginning: It's partially this. It's a -- you know, a big part of this, but it's also the fact that they didn't like seeing what they're seeing. But they don't like -- they don't like Joe either. Joe has become -- you know, he's -- a lot of people are with Joe. If you look at those people, they're worse than Bernie, in terms of being radical left.

I mean, some of Joe's handlers -- and that's what they are, is handlers. I want to be nice, but they are handlers. Some of Joe's handlers are further left than Bernie. That's pretty scary. So, it's going to be that way. Yeah.

Q Do you think Bloomberg's money will be more powerful without Bloomberg himself in the race? I mean, he said he's going to continue to spend.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it couldn't be less powerful because look what a billion dollars did. He won nothing. I mean, he got so few delegates. It's incredible.

Q And now he says he's going to be spending it against you rather than for himself.

THE PRESIDENT: I would say, probably -- well, I know. Now he's doing that because, you know, he's spiteful and he's a spiteful guy. I know him well. He's a very spiteful guy. He's very upset. He made a fool out of himself, to be honest with you. And it's -- he's not too happy about that. I think the first thing he should do is fire his political consultants because I could've told -- I know him. I could've told him very easily, "You can't win. You can put \$2 billion in; you can't win."

Okay. Thank you, everybody.

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THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, everyone. We're with the great airline executives of the world, really. These are the biggest and the best, and know the business better than anybody. They've been in it for a long time, and they've emerged -- in all cases, head their companies. And we're talking about the effects of the virus on air travel and what they see.

In a certain way, you could say that the borders are automatically shut down, without having to say "shut down." I mean, they're, to a certain extent, automatically shut down. But it's affecting the airline business, as it would. And a lot of people are staying in our country, and they're shopping and using our hotels in this country. So, from that standpoint, I think, probably, there's a positive impact. But there's also an impact on overseas travel, which will be fairly substantial.

And, Mike, maybe I'll let you give a little briefing as to what we've just discussed.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm grateful to have the opportunity to meet with the leaders of our airline industry today.

You know, Mr. President, you said from early on that we were going to have a whole-of-government approach. But the truth is, as evidenced by all these great industry leaders, it's really a whole-of-America approach.

THE PRESIDENT: Right.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: And the American people deserve to know that, according to all of our experts, the risk to the average American of contracting the coronavirus remains low. And that's largely owing to your decision, Mr. President, to suspend all travel from China into the United States and to quarantine all Americans that are returning.

It's also owing to the tremendous cooperation of this industry, the airline industry. Because in addition to suspending travel from China, you recently made the decision to designate as "do not travel" certain areas of Italy, certain areas of South

Korea. But we also, at your direction, have worked with this industry so that now, as of yesterday morning, all passengers on all direct flights from all airports in Italy or South Korea are being screened on multiple times before they board any of these airlines.

We're grateful for that, Mr. President. I know you are. And everyone here should know that we're going to continue to follow the facts and the data.

Dr. Birx is working closely with all of our health officials to determine what additional screening might be required in the United States or in partners around the world. But our airlines are going to play a key role, Mr. President, in preventing the spread of this disease.

And even earlier today, at your direction, we met with leaders of our nursing home industry to talk about the measures of -- increased measures to prevent the spread of infectious disease. We sent new guidance out to nursing homes. We'll be announcing later today new priority of inspections for infectious diseases. We're detailing that. We explained it to the industry today.

And also, on the issue of testing, Mr. President, you've made that a priority. We'll have over a million tests in the field today.

I spoke to several governors this morning that were grateful for the fact that the changes that you made this weekend, through the FDA, now make it possible for state health clinics, as well as universities around the country, to be able to conduct coronavirus tests, but we'll also be meeting this afternoon with leaders of our commercial laboratories to make a coronavirus test more rapidly, more widely available for doctors' offices, medical clinics, and consumers around the country.

So, Mr. President, as you said, it is a whole-of-government approach, but in a very real sense, it's a whole-of-America approach. And I've already expressed, and I know you feel a great deal of gratitude to our partners in industry and in the airline industry for acting on your priority to put the safety and health of the American people first.

THE PRESIDENT: Good, Mike. Thank you very much. I just want to add, if I might -- and to go a little bit further -- the Obama administration made a decision on testing that turned out to be very detrimental to what we're doing. And we undid that decision a few days ago so that the testing can take place in a much more accurate and rapid fashion. That was a decision we disagreed with. I don't think we would have made it, but for some reason it was made. But we've undone that decision.

Also, when people come in from certain areas, we're doing checks not only at the site of takeoff but at the site of landing. So when they land in our country, we'll also do it; that's if the planes are leaving from certain destinations.

I might ask, Doctor, if you could, I'd like you to say a few words. You've been doing a fantastic job in just a short time. We haven't had much time, but you've really been doing a fan- -- a really fantastic time. Please.

DR. BIRX: Thank you. Well, before you came in, Mr. President, we talked about which Americans are most vulnerable and the fact that younger Americans may not be as vulnerable. So we're really focused very much in that way, and I think the airline industry can help us also in any kind of screening required, particularly to protect our older Americans.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Thank you. Thank you. Doug, do you have anything to say?

MR. PARKER: No. Thank you for having us. Thanks for the work we're doing jointly to keep people safe. We're proud of our team. We're proud of the work they're doing.

We appreciate the aggressive containment efforts that the United States has done to protect Americans and the role we've played in that. So we're happy to be here and continue to be interested in anything we can, and particularly as we move from maybe aggressive containment to mitigation efforts, what can be done there as well.



THE PRESIDENT: Right. Doug is the head of American Airlines, as you know. Maybe we'll go around the room, if you'd like to say something. Please.

MR. KELLY: Well, thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

MR. KELLY: And, again, we appreciate the leadership, appreciate the collaboration and coordination. And, certainly, the industry wants to do everything that we can to keep Americans safe and certainly our employees and our customers.

We've stepped up our efforts to make sure the airplanes are clean and disinfected, and we work very closely with the CDC, and I think that's gone very, very well. So we've got the proper protocols in place whenever there is a suspected illness, and I think all that is working very well. I think everybody is doing a great job and doing all they can.

THE PRESIDENT: We appreciate the job you're doing. Thank you very much. Please.

MR. TILDEN: Brad Tilden with Alaska Airlines. We appreciate the efforts, Mr. President. I think, like all the folks around the table, the focus of the airline leadership teams is the safety of our employees and the safety of our customers, and that's where we're focused.

I think all of us have made a lot of changes to our cleaning procedures, changes to our onboard procedures -- to gloves, sanitation, the service that our flight attendants are providing our customers. And we're trying to do everything we can to help -- help everyone contain the virus and contain the spread of it.

And we appreciate it. And if there's more that we can do to help, we want to -- we're here to tell you that we want to do that.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you using different things for the cleaning, the fluids? Are you



using different cleaning (inaudible)?

MR. TILDEN: We've taken a good look at them. The stuff that we're using, I think we've concluded is effective. But we are changing the routines. There's three levels of cleaning that we do and we're intensifying the cleaning of the aircraft.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Great job.

Peter?

MR. INGRAM: Peter Ingram with Hawaiian Airlines. Mr. President, I echo my counterparts in the industry talking about -- the safety of our guests and our employees is paramount to everything we do. And we really appreciate the collaboration with the administration and the government to make sure that we are doing everything we can to ensure that.

I think it is -- it is very helpful to hear Dr. Birx talk about the specific areas of risk because there is a lot of concern out there. There's concern internationally about travel and there's concern domestically. And I think the more information that we have to share with our guests about the facts is very helpful as we go forward with this challenge.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Thank you very much. Thanks, Peter.

MR. KOSCAL: Matt Koscal with Republic Airways.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. KOSCAL: Thank you, Mr. President, for this opportunity for us to come together as leaders in the aviation industry and to have a sharing of information, which I think is critical. We all represent the men and women that are on the frontlines and need to ensure that they have the tools, resources, and information to do their job each and every day so that these efforts are effective.

And the one thing the aviation industry has proven it does very well is it comes together in times of challenge --

THE PRESIDENT: It's true.

MR. KOSCAL: -- to provide a solution for this country. So I feel very confident that, with your leadership and all the folks in the room, that we will continue to serve, first and foremost, our employees so they can serve the customers who depend on us.

THE PRESIDENT: That's very good. Chad, did you have anything to say about it?

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: Well, I would just say, Mr. President: Again, at your leadership, we're funneling to 11 specific airports and contract medical staff that we put in place. We've screened over 53,000 individuals and prevented a number of folks from coming into the country. And that's largely due to the cooperation and the flexibility of the individuals in this room. So, again, thank you for everything that you're doing to help us keep America safe.

THE PRESIDENT: And, Chad, anything different on the southern border, where we're doing so well? We're setting records on the southern border, in terms of allowing the people that are supposed to be here in, but not allowing others in. Anything new on the southern border?

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: Well, again, from a screening standpoint, we have some of the same measures that we do at airports of entry and our land points of entry. So CBP officers and, again, contract medical staff -- some from HHS and some contract -- are, again, screening individuals and referring to CDC as necessary. So some of the same procedures at airports are taking place at land ports of entry, as well as maritime ports of entry.

So, for DHS, we're looking at every way individuals come into the country, not just

through the -- through the airports, making sure that we're securing the country as a whole.

THE PRESIDENT: Good job. Thank you.

MR. CALIO: Mr. President, thank you for having us. We were delighted when you had made the Vice President the head of the interagency task force. We believe in collaboration. We want to try to solve these problems, both short- and long-term. We've been sharing ideas with the Vice President's staff and your staff.

We think there are better ways to trace the passengers coming in. We've contracted to have a mobile app and a website developed that everyone would have to fill out that would go directly to CDC with that information, and we're moving forward with that.

So, there's been good progress. I think what we all need is the reassurance that you and the Vice President and others have been providing: that travel is safe and that we can go forward. Because right now, the fear is almost worse than the virus.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. No, we're doing a good job. These professionals are really amazing. They've really stepped up, like the airlines have stepped up, very much so. Thank you.

Please.

MR. HAYES: Mr. President, Robin Hayes, JetBlue. Thank you very much for having us today, Mr. Vice President. And a lot of it has been said, but, you know, we're doing -- taking many of the same measures as everyone else to keep our customers and our crew members, our employees safe and secure.

Thank you for putting the Vice President in charge of these efforts. The federal government has tremendous capability when it comes together and is orchestrated with a common goal.



And I'd just like to spend a -- just a quick shout-out to the people in the federal government and the people that work for all of us who are really in the frontlines of this and the heroic efforts they're making every day to keep us safe and secure.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Oscar?

MR. MUNOZ: I'll take a different angle, just because a lot of it has been said. I started my whole conversation here before you came in: The safety and health of our customers and our employees are the topmost. We will cooperate and collaborate with everything.

I think -- as I look through this from a personal lens, I'm a heart transplant survivor. I am -- if you think of the poster child for the individual that could be affected by this, I am it. I'm over the age and I have immune -- systems. And so, that's the task we take at United about making our planes safe. We're exploring all the different ideas and aspects that we can do to ensure that our planes are as safe as possible.

From the ask perspective, anything that continues to project stability, calm, and -- Dr. Birx, with regards to behavior, we've invented the "corona bump" at United, where you'll see us all bumping each other. It may sound silly, but it's a fun way of expressing what I think we all need to know -- is be careful for the next few weeks as we control this; that we adapt our behavior so that indeed we can continue to stay safe.

So thank you for everything and for having us.

THE PRESIDENT: And that's right: You are a heart transplant survivor.

MR. MUNOZ: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: I was reading about that. He's one of the big executives, great



executives of our country, of the world. And you're a heart transplant -- I tell you, you look very good to me, Oscar. (Laughter.)

MR. MUNOZ: I don't recommend it.

THE PRESIDENT: You have that one down. Don't recommend it. (Laughter.) But you -- that's a fantastic story. Wow. That's great. Thank you very much, Oscar.

Mike, why don't you finish it up?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you, Mr. President. Again, the American people deserve to know that the threat of contracting the coronavirus remains low, according to all our experts.

But, at your direction, we are going to continue to bring the full resources of the federal government, and we're going to enlist the full resources of American industry to keep the American people safe. And our airlines have been exceptional partners with us, not only the executives, but we also want to commend the crews that have been taking such good care of passengers, the people that are cleaning the planes, and keeping you all safe, and working with us on the screening process and the funneling process.

And, as you said, Mr. President, we're going to continue to lean into this effort and we will -- we'll continue to do so until we find our way through the impacts of the coronavirus. And when we accomplish that, we'll accomplish it as one American people, as one team. And I'm grateful to have the people on the team here in the room.

THE PRESIDENT: Great job, Mike. As certain areas get to be more of a problem, we may close them up, as we have done with numerous areas. At this moment, we think we have it very much in hand. We've closed certain areas down very strongly -- in some cases, not whole countries, but certain areas within countries, like in Italy. We are, I think, doing a very effective job, in terms of that. It's very important.

The one thing that we were discussing before is you really don't know what the percentage is. Some people will have this at a very light level and won't even go to a doctor or hospital, and they'll get better. There are many people like that. Young people seem to be -- you can't say "immune" to it, but they're certainly -- the numbers are very small. And it does affect the older people, like the nursing home situation that we have on the West Coast -- a single nursing home, where we have a pretty big percentage of people.

But as things go along -- so we were trying to adjust that number and we're trying to see what the number might be. But if you add, you know, many, many people that have it and don't know they have it or they think they have a cold and, all of the sudden, they're recovering from it, I think that number will probably be a lot different number than the two's and even the one and a half's that we're hearing. And I think that's an important thing for people to know.

I'm very proud of the people in the administration. I'm very proud of the airline business. You said it very well when you said the airline business always seem to pull together. I've seen that over the years and this is a great case of it. And I want to thank you all. You're great executives and you love the country and you love what you do. And thank you all very much. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Q Mr. President, are you considering giving any sort of financial support to the airlines to deal with that loss of business from overseas travel?

THE PRESIDENT: Don't ask that question, please. Because they haven't asked it. (Laughter.) So, I don't want you to give them any ideas or you'll end up heading an airline. He'll end up heading an airline. That's a pretty tough question.

So, I don't know. Well, they haven't -- we haven't discussed that yet.

AIDE: All right. Thanks guys.

Q Mr. President, is your message that it's safe to fly?

THE PRESIDENT: Wait, go ahead. What?

Q Is your message to Americans that it's safe to fly? And can you convince the traveling public of that?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I think where these people are flying, it's safe to fly. And large portions of the world are very safe to fly. So we don't want to say anything other than that. And we have closed down certain sections of the world, frankly, and they've sort of automatically closed them also. They'll understand that and they understand it better, perhaps, than anybody. Yes, it's safe.

Q And are American businesses overreacting if they're cutting down domestic travel and they're telling people not to fly to conferences inside the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, a lot of people are doing a lot of domestic business now, I can tell you. They're staying in this country. They feel safe because we have a -- if you look at a percentage, we have a very, very small percentage. And a big percentage of what we have is when we brought in the 40 or so people from the ship. We brought them in, we immediately quarantined them, but you're adding that to the numbers that we had, which were very small.

Now, what we're going to do is, as people get better -- because we have -- you know, most of these people are getting better. Some are already released. Some are going home, some are, you know, get a full 100 percent report. We're going to take them off the list.

But we have a very small number of people in this country. We have a big country. The biggest impact we had was when we took the 40-plus people. They're Americans. I mean, I could say, "Don't let them into the country." But these are Americans and they were literally stranded and it was very unfair.



We brought them back. We immediately quarantined them. But you add that to the numbers. But if you don't add that to the numbers, we're talking about very small numbers in the United States.

We've all done a very good job -- all of us. And I think the news has been and the -- for the most part, the media has -- has really treated us very fairly, which I appreciate. I think it's very important.

Q When people get on planes, Mr. President, is there anything that they should be doing differently, since you think it is safe to fly and get on an airplane?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me ask the head of American Airlines and United Airlines.

Q Is there anything, for the executives around the table, that if you're a passenger, you get on that plane -- we've been told "wash your hands."

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. Maybe Dr. Birx.

Q Is there anything that you guys -- that you have a message for passengers?

THE PRESIDENT: Dr. Birx will be -- Ambassador. And then maybe you can say something.

DR. BIRX: Well, we're always saying the common sense of washing your hands, not touching your face, ensuring that if you touched anything, you go and wash your hands again -- 20 seconds with soap. Hand sanitizers also work. But I think I was very reassured to hear the airlines talk about their cleaning procedures and their three levels of cleaning procedures because I think that will be reassuring to the American public.

THE PRESIDENT: And I haven't touched my face in weeks. (Laughter.) Been weeks. I miss it.

Q Mr. President, would you do anything to address some of the concerns that maybe travelers who booked their flights and, you know, they might be, you know, coming up on a trip and they might have to make rearrangements. Is that something --

THE PRESIDENT: Doug, what would you say about that?

MR. PARKER: We've just issued a -- we put out a fare sale recently that allows customers the flexibility to book their travel in advance, and if they find they want to change that later, the change fees are waived. So I think all of us are working to find -- figure out ways to make sure there's flexibility for the traveling public.

THE PRESIDENT: I would think -- Oscar, how would you handle that? You have a lot of people, they book and now maybe --

MR. MUNOZ: This is a time unprecedented in our history that we need to be absolutely understanding of people's travel plans. And like Doug and most of the airlines, we are taking all appropriate measures to make sure that our customers get the best treatment.

THE PRESIDENT: I think people are going to be very impressed with what the airlines do.

Q Mr. President, you mentioned that Obama-era rule that you have changed --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q -- regarding this virus. I didn't follow that.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, well, let's talk about it. Go ahead.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We could talk -- Bob Redfield, you might speak about the -- the last administration asserted FDA jurisdiction over testing and the development of tests

like this. And Bob -- the President changed that on Saturday so that now, as I spoke to several governors this morning, the states now have the ability to actually conduct the coronavirus test in state labs, university laboratories.

THE PRESIDENT: Big difference.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: And that's because of the change the President authorized.

And, Bob, you just might reflect on the changing jurisdiction of that that's freed up more available testing.

DR. REDFIELD: Well, thank you, Mr. Vice President. So, in the past, we used to be able to have laboratories that could develop what we call "laboratory developed tests" and then be able to apply them for clinical purposes. And in the previous administration, that became regulated so that, now, for someone to do that, they had to formally file with the FDA.

And what the President's decision did was allow that regulatory relief now and that those university labs and those other labs in this country now can be fully engaged in developing laboratory diagnostics for the clinical arena so the men and women in this nation can get access to -- and the doctors -- to get to know the extent of HIV in the patients that they're caring for. It's, really, very important. It's what's changed the availability of testing overnight.

THE PRESIDENT: This was a very big move. And it was a -- it was something that we had to do and we did it very quickly. And now we have tremendous flexibility. Many, many more sites. Many, many more people. And you couldn't have had that under the Obama rule, and we ended that rule very quickly.

Yes.

Q Mr. President, on the contact tracing, can you explain what you're hoping to get from



these folks? What more information do they need to track or share with the government?

THE PRESIDENT: Go ahead. Chad.

ACTING SECRETARY WOLF: So what we're asking for is additional pieces of information so that the CDC, HHS, and others can track individuals as they come into the country and as they continue on to their final destination.

And if we need to, from a health perspective, to continue to reach out, continue to track them, and to get in touch with them, looking for a few more pieces of information and data from them.

Q Do you think you'll get resolution in this meeting today on that?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we will continue to have conversations, but, yes, we'll get resolution.

Q Can I follow up on that question? The North Carolina case was someone who was at the nursing home in Washington State. Does the administration now have the contact information who were with that person on the flight to North Carolina?

DR. REDFIELD: That public health evaluation is ongoing right now, and we're working with the airlines and obviously with the North Carolina health department. The CDC supports the local public health department to really get together to get all of that information. It's in progress.

Q But at this point, you do not have that -- the person -- the passenger information of people who were on that flight?

DR. REDFIELD: My understanding is that we have the manifest. Now the trick is to go find them. And that's why we're having this discussion.

THE PRESIDENT: And much of that has been done already.

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you. I can't believe it -- no questions on the election? This has to be very -- I can't -- (laughter) -- no, no. I can't believe it. (Inaudible). That was something.

Q What did you think about last night? You invited us, Mr. President. What did you think about last night?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think the election was great last night. I thought it was great. I thought the results were -- it was a great comeback for Joe Biden. Incredible comeback, when you think about it.

But if you would've looked -- if Elizabeth Warren would've done what she probably should've done, from their point of view, he would've won. Right? He would've won a lot of states, including Massachusetts, probably Texas, definitely Minnesota.

So Bernie would've won states that he lost, and he lost fairly easily. But, in particular, Massachusetts. I would say, Minnesota, in particular. I would also say Texas. And some others.

So had she -- I put something out on it this morning. She was really a spoiler because other people got out and those votes inured to Joe. And those people really helped Joe, you know, by getting out early -- the couple that got out and made the endorsement.

In the case of Elizabeth Warren, had she gotten out, it would've been a very different situation, I think. It would've been a very different night. Just that one simple move. Had she left, you pick up Massachusetts, Minnesota, and probably Texas. And those are the three I checked. I would imagine there are others that he would've picked up too.

So, Elizabeth Warren was the single biggest factor in that election last night. It would've been a very different thing, and not in a positive way for her -- in a very selfish way for her. She was very selfish from that point of view.

Now, do I care? No, because we're just waiting to find out who we're running against. But when you look at it -- pretty incredible. If she would've -- if she would've gotten out and endorsed -- even if she didn't -- she didn't even have to endorse. I think there's a lot of bad blood there. But had she gotten out and endorsed, he would've been a lot better off.

Q What do you think happens now?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, now, I think it's a very tough -- I think it's tough. I think Joe has an easier path right now, believe it or not. I see Mini Mike just got out, and he's going to, you know, try and save face by putting some money into Biden's campaign. And we'll see what happens. I don't think that's going to have an impact. You know, you got to -- look, money has to be spent wisely.

One thing this whole thing has shown is that you can't buy an election. It's a beautiful thing. Steyer put in 250, 300 hundred million dollars. And now who knows where he is. He's home, probably licking his wounds.

And Bloomberg put in, probably, a billion dollars. And, you know, sometimes you just don't have what it takes. And I said to him, "It's not easy doing what I did, is it?" So it's one of those things, you know. But it's going to be very interesting.

To think that this would've changed so much -- because if you go before Saturday, before South Carolina, I mean, he had -- Joe had absolutely no chance, according to you people. But they used to say that about me too. Not as much though. I think -- I always felt I had a very good chance. But I'd watch, and they'd say, "Well, can't happen." But it happened, and it happened pretty easily. I think now it's -- I think Joe actually would have the advantage now.



You know, if you look at the states he's going to with Florida and others, I think he's got an advantage in those states. But, again, had Elizabeth Warren endorsed Bernie, you're talking about a whole different subject. And that's not even a question. You're talking about a whole -- because he would've gotten 80, 90, almost -- I mean, he would've gotten most of those votes. So you're talking about a much different thing.

Q What do you make of the stock market's reaction today? It seems like there has been a sigh of relief that --

THE PRESIDENT: I think -- you know what it is? I think --

Q -- now that Biden has the delegate lead over Sanders?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I've said from the beginning: It's partially this. It's a -- you know, a big part of this, but it's also the fact that they didn't like seeing what they're seeing. But they don't like -- they don't like Joe either. Joe has become -- you know, he's -- a lot of people are with Joe. If you look at those people, they're worse than Bernie, in terms of being radical left.

I mean, some of Joe's handlers -- and that's what they are, is handlers. I want to be nice, but they are handlers. Some of Joe's handlers are further left than Bernie. That's pretty scary. So, it's going to be that way. Yeah.

Q Do you think Bloomberg's money will be more powerful without Bloomberg himself in the race? I mean, he said he's going to continue to spend.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it couldn't be less powerful because look what a billion dollars did. He won nothing. I mean, he got so few delegates. It's incredible.

Q And now he says he's going to be spending it against you rather than for himself.

THE PRESIDENT: I would say, probably -- well, I know. Now he's doing that because, you know, he's spiteful and he's a spiteful guy. I know him well. He's a very spiteful guy. He's very upset. He made a fool out of himself, to be honest with you. And it's -- he's not too happy about that. I think the first thing he should do is fire his political consultants because I could've told -- I know him. I could've told him very easily, "You can't win. You can put \$2 billion in; you can't win."

Okay. Thank you, everybody.

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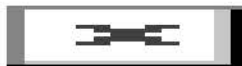
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We're currently soliciting nominations for the new committee. If you'd like to nominate yourself or a colleague please send me an email including the nominee's name, contact information and few sentences on their qualifications.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Q Mr. President, Congress has reached a bipartisan agreement on a multi-billion-dollar package. Can you address that? It's much more than the original amount that the administration had proposed. Is the administration prepared to support this? I mean, can you provide a comment on that?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, we've been working very closely with members of Congress in both political parties. Very shortly, I'll be back on Capitol Hill bringing our team to meet with the Republican and Democrat caucuses in the House of Representatives.

We had a very productive meeting yesterday in the Senate with Republican and Democrat members. But, you know, as the President said so well, we're all in this together. Our administration has taken the approach to listen to members of Congress. We're listening to governors.

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Thanks, everybody. Thank you all.

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But now, thanks to this leadership, before we are at that point, we will have in the field millions of diagnostics over the next several weeks ready for this challenge because of the President and Vice President's firm international leadership.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Q Mr. President, Congress has reached a bipartisan agreement on a multi-billion-dollar package. Can you address that? It's much more than the original amount that the administration had proposed. Is the administration prepared to support this? I mean, can you provide a comment on that?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, we've been working very closely with members of Congress in both political parties. Very shortly, I'll be back on Capitol Hill bringing our team to meet with the Republican and Democrat caucuses in the House of Representatives.

We had a very productive meeting yesterday in the Senate with Republican and Democrat members. But, you know, as the President said so well, we're all in this together. Our administration has taken the approach to listen to members of Congress. We're listening to governors.

And we're absolutely committed to ensure that not only do all the federal agencies that are dealing with the coronavirus have the resources they need, but we're going to make sure that states, local health officials have their resources. And, frankly, all of our private partners -- all of our private partners can be confident that, as they make investments in this space, that there'll be the compensation for that.

HHS has already denominated a test for coronavirus to be an essential health benefit, which -- which is a -- which ensures that it will be covered by people's private health insurance. It'll be covered by Medicare and Medicaid. And we'll -- we'll continue to work in that way.

But we look forward to seeing the details. But I can assure you the White House legislative team has been working in a very collaborative, very cooperative way with members of Congress and -- but we look forward to them completing their work on this important supplemental within the next 10 days.

Thanks, everybody. Thank you all.

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Ms. Cashman

Thank you for your reply on behalf of the CDC regarding transmission of COVID-19 by contaminated currency. Your letter states “Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID19 associated with currency, and there have been no such cases of COVID -19 identified in the United States.”

Then the issue is whether there has been testing of currency to verify if currency can transmit COVID-19 . The sample would be obtained from those persons known to be infected. The sample would be the currency that those individuals have had on them and in a large enough sample of both test subjects and uncontaminated currency for the subjects to keep with them for a predetermined time period to allow contamination.

Either an obvious possible cause as to how COVID19 is being spread has been overlooked or the public is not to be made aware of this matter. The French government believes this may be a real possibility:

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Michael J. Barber, Esq.

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On Mar 3, 2020, at 10:29 AM, CDCExecSec (CDC) <CDCExecSec@cdc.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Barber:

Thank you for your letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), regarding the coronavirus. CDC is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a new coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China on December 31, 2019.

CDC is closely monitoring this situation and has activated its Emergency Response System to better provide ongoing support to the response. For further information on the history of the response, please visit, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html#cdc-response](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html#cdc-response).

In your letter, you express concern about how coronavirus is spread. Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly by respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. Because there is currently very low risk of contracting COVID-19 in the U.S., CDC does not recommend that the general public take any special precautions against the spread of this virus. Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with currency, and there have been no such cases of COVID-19 identified in the United States.

Thank you, again, for your letter and interest in this ongoing outbreak. We hope this information has been helpful to you. CDC remains committed to ending the coronavirus transmission and to doing our part to help save lives and control the outbreak.

Sincerely,

Sandra Cashman, MS  
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The house just wrapped up debate and we expect them to vote on passage around 4pm.

The Senate is likely to consider tomorrow.

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**Subject:** Live Updates - COVID-19 Supplemental

There is a deal on the supplemental appropriation, with House floor action expected today. Caitrin or I will be sending updates on votes and other actions to this group.



Thanks to everyone for the hard work to make this happen so quickly!

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The House passed an \$8.3 billion emergency coronavirus package this afternoon in an overwhelming 415-2 vote, hours after an agreement was struck on the language. The measure now heads to the Senate, which could clear the bill as soon as Thursday and send it off to President Donald Trump for his signature.

The bill, H.R. 6074 (116), would bolster vaccine development, research, equipment stockpiles and state and local health budgets as government officials and health workers fight to contain the outbreak, which has claimed 11 lives in the U.S. and sickened more than 100 people across more than a dozen states. More than \$400 million would be shipped off to state and local governments within 30 days after the bill is signed into law, with each state receiving no less than \$4 million.

House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey said ahead of the vote that "House Democrats will not hesitate to act again if we must augment this funding with more resources," if needed.

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Bryan,  
Please review the attached press release. ASPA would like to send out as soon as possible. SNS has approved.

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## 6 things to know about the coronavirus funding package

By POLITICO Staff

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The \$8.3 billion emergency coronavirus funding package would fund the development of new treatments, boost funding to purchase medical supplies and ship more than \$400 million in grants to states and localities for preparedness within 30 days. Some language on purchasing could benefit the drug industry. Among the key provisions:

## Vaccines and treatments

The package would send \$826 million to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to drive the development of coronavirus vaccines, treatments and tests. The FDA would get \$61 million to speed up review of these new therapies and respond to possible drug and device shortages stemming from manufacturing disruptions at the virus' epicenter in China.



## States and localities

Despite a growing outcry over the cost of testing and treating patients, Congress didn't explicitly address how to handle funding for mandatory quarantines or the uninsured. The package would send \$950 million in state and local grants, with half of the money due within 30 days. States will receive a minimum of \$4 million.

The funding comes as a coronavirus response is already putting major stress on state and local health departments, which are historically underfunded. They're already spending money on staff, supplies and mandated quarantines. The legislation would reimburse states and counties for what they spent to prepare for and mitigate the virus between Jan. 20 and whenever the funding package is enacted. Funds can be used to build or renovate facilities.

## Stockpiles and supplies

The package includes about \$3.1 billion to purchase medical supplies for state and local health departments to beef up the Strategic National Stockpile, the largest national repository of emergency treatments. It will also provide additional resources for states and assist federal efforts to develop vaccines and therapeutics, as well as hospital preparedness.

Another \$300 million would help the government buy vaccines and treatments once they are approved. Democrats and Republicans had argued over how to ensure the government doesn't overpay for these products. The legislation specifies that products purchased with these funds must meet federal acquisition guidance "on fair and reasonable pricing." It also empowers the HHS secretary to ensure that any vaccines, drugs or diagnostic tests developed from funds provided by the bill "will be affordable in the commercial market," but doesn't specify how affordability will be determined.

However, language in the bill says that HHS can't delay the development of these products in an effort to maintain affordable prices, a win for Republicans and the drug industry, who argue that government constraints on pricing will limit private industry investment in coronavirus treatments.

## Community health centers

Community health centers on the front lines of the social safety net would get \$100 million just as their funding is set to expire at the end of May. Another \$10 million would go to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to put together trainings for health care workers on the front lines of the outbreak to avoid becoming infected.

## Telehealth

The package would also lift constraints on Medicare's payments for telehealth so beneficiaries could freely consult their doctors remotely, avoiding hospital and physician offices where they

might risk exposure to the virus. Telehealth groups were hoping for a provision that would waive restrictions during all national emergencies, but this appears more narrowly tailored to the coronavirus.

## International programs

The legislation includes \$300 million to continue the CDC's programs to detect and respond to international disease outbreaks, and \$435 million for global health programs at the State Department. State's international disaster assistance fund would get \$300 million to provide humanitarian aid and address health needs in countries where the coronavirus is spreading. Trump's fiscal 2021 budget request proposed cutting several international public health programs.

*Adriel Bettelheim, Sarah Oweremohle, Sarah Karlin-Smith, Rachel Rouben, Susannah Luthi, Brianna Ehley, Dan Goldberg and Lauren Morello contributed to this report.*

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ASN continues to work closely with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide information on the screening and management of COVID-19 for providers of dialysis services. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been updated on the Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety [webpage](#) with new information from CDC. You can review and download the FAQ document [here](#).

ASN will continue to update its online resources as more information becomes available. Please check periodically for updates to the FAQs and other COVID-19 information. For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19, please visit CDC's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

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## House swiftly passes bipartisan \$8.3B coronavirus package

By Caitlin Emma, Jennifer Scholtes

03/04/2020 12:03 PM EST

The House on Wednesday passed an \$8.3 billion emergency coronavirus package, just hours after congressional negotiators clinched a bipartisan deal to tackle the spreading epidemic.

The lower chamber approved the measure in an overwhelming 415-2 vote. It now heads to the Senate, which could clear the bill as soon as Thursday and send it off to President Donald Trump for his signature. The two nay votes were from Republican Reps. [Andy Biggs](#) of Arizona and [Ken Buck](#) of Colorado.

“While we all ardently hope that this public health emergency does not worsen, House Democrats will not hesitate to act again if we must augment this funding with more resources,” R 21; House Appropriations Chairwoman [Nita Lowey](#) (D-N.Y.) said on the floor ahead of the vote. Lowey also stressed to reporters that \$8.3 billion is “a lot of money,” which should be used “efficiently and effectively.”

The bill, [H.R. 6074 \(116\)](#), includes about \$7.7 billion in new discretionary spending to bolster vaccine development, research, equipment stockpiles and state and local health budgets, as government officials and health workers fight to contain the outbreak, which has claimed 11 lives in the U.S. and sickened more than 100 people across more than a dozen states.

Meanwhile, House and Senate leaders have stepped up their response to the outbreak with an onslaught of meetings — including a pair of briefings by Vice President Mike Pence at the

Capitol on Wednesday — to coordinate the federal response.

Congress' four most powerful leaders, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, also received a closed-door briefing Wednesday on the potential impact of the virus on U.S. Capitol operations.

Both Pelosi and McCarthy left the briefing confident that they would keep the Capitol open for business until further notice.

Under the agreement, more than \$400 million would be shipped off to state and local governments within 30 days after the bill is enacted, with each state receiving no less than \$4 million.

The package would also authorize \$490 million in mandatory spending by lifting constraints on Medicare's payments for telehealth so beneficiaries can freely consult their doctors remotely, avoiding hospitals and physicians' offices where they might risk exposure to the virus.

It would provide \$3.1 billion to beef up medical supplies and supplement the Strategic National Stockpile, including \$100 million for community health centers. About \$826 million would go to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the development of coronavirus vaccines, treatments and tests. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would receive \$2.2 billion, including a total of \$950 million to support the response efforts of state and local health agencies.

Under the deal, \$61 million would go to the FDA for vaccines and other efforts to counter the virus, plus keeping up with shortages in medical products and trying to boost U.S. manufacturing of those items. For aiding the global fight against the bug, congressional leaders laid out almost \$1.3 billion for the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development, including raising the cap from \$10 million to \$100 million for emergency evacuations.

The Small Business Administration would receive \$20 million to increase the number of loans given to businesses affected by the outbreak. The package also includes a provision requiring the Trump administration to replace \$136 million that it recently shifted from various health accounts, including mental health and substance abuse programs, in order to pad out its coronavirus response.

The agreement comes after several days of partisan bickering over vaccine affordability and other issues that had ensnared the bipartisan, bicameral talks. Negotiators ultimately agreed to include \$300 million “to help ensure that, when a vaccine is developed, Americans can receive it regardless of their ability to pay,” according to a House Democratic aide.

Vaccine affordability had been one of the biggest holdups to a final package. Democrats had pressed for significant funding to purchase large amounts of coronavirus diagnostics, treatments and vaccines when they become available, which would then be made available to the public free of cost, according to a senior Democratic aide.



The aide claimed that Republicans tried to eliminate the “fair and reasonable price” federal procurement standard for the vaccines and treatments that will be developed and purchased with the emergency funds. “Fair and reasonable price” is a basic standard to prevent price gouging in federal contracts.

Republicans, however, argued they are trying to fight Democratic efforts to create a new set of price controls and that they are not asking for changes to the underlying procurement standards.

“There’s some things that we think would have discouraged pharmaceutical companies from making investments and participating — we want everybody at the table — and I think we found the right mix,” said Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, the top Republican on the spending panel overseeing HHS.

“[We] reassured our friends on the other side, hey, we want to all make sure nobody profits unduly, but we want to make sure we get a product, and want to make sure that product's available to all Americans.”

The package far exceeds the \$1.25 billion in new funding requested by the Trump administration. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were alarmed by what they deemed as the president’s paltry request to fight the bug amid criticism that his administration has bungled its response and failed to keep the American people clued in about the potential severity of the outbreak.

Even though the multibillion-dollar infusion is expected to be signed into law quickly, many in Congress say they worry about the administration’s ability to coordinate response across all 50 states and territories to ensure enough test kits are available, that people who are infected are quickly isolated and that health workers are following protocol.

The half-hour, back-to-back briefings on Wednesday frustrated some lawmakers, who complained that there was not nearly enough time to question Pence and other Trump administration health officials.

Yet while Democrats remain wary of the administration’s ability to manage the crisis, several said Pence provided as reassuring an update as they have received thus far. Regular briefings by Pence and his public health team are expected to take place in the coming days and weeks.

“Absolutely not,” House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) said when asked if he had confidence in the administration’s response. “They’re just fooling around. It just reminds me so much of [Hurricane] Katrina.”

“It’s being jerry-built,” Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.) said of the response plan. “I think we can legitimately say that they’re piecing it all together.”

Top infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn and White House coronavirus response coordinator Debbie Birx also joined Pence at the briefings.

Pence’s biggest takeaway, according to Democrats, is that members should hold town halls, both



in person and over the phone, to relay information about the virus and its spread.

“The vice president clearly wanted us to communicate to our constituents, and give out enough information as possible, as accurately as possible. What you want to avoid is panic,” House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) said afterwards.

*Sarah Ferris, Jesse Naranjo, John Bresnahan, Sarah Owerhohle and Heather Caygle contributed to this report.*

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# 3M can't confirm Pence comments about making more masks

At a news conference Saturday, the vice president said the government has contracted with the Minnesota company

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Vice President Mike Pence said Saturday that the government has contracted with Minnesota's 3M to make more facemasks in the fight against coronavirus.

"As the president said, we have more than 40 million masks available today," Pence said at a news conference in which he appeared with President Donald Trump and health officials. "We've contracted now with 3M to — 35 million more masks per month will be produced, and we're also going to be working with other manufacturers."

It's unclear whether he was suggesting that 3M will be making 35 million more masks a month, or whether 3M and other companies would be doing so.

Jennifer Ehrlich, a 3M communications manager said in an e-mail late Saturday that any information about government contracts for respirators would have to come from the Office of the Vice President.

However, Ehrlich added, "Just to clarify, we are not yet under contract for the volume mentioned today. However, we are preparing to respond to the U.S. administration's request for a proposal for respirators. 3M continues to maximize production at its manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and around the world for all types of N95 respirators."

The N95 respirator 3M makes can block the coronavirus from moving from an infected person into the air. They are not recommended for use by people who are not infected as a means of blocking the virus.

“The average American does not need to go out and buy a mask,” Pence said. He said they should be used only by those infected and by health care workers exposed to them.

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PRESS BRIEFING  
BY VICE PRESIDENT PENCE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

5:28 P.M. EST

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We just completed another meeting of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. It's been a very busy and productive day here at the White House.

President Donald Trump has no higher priority than the safety and health of the American people. And the President has directed our task force -- employing the full resources of the federal government, in full partnership with state and local health authorities -- to make that priority a reality.

As I stand before you today, we have more than 100 coronavirus cases in the United States. That is counting domestic cases and cases of coronavirus of Americans that were returned from China or the Diamond Princess. I'm pleased to report that most of those who contracted coronavirus within our care are continuing to recover. But, sadly, we received word today that another American has passed away and their family has our deepest condolences.

That being said, thanks to the President's strong leadership and the professionalism of all of our federal agencies -- Health and Human Services, CDC -- and state and local health officials all across this country, the risk to the American public of contracting the coronavirus remains low.

To be clear: If you are a healthy American, the risk of contracting the coronavirus remains low. But it is still a good idea to engage in commonsense practices that are always recommended this time of year. So, as someone who has a mother who is 87 years of age, and who has married kids living around the country, a brief tutorial on prevention for yourself, for your family, and your loved ones:

It's a good idea to stay home when you're sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue; throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently. Wash your hands with either disinfectant or with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

And let me say again, as we've said before: There's no need for Americans to buy masks. And the commonsense practices that I just described are all available at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Today, we -- we had a series of meetings here at the White House and on Capitol Hill. We met with executives of the airline industry, the executives of commercial labs, executives of nursing homes. And our team also met with the Republican and Democrat caucuses in the House of Representatives. And we were pleased to learn that, just shortly ago, the House of Representatives passed a federal funding bill by a virtually unanimous margin. It'll now move to the Senate.

And the legislation implements the President's vision to ensure that not only do our federal agencies have the support and resources that they need, but also that our state and local partners have their support. And in my conversations with governors all the way through this afternoon, I know they're grateful for the bipartisan spirit that has characterized this funding bill and we'll continue to work through that process.

As President Trump said, we're all in this together. And he deployed a whole-of-government approach, but, thanks to the President's leadership, it has actually developed into a whole-of-America approach, and the meetings today with industry leaders is a reflection of that.

As Dr. Birx will -- will indicate in just a few moments with some of the data that we're evaluating from around the world, it does appear that the elderly are the most vulnerable and especially those serious health issues.

At the President's direction, as a result, Seema Verma will describe that the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services has issued new guidelines for nursing homes nationwide. We have raised the bar regarding infectious disease control in our nursing homes.

And in addition, Administrator Verma will explain how we are going to focus all of our inspection resources for the foreseeable future on compliance with infection control standards.

Generally, we -- we monitor our nursing homes for abuse and neglect. But at the



President's direction, we're going to focus exclusively on ensuring that those who are in nursing homes -- people operating the nursing homes, like many of the CEOs that we met with today -- are complying with the new standards to keep our elderly safe.

The President also met today with airline executives and I'll reiterate, as the President said, our profound gratitude to our partners in the airline industry. They have worked with us in, as we say, flowing Americans through particular airports, the screening. We're working very closely with the airlines on contact information. If a person is tested as positive for the coronavirus, we're working with the airlines to get all the information not just about that person, but about who they sat next to and who else was on the flight. And the President and I are very grateful.

As we announced yesterday, I'm pleased to report that, as of yesterday morning, in addition to the travel ban from China -- we've suspended all travel coming in from China, we've suspended all travel coming in from Iran, and even foreign nationals who visit either one of those countries are barred from coming into this country for 14 days.

We also established a travel advisory for Italy -- portions of Italy and portions of South Korea over the weekend. But even as importantly, as of yesterday morning, we fully implemented a screening process. All direct flights from all airports in South Korea and Italy are now being subject to multiple screens before passengers board to come to the United States of America.

State Department worked very vigorously to bring that about and we're grateful for the cooperation with the governments of Italy, the governments of South Korea, as well as our airline partners in making that a reality.

Finally, with regard to testing, we had a meeting today that gave us great hope for great progress in the near future on expanding testing across the country. We have a ways to go yet, and I'm pleased to report, as we've been able to convey to state governments -- governors around the country -- is that, thanks to the good work with the FDA and Dr. Steve Hahn, who is with me here today, now all state laboratories, all university

laboratories at the state level, can conduct coronavirus tests without any additional assets or resources from the federal government. They have the FDA-approved tests; they can conduct the test all across the country in all the states.

Beyond that, as we announced, through the efforts of HHS, 2,500 kits of tests are going out this week that -- 2,500 kits including tests has gone out this week. That's roughly 1.5 million tests that will be available this week. We'll continue to build on that number.

But perhaps most significantly, thanks to Dr. Birx's efforts and leadership, we brought together, today at the White House, the leaders of all of the largest commercial laboratories in this country -- companies like Quest that have vast capabilities, logistics and testing capabilities. And we were pleased to report today that they have created a consortium to share information and to share resources and literally have told us that, as they go through what is called the "validation process" on testing that, by next week, individual companies will be able to do, as they said to me, thousands of tests of coronavirus if they are needed and required, and many, many multiples more of that in the not-distant future.

Our objective here, as Dr. Birx raised with the task force is we've got hospitals in affected areas and those that are requesting that have kits -- we've got universities and state labs that now can perform the test on a requested basis. But our objective, ultimately, and as quickly as possible, is to have tests made through these commercial laboratories and commercial providers that your local doctor, your CVS, your MedCheck is able to have a coronavirus test. And that isn't there yet; we're working to make that a reality.

But again, it's one more example -- it's not just a whole-of-government approach; it's a whole-of-America approach. And whether it be our nursing home industry, whether it be our airline industry, whether it be our commercial laboratories, I can speak on behalf of President Trump and our entire task force when I say we are profoundly grateful for the spirit that's being reflected by companies all across the United States of America, grateful for the leadership at the state level. And the American people should be confident that that spirit of partnership is going to continue to drive this at every level as we work our way

through dealing with the coronavirus in the United States.

With that, I'm going to recognize Dr. Deborah Birx for her comments.

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Good evening. Over the -- over the last 12 hours, we've been able to receive information, both from South Korea and Italy, adding to our China information. And it's as we thought: The elderly and preexisting conditions have a more serious illness when confronted with the coronavirus.

Reassuringly, in South Korea, no one has died under 30. This is reassuring to us. And the median age in Italy was 81, of those who succumbed. Those who became ill, the median age was 60.

So we find this data reassuring but it also has has really caused us to focus on the Americans who might be most vulnerable. So we're focusing resources, attention, and all of our capacity to ensure those who have preexisting conditions and those who are elderly have access to the best prevention and treatment options.

The prevention options flow right through all of us to ensure that we have good protective hygiene for our elderly clients around the globe.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Seema?

ADMINISTRATOR VERMA: Thank you. And as you heard, because of the risk for our nation's seniors, we are doubling down on our efforts. Today, we put out three memos. One was to hospitals about triaging and placement for patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus. We also put out some information to nursing homes about limiting



visitors to nursing homes, monitoring staff. And then, finally, we put out some information to our state surveyors that are going to be surveying our nation's nursing homes and hospitals around infection control.

So all of that information went out this morning.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you, Seema.

CDC. Bob Redfield.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I think what I'd like to highlight today is that -- first, echo what the Vice President started with when he was giving the American people the advice that he did as he went through that we do have listed out on our CDC website: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

It really is very important, it's very pragmatic about washing your hands 20 seconds in soap and water or using the other disinfectants. Obviously, training yourself to cover your sneeze or cough either in your elbow or with a Kleenex that you will dispose of. These are very important things. Working hard not to touch your face.

I think the most important thing for many of those individuals that might be a little type A: If you get sick, stay home. You're not helping your colleagues by going to work sick.

And again, I think these are just very pragmatic. We've listed them. They're absolutely no different than what we ask the American public to do for the flu.

The second thing I would like to do is continue to get the help from you to get those messages out. The one that's the most important that the Vice President also talked about is the role of masks. We need these N95 masks for the healthcare workers that are taking care of these patients. We do not recommend them to be used by the general public.

And again, you all -- if you tell the stories -- are able to be great communicators of that, so

that the American public gets accurate information and gets good guidance from your experts that you'll reach out to for your stories. So that's what I would ask you to do.

And I'll reiterate what the Vice President said at the beginning: that although we're continuing to see new community cases in this nation, the overall risk to the American public at this time still remains low.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Dr. Fauci?

DR. FAUCI: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just to reiterate what was said by several of our colleagues here is that we make policy recommendations and analysis of what we're going to recommend based on accumulation of data. Data is very important. What Dr. Birx just told you is data is that underscores some of the things that we've been telling you.

You know, when you talk about risk -- you know, risk is something that's vague to people. And we've said many a time, if you talk about risk of infection throughout the country, it's a low risk. If you talk about someone who is infected -- and we do have infected people in this country. You've heard that from Dr. Redfield. You understand the situation that we have in Seattle.

If you do get infected, if you're infected as -- taking Seattle as the microcosm of that -- it is exactly what Dr. Birx said: The risk of getting into difficulties is very heavily weighted towards people with underlying conditions and people with the elderly, where the young people -- and there will be an exception here or there, the same way we see with influenza - - but the risk for a young person who gets infected to getting into trouble is really low, based on a lot of data that's coming out of foreign countries, particularly out of China.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great. Thank you, Dr. Fauci.

Dr. Carson?

ADMINISTRATOR CARSON: I want to thank the Vice President and the President for very aggressive and careful leadership. Now, I was involved throughout my neurosurgical career with a lot of very, very complex cases and dealt with a lot of renowned physicians, but I must say the people on this task force are extremely impressive. Have been considering all the various different possibilities -- outlining scenarios for all the possibilities that can occur. And it's very comforting -- and recognize that the risk to a healthy adult still remains quite low, largely because of the aggressive actions that have been taken and are continuing to be taken every day.

And just one last point and that is: The pharmaceuticals, who normally are rivals, have worked together voluntarily. Wouldn't that be a great lesson for the politicians?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great.

Quick informational announcement: I'll be traveling with many members of the task force to Minnesota tomorrow. We'll be visiting 3M, which is poised to literally begin manufacturing millions more masks for our healthcare workers. And then we'll be traveling on to Washington State.

We'll be meeting with Governor Inslee and with his health team to ensure that the full resources of the federal government are being brought to bear in support of their efforts to protect the health of the people across the Seattle area.

So, with that, let me start right here.

Q Thank you, Vice President Pence. I have two questions: one about Washington and then one about Florida. I'll start with Washington. Can you tell us a little bit more about how that meeting came to be? Will Secretary Azar be with you? Is that a meeting that the governor asked you to come there? Can you explain?



THE VICE PRESIDENT: The -- I've spoken to Governor Inslee, who I know well from our time in Congress together, several times since being tapped to lead the White House effort on the coronavirus a week ago.

He's been providing strong leadership for the State of Washington. They have an outstanding health department.

But after meeting with members of the Senate and the House, particularly those from the Washington State delegation, we thought it would be important to bring our team out to meet with their team on the ground, and to make sure that they have the full support.

The -- our hearts go out to those that have been infected with the disease in the Seattle area. But also we understand the anxiety this has created in the full community and we're going to be going out just to make sure -- and sitting down with the governor and with his team -- that they have everything they need and all the support they need to see to the health of their people.

Q Thank you, sir.

And, on Florida, you will have a meeting on Saturday -- is that correct? -- with the cruise liners? Which companies are coming to that meeting? What's the goal of that meeting? Is there something that you'd like to see them do differently that they are not doing now?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll talk about just that. Obviously, with the Diamond Princess issue, there are unique challenges -- that our experts tell us -- in a closed environment of a cruise liner. But we're going to talk about best practices.

And I thought it was timely to spend some time with people in that industry as we're meeting with the others in industries around the country. Okay?

Back there, please.

Q Mr. Vice President, thanks so much.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure.

Q Two quick questions. The first one, I've been looking online at hand sanitizer and soap. There is some -- there are some sites like Amazon where these prices have just skyrocketed. What's your advice to Americans who are trying to just buy the soap and water, and the hand sanitizer that they're telling them buy, but that they're -- but can't afford it at this point or can't find it?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: That's great. I'm going to ask CDC to respond to that, because they've got some very clear guidance.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I want to make it really clear. I don't think -- soap and water, vigorously washing your hands for 20 seconds is what the American public needs to do. If they want to use the hand sanitizers, that's another option, but I don't want people to think it's inferior to what we've recommended for decades, which is vigorous washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Okay. Another one. Another one? Go ahead.

Q You were talking about working on getting testing so that doctors and other places will be able to have it. How far along are you in that goal? And what should Americans expect - how soon should Americans expect to be able to go to their doctor's office to get tested?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask to Deborah Birx to address that. But just so you know, there's three levels here. Number one is that we do have about 1.5 million test kits going out as we speak to hospitals, particularly hospitals in areas that have seen coronavirus cases.

In addition to that, thanks to the good work of the FDA and the change that President

Trump authorized this weekend, now every state health lab and university lab can conduct a coronavirus test and that expands the capacity. But ultimately, as Dr. Birx will explain, our objective is -- in addition to those tests being available -- that we want to get to a place where -- where any American who has a concern is able to go to their doctor, is able to go to a medical clinic, and know that there's a coronavirus available.

We think we could get there in a matter of weeks. And in partnership with the commercial labs, we're challenging them to do just that.

Dr. Birx?

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just briefly, because I think you were interested also in cost. And I think what we've heard from CMS and from HHS -- that this will be an essential lab test, so fully reimbursable.

What we talked about with the commercial laboratories is exactly your question. And we asked them -- and they are in validation this week. They -- some of them thought they would have tests available on Friday, and the rest on Monday.

I've asked them to prioritize the areas where we've had these clusters so that people can be reassured in those areas where there is -- where we have identified virus has been circulating. In those cases, they will have it available at doctor's office and all of our pediatric offices that would need it. And they will transport it through a logistics network to make sure that they can be run.

Q Follow-up on testing and --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: With regard to -- with regard to the cost, let me be very clear: HHS has designated the coronavirus test as an essential health benefit. That means, by definition, it's covered in the private health insurance of every American, as well as covered by Medicare and Medicaid. And so, what -- but we're -- we're working with members of Congress and we'll be monitoring the cost very carefully. Please.



Q You've put travel restrictions on travel Italy and South Korea. Are you considering more -- imposing more restrictions on travel?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask Dr. Fauci to speak to that. At this time, they're not recommending that the President impose additional travel advisories or restrictions. But as Dr. Fauci can explain, we're going to follow the data on that very closely and follow the cases.

Did you want to speak to that?

DR. FAUCI: Yeah. So this is something that's really evaluated in real time. I mean, you can make a decision now that you're going to project what's going to be. You -- just based on the data. And it became very clear that the situation in Northern Italy and in Korea was actually unique, compared to what we were seeing in several of the other countries. That's why that was done.

We reevaluate this literally every single day.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We do. We do.

Right there.

Q Thank you, Vice President --

Q Mr. Vice President --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, right here.

Q Thank you. Thank you.

Q Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Me?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q Thank you. So I was wondering: What sort of progress was made with your meeting with the airline CEOs today about coordinating the collection of passenger data?

And then also there's been reports that the CDC is investigating a potential cluster of cases from a cruise ship in California that could be linked to the state's first death. Could you confirm that and how many people might the CDC be investigating in that case?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: I'll let CDC respond to your second question. But, on the first question, I know the President was also very moved by the level of commitment from our airlines for customers' health and safety as well as their crews' health and safety there. They described to us their activities in cleaning the aircraft and sanitizing aircraft. And we believe, as President Trump said today, that it's safe to fly. It's safe to fly in America and it's safe to fly internationally apart from the travel advisories that are available to the public.

With that being said, we -- it's a work in progress about having contact information. But we were assured today by the airlines that they'll continue to work very closely with us to provide manifests of passengers on an individual flight in the event of a coronavirus infection. And the cooperation has been just what the American people would expect from our airlines.

But let me -- let me let CDC speak to the other issue.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. So, we are working in support of the California Health Department that's in the process of evaluating another cruise ship where

they do have confirmed cases. We're at the very beginning of that -- looking at the manifest -- to make sure we understand who has gotten off the cruise and where they got off the cruise. And we're really involved in that entire contact follow up as we speak, right now.

MS. MILLER: Last question, guys.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here. Right here.

Q Thank you very much. It's possibly a question for Dr. Birx, regarding it being safe to fly.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q You have spring break coming along. A lot of grandparents may be coming to visit family members to help watch over kids -- older adults. Is it safe? If it's unnecessary travel, should they still hop on a plane and travel?

DR. BIRX: Well, that's why we're talking about the commonsense approach. So if you have preexisting medical conditions or you're of the elderly and frail, that is something that they need to take into context. And that's why we were very clear about providing that information, because we really want everyone to know what we know, that we've received this new data, we've gone through it carefully. It does look like there is significant greater risk of serious illness as you become older, and if you have other medical conditions.

Now, what I talked about also was protecting the elderly and protecting those with other medical conditions. And I want to be clear, the other medical conditions included people recovering from cancer. So just as you would protect them when they have their chemotherapy and their immun- -- immune responses are lower, you would do that with careful handwashing, again, and ensuring, if you have children in the household, that they're following those same procedures.

I have a nine-month-old and a two-year-old grandchild and they're -- the two-year-old has learned to wash her hands carefully. And I think these are just things we need to ensure



are happening every day in households.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Do you have any hesitations traveling to Washington State tomorrow -- I mean, for your own personal health? And are you trying to send a message to all Americans that you believe it is safe to fly?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, I have no hesitation at all. I have to tell you that the job that Washington State has done in confronting the coronavirus infections in the Seattle area has really been inspiring. They've got an outstanding health facility, outstanding health department. And we're going to be sitting down with all of their health officials.

But I'm -- I'm a real believer, just as the President is, in and sitting down and sitting nose to nose, as President did today, with executives and asking the questions and making sure. The American people expect nothing less. They expect us to be there for that community. And we'll be bringing our task force out to make sure that Washington State has all the support that they need. And that's the purpose of the trip.

MS. MILLER: Okay, guys, last question.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Last one.

Q Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I appreciate it.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure. Sure.

Q In light of what Dr. Redfield said yesterday about how quickly this virus has been spreading, what will need to happen specifically for you to declare this a "national emergency"? What -- what's the threshold? Will it be the number of deaths? Will it be the number of cases?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Let me -- let me let Dr. Fauci speak to that, in terms of a determination of when a recommendation to the President -- we've declared a public health emergency. But maybe you might speak to whether we --

DR. FAUCI: Yeah, you know, a public health --

Q But -- hi, so you know what I'm asking, with regard to a national emergency?

DR. FAUCI: What precisely do you mean?

Q Well, to declare a national emergency, will it -- what's the threshold -- the number of cases, the number of deaths -- where you're going to take decision making out of the hands of the states and you're going to make -- "Okay, we're going to quarantine a city."

DR. FAUCI: Sure.

Q Or, "We are shut down big events or we're going to say 'no travel.'"

DR. FAUCI: This -- well, let me just tell you --

Q Major decisions.

DR. FAUCI: -- how that would be made. That would be made by very serious discussions among the task force. I would think that, if we were in a situation -- and hopefully we never even approach that -- where you have clear, wide, diffuse community spread throughout the country and you have to have federal mandates that come in to essentially enforce certain types of social distancing, I think it would have to come to that.

But I'm a bit humble about that. I would like to discuss it with a variety of other people who have more of a handle on the implications of that.

Q Would you say --

Q Can you please supply some guidance to the uninsured?

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And a big part of our job right now is just make sure that they have the support, that we come alongside them, that they have the personal protective equipment and gear to be able to minister to anyone who has the virus.

But I think -- I think the American people -- the American people can take some comfort that the reality is, today, that the risk of the coronavirus to the average American remains low. And as we continue to take these steps, as Americans continue to take commonsense practices to protect their own health, the health of their family, we'll work to keep it there.

Thank you.

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James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

5:28 P.M. EST

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We just completed another meeting of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. It's been a very busy and productive day here at the White House.

President Donald Trump has no higher priority than the safety and health of the American people. And the President has directed our task force -- employing the full resources of the federal government, in full partnership with state and local health authorities -- to make that priority a reality.

As I stand before you today, we have more than 100 coronavirus cases in the United States. That is counting domestic cases and cases of coronavirus of Americans that were returned from China or the Diamond Princess. I'm pleased to report that most of those who contracted coronavirus within our care are continuing to recover. But, sadly, we received word today that another American has passed away and their family has our deepest condolences.

That being said, thanks to the President's strong leadership and the professionalism of all of our federal agencies -- Health and Human Services, CDC -- and state and local health officials all across this country, the risk to the American public of contracting the coronavirus remains low.

To be clear: If you are a healthy American, the risk of contracting the coronavirus remains low. But it is still a good idea to engage in commonsense practices that are always recommended this time of year. So, as someone who has a mother who is 87 years of age, and who has married kids living around the country, a brief tutorial on prevention for yourself, for your family, and your loved ones:

It's a good idea to stay home when you're sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue; throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently. Wash your hands with either disinfectant or with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



And let me say again, as we've said before: There's no need for Americans to buy masks. And the commonsense practices that I just described are all available at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Today, we -- we had a series of meetings here at the White House and on Capitol Hill. We met with executives of the airline industry, the executives of commercial labs, executives of nursing homes. And our team also met with the Republican and Democrat caucuses in the House of Representatives. And we were pleased to learn that, just shortly ago, the House of Representatives passed a federal funding bill by a virtually unanimous margin. It'll now move to the Senate.

And the legislation implements the President's vision to ensure that not only do our federal agencies have the support and resources that they need, but also that our state and local partners have their support. And in my conversations with governors all the way through this afternoon, I know they're grateful for the bipartisan spirit that has characterized this funding bill and we'll continue to work through that process.

As President Trump said, we're all in this together. And he deployed a whole-of-government approach, but, thanks to the President's leadership, it has actually developed into a whole-of-America approach, and the meetings today with industry leaders is a reflection of that.

As Dr. Birx will -- will indicate in just a few moments with some of the data that we're evaluating from around the world, it does appear that the elderly are the most vulnerable and especially those serious health issues.

At the President's direction, as a result, Seema Verma will describe that the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services has issued new guidelines for nursing homes nationwide. We have raised the bar regarding infectious disease control in our nursing homes.

And in addition, Administrator Verma will explain how we are going to focus all of our inspection resources for the foreseeable future on compliance with infection control standards.

Generally, we -- we monitor our nursing homes for abuse and neglect. But at the President's direction, we're going to focus exclusively on ensuring that those who are in nursing homes -- people operating the nursing homes, like many of the CEOs that we met with today -- are complying with the new standards to keep our elderly safe.

The President also met today with airline executives and I'll reiterate, as the President said, our profound gratitude to our partners in the airline industry. They have worked with us in, as we say, flowing Americans through particular airports, the screening. We're working very closely with the airlines on contact information. If a person is tested as positive for the coronavirus, we're working with the airlines to get all the information not just about that person, but about who they sat next to and who else was on the flight. And the President and I are very grateful.

As we announced yesterday, I'm pleased to report that, as of yesterday morning, in addition to the travel ban from China -- we've suspended all travel coming in from China, we've suspended all travel coming in from Iran, and even foreign nationals who visit either one of those countries are barred from coming into this country for 14 days.

We also established a travel advisory for Italy -- portions of Italy and portions of South Korea over the weekend. But even as importantly, as of yesterday morning, we fully implemented a screening process. All direct flights from all airports in South Korea and Italy are now being subject to multiple screens before passengers board to come to the United States of America.

State Department worked very vigorously to bring that about and we're grateful for the cooperation with the governments of Italy, the governments of South Korea, as well as our airline partners in making that a reality.

Finally, with regard to testing, we had a meeting today that gave us great hope for great progress in the near future on expanding testing across the country. We have a ways to go yet, and I'm pleased to report, as we've been able to convey to state governments -- governors around the country -- is that, thanks to the good work with the FDA and Dr. Steve Hahn, who is with me here today, now all state laboratories, all university laboratories at the state level, can conduct coronavirus tests without any additional assets or resources from the federal government. They have the FDA-approved tests; they can conduct the test all across the country in all the states.

Beyond that, as we announced, through the efforts of HHS, 2,500 kits of tests are going out this week that -- 2,500 kits including tests has gone out this week. That's roughly 1.5 million tests that will be available this week. We'll continue to build on that number.

But perhaps most significantly, thanks to Dr. Birx's efforts and leadership, we brought together, today at the White House, the leaders of all of the largest commercial laboratories in this country -- companies like Quest that have vast capabilities, logistics and testing capabilities. And we were pleased to report today that they have created a consortium to share information and to share resources and literally have told us that, as they go through what is called the "validation process" on testing that, by next week, individual companies will be able to do, as they said to me, thousands of tests of coronavirus if they are needed and required, and many, many multiples more of that in the not-distant future.

Our objective here, as Dr. Birx raised with the task force is we've got hospitals in affected areas and those that are requesting that have kits -- we've got universities and state labs that now can perform the test on a requested basis. But our objective, ultimately, and as quickly as possible, is to have tests made through these commercial laboratories and commercial providers that your local doctor, your CVS, your MedCheck is able to have a coronavirus test. And that isn't there yet; we're working to make that a reality.

But again, it's one more example -- it's not just a whole-of-government approach; it's a whole-of-America approach. And whether it be our nursing home industry, whether it be



our airline industry, whether it be our commercial laboratories, I can speak on behalf of President Trump and our entire task force when I say we are profoundly grateful for the spirit that's being reflected by companies all across the United States of America, grateful for the leadership at the state level. And the American people should be confident that that spirit of partnership is going to continue to drive this at every level as we work our way through dealing with the coronavirus in the United States.

With that, I'm going to recognize Dr. Deborah Birx for her comments.

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Good evening. Over the -- over the last 12 hours, we've been able to receive information, both from South Korea and Italy, adding to our China information. And it's as we thought: The elderly and preexisting conditions have a more serious illness when confronted with the coronavirus.

Reassuringly, in South Korea, no one has died under 30. This is reassuring to us. And the median age in Italy was 81, of those who succumbed. Those who became ill, the median age was 60.

So we find this data reassuring but it also has has really caused us to focus on the Americans who might be most vulnerable. So we're focusing resources, attention, and all of our capacity to ensure those who have preexisting conditions and those who are elderly have access to the best prevention and treatment options.

The prevention options flow right through all of us to ensure that we have good protective hygiene for our elderly clients around the globe.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Seema?

ADMINISTRATOR VERMA: Thank you. And as you heard, because of the risk for our nation's seniors, we are doubling down on our efforts. Today, we put out three memos. One was to hospitals about triaging and placement for patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus. We also put out some information to nursing homes about limiting visitors to nursing homes, monitoring staff. And then, finally, we put out some information to our state surveyors that are going to be surveying our nation's nursing homes and hospitals around infection control.

So all of that information went out this morning.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you, Seema.

CDC. Bob Redfield.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I think what I'd like to highlight today is that -- first, echo what the Vice President started with when he was giving the American people the advice that he did as he went through that we do have listed out on our CDC website: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

It really is very important, it's very pragmatic about washing your hands 20 seconds in soap and water or using the other disinfectants. Obviously, training yourself to cover your sneeze or cough either in your elbow or with a Kleenex that you will dispose of. These are very important things. Working hard not to touch your face.

I think the most important thing for many of those individuals that might be a little type A: If you get sick, stay home. You're not helping your colleagues by going to work sick.

And again, I think these are just very pragmatic. We've listed them. They're absolutely no different than what we ask the American public to do for the flu.

The second thing I would like to do is continue to get the help from you to get those

messages out. The one that's the most important that the Vice President also talked about is the role of masks. We need these N95 masks for the healthcare workers that are taking care of these patients. We do not recommend them to be used by the general public.

And again, you all -- if you tell the stories -- are able to be great communicators of that, so that the American public gets accurate information and gets good guidance from your experts that you'll reach out to for your stories. So that's what I would ask you to do.

And I'll reiterate what the Vice President said at the beginning: that although we're continuing to see new community cases in this nation, the overall risk to the American public at this time still remains low.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Dr. Fauci?

DR. FAUCI: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just to reiterate what was said by several of our colleagues here is that we make policy recommendations and analysis of what we're going to recommend based on accumulation of data. Data is very important. What Dr. Birx just told you is data is that underscores some of the things that we've been telling you.

You know, when you talk about risk -- you know, risk is something that's vague to people. And we've said many a time, if you talk about risk of infection throughout the country, it's a low risk. If you talk about someone who is infected -- and we do have infected people in this country. You've heard that from Dr. Redfield. You understand the situation that we have in Seattle.

If you do get infected, if you're infected as -- taking Seattle as the microcosm of that -- it



is exactly what Dr. Birx said: The risk of getting into difficulties is very heavily weighted towards people with underlying conditions and people with the elderly, where the young people -- and there will be an exception here or there, the same way we see with influenza -- but the risk for a young person who gets infected to getting into trouble is really low, based on a lot of data that's coming out of foreign countries, particularly out of China.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great. Thank you, Dr. Fauci.

Dr. Carson?

ADMINISTRATOR CARSON: I want to thank the Vice President and the President for very aggressive and careful leadership. Now, I was involved throughout my neurosurgical career with a lot of very, very complex cases and dealt with a lot of renowned physicians, but I must say the people on this task force are extremely impressive. Have been considering all the various different possibilities -- outlining scenarios for all the possibilities that can occur. And it's very comforting -- and recognize that the risk to a healthy adult still remains quite low, largely because of the aggressive actions that have been taken and are continuing to be taken every day.

And just one last point and that is: The pharmaceuticals, who normally are rivals, have worked together voluntarily. Wouldn't that be a great lesson for the politicians?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great.

Quick informational announcement: I'll be traveling with many members of the task force to Minnesota tomorrow. We'll be visiting 3M, which is poised to literally begin manufacturing millions more masks for our healthcare workers. And then we'll be traveling on to Washington State.

We'll be meeting with Governor Inslee and with his health team to ensure that the full resources of the federal government are being brought to bear in support of their efforts

to protect the health of the people across the Seattle area.

So, with that, let me start right here.

Q Thank you, Vice President Pence. I have two questions: one about Washington and then one about Florida. I'll start with Washington. Can you tell us a little bit more about how that meeting came to be? Will Secretary Azar be with you? Is that a meeting that the governor asked you to come there? Can you explain?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: The -- I've spoken to Governor Inslee, who I know well from our time in Congress together, several times since being tapped to lead the White House effort on the coronavirus a week ago.

He's been providing strong leadership for the State of Washington. They have an outstanding health department.

But after meeting with members of the Senate and the House, particularly those from the Washington State delegation, we thought it would be important to bring our team out to meet with their team on the ground, and to make sure that they have the full support.

The -- our hearts go out to those that have been infected with the disease in the Seattle area. But also we understand the anxiety this has created in the full community and we're going to be going out just to make sure -- and sitting down with the governor and with his team -- that they have everything they need and all the support they need to see to the health of their people.

Q Thank you, sir.

And, on Florida, you will have a meeting on Saturday -- is that correct? -- with the cruise liners? Which companies are coming to that meeting? What's the goal of that meeting? Is there something that you'd like to see them do differently that they are not

doing now?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll talk about just that. Obviously, with the Diamond Princess issue, there are unique challenges -- that our experts tell us -- in a closed environment of a cruise liner. But we're going to talk about best practices.

And I thought it was timely to spend some time with people in that industry as we're meeting with the others in industries around the country. Okay?

Back there, please.

Q Mr. Vice President, thanks so much.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure.

Q Two quick questions. The first one, I've been looking online at hand sanitizer and soap. There is some -- there are some sites like Amazon where these prices have just skyrocketed. What's your advice to Americans who are trying to just buy the soap and water, and the hand sanitizer that they're telling them buy, but that they're -- but can't afford it at this point or can't find it?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: That's great. I'm going to ask CDC to respond to that, because they've got some very clear guidance.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I want to make it really clear. I don't think -- soap and water, vigorously washing your hands for 20 seconds is what the American public needs to do. If they want to use the hand sanitizers, that's another option, but I don't want people to think it's inferior to what we've recommended for decades, which is vigorous washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Okay. Another one. Another one? Go ahead.



Q You were talking about working on getting testing so that doctors and other places will be able to have it. How far along are you in that goal? And what should Americans expect -- how soon should Americans expect to be able to go to their doctor's office to get tested?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask to Deborah Birx to address that. But just so you know, there's three levels here. Number one is that we do have about 1.5 million test kits going out as we speak to hospitals, particularly hospitals in areas that have seen coronavirus cases.

In addition to that, thanks to the good work of the FDA and the change that President Trump authorized this weekend, now every state health lab and university lab can conduct a coronavirus test and that expands the capacity. But ultimately, as Dr. Birx will explain, our objective is -- in addition to those tests being available -- that we want to get to a place where -- where any American who has a concern is able to go to their doctor, is able to go to a medical clinic, and know that there's a coronavirus available.

We think we could get there in a matter of weeks. And in partnership with the commercial labs, we're challenging them to do just that.

Dr. Birx?

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just briefly, because I think you were interested also in cost. And I think what we've heard from CMS and from HHS -- that this will be an essential lab test, so fully reimbursable.

What we talked about with the commercial laboratories is exactly your question. And we asked them -- and they are in validation this week. They -- some of them thought they would have tests available on Friday, and the rest on Monday.

I've asked them to prioritize the areas where we've had these clusters so that people can be reassured in those areas where there is -- where we have identified virus has been

circulating. In those cases, they will have it available at doctor's office and all of our pediatric offices that would need it. And they will transport it through a logistics network to make sure that they can be run.

Q Follow-up on testing and --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: With regard to -- with regard to the cost, let me be very clear: HHS has designated the coronavirus test as an essential health benefit. That means, by definition, it's covered in the private health insurance of every American, as well as covered by Medicare and Medicaid. And so, what -- but we're -- we're working with members of Congress and we'll be monitoring the cost very carefully. Please.

Q You've put travel restrictions on travel Italy and South Korea. Are you considering more -- imposing more restrictions on travel?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask Dr. Fauci to speak to that. At this time, they're not recommending that the President impose additional travel advisories or restrictions. But as Dr. Fauci can explain, we're going to follow the data on that very closely and follow the cases.

Did you want to speak to that?

DR. FAUCI: Yeah. So this is something that's really evaluated in real time. I mean, you can make a decision now that you're going to project what's going to be. You -- just based on the data. And it became very clear that the situation in Northern Italy and in Korea was actually unique, compared to what we were seeing in several of the other countries. That's why that was done.

We reevaluate this literally every single day.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We do. We do.

Right there.

Q Thank you, Vice President --

Q Mr. Vice President --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, right here.

Q Thank you. Thank you.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Me?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q Thank you. So I was wondering: What sort of progress was made with your meeting with the airline CEOs today about coordinating the collection of passenger data?

And then also there's been reports that the CDC is investigating a potential cluster of cases from a cruise ship in California that could be linked to the state's first death. Could you confirm that and how many people might the CDC be investigating in that case?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: I'll let CDC respond to your second question. But, on the first question, I know the President was also very moved by the level of commitment from our airlines for customers' health and safety as well as their crews' health and safety there. They described to us their activities in cleaning the aircraft and sanitizing aircraft. And we believe, as President Trump said today, that it's safe to fly. It's safe to fly in America and it's safe to fly internationally apart from the travel advisories that are available to the public.



With that being said, we -- it's a work in progress about having contact information. But we were assured today by the airlines that they'll continue to work very closely with us to provide manifests of passengers on an individual flight in the event of a coronavirus infection. And the cooperation has been just what the American people would expect from our airlines.

But let me -- let me let CDC speak to the other issue.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. So, we are working in support of the California Health Department that's in the process of evaluating another cruise ship where they do have confirmed cases. We're at the very beginning of that -- looking at the manifest -- to make sure we understand who has gotten off the cruise and where they got off the cruise. And we're really involved in that entire contact follow up as we speak, right now.

MS. MILLER: Last question, guys.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here. Right here.

Q Thank you very much. It's possibly a question for Dr. Birx, regarding it being safe to fly.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q You have spring break coming along. A lot of grandparents may be coming to visit family members to help watch over kids -- older adults. Is it safe? If it's unnecessary travel, should they still hop on a plane and travel?

DR. BIRX: Well, that's why we're talking about the commonsense approach. So if you have preexisting medical conditions or you're of the elderly and frail, that is something that they need to take into context. And that's why we were very clear about providing

that information, because we really want everyone to know what we know, that we've received this new data, we've gone through it carefully. It does look like there is significant greater risk of serious illness as you become older, and if you have other medical conditions.

Now, what I talked about also was protecting the elderly and protecting those with other medical conditions. And I want to be clear, the other medical conditions included people recovering from cancer. So just as you would protect them when they have their chemotherapy and their immun- -- immune responses are lower, you would do that with careful handwashing, again, and ensuring, if you have children in the household, that they're following those same procedures.

I have a nine-month-old and a two-year-old grandchild and they're -- the two-year-old has learned to wash her hands carefully. And I think these are just things we need to ensure are happening every day in households.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Do you have any hesitations traveling to Washington State tomorrow -- I mean, for your own personal health? And are you trying to send a message to all Americans that you believe it is safe to fly?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, I have no hesitation at all. I have to tell you that the job that Washington State has done in confronting the coronavirus infections in the Seattle area has really been inspiring. They've got an outstanding health facility, outstanding health department. And we're going to be sitting down with all of their health officials.

But I'm -- I'm a real believer, just as the President is, in and sitting down and sitting nose to nose, as President did today, with executives and asking the questions and making sure. The American people expect nothing less. They expect us to be there for that community. And we'll be bringing our task force out to make sure that Washington State has all the support that they need. And that's the purpose of the trip.

MS. MILLER: Okay, guys, last question.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Last one.

Q Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I appreciate it.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure. Sure.

Q In light of what Dr. Redfield said yesterday about how quickly this virus has been spreading, what will need to happen specifically for you to declare this a “national emergency”? What -- what's the threshold? Will it be the number of deaths? Will it be the number of cases?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Let me -- let me let Dr. Fauci speak to that, in terms of a determination of when a recommendation to the President -- we've declared a public health emergency. But maybe you might speak to whether we --

DR. FAUCI: Yeah, you know, a public health --

Q But -- hi, so you know what I'm asking, with regard to a national emergency?

DR. FAUCI: What precisely do you mean?

Q Well, to declare a national emergency, will it -- what's the threshold -- the number of cases, the number of deaths -- where you're going to take decision making out of the hands of the states and you're going to make -- “Okay, we're going to quarantine a city.”

DR. FAUCI: Sure.

Q Or, “We are shut down big events or we're going to say ‘no travel.’”



DR. FAUCI: This -- well, let me just tell you --

Q Major decisions.

DR. FAUCI: -- how that would be made. That would be made by very serious discussions among the task force. I would think that, if we were in a situation -- and hopefully we never even approach that -- where you have clear, wide, diffuse community spread throughout the country and you have to have federal mandates that come in to essentially enforce certain types of social distancing, I think it would have to come to that.

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BY VICE PRESIDENT PENCE  
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James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

5:28 P.M. EST

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We just completed another meeting of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. It's been a very busy and productive day here at the White House.

President Donald Trump has no higher priority than the safety and health of the American people. And the President has directed our task force -- employing the full resources of the federal government, in full partnership with state and local health authorities -- to make that priority a reality.

As I stand before you today, we have more than 100 coronavirus cases in the United States. That is counting domestic cases and cases of coronavirus of Americans that were returned from China or the Diamond Princess. I'm pleased to report that most of those who contracted coronavirus within our care are continuing to recover. But, sadly, we received word today that another American has passed away and their family has our deepest condolences.

That being said, thanks to the President's strong leadership and the professionalism of all of our federal agencies -- Health and Human Services, CDC -- and state and local



health officials all across this country, the risk to the American public of contracting the coronavirus remains low.

To be clear: If you are a healthy American, the risk of contracting the coronavirus remains low. But it is still a good idea to engage in commonsense practices that are always recommended this time of year. So, as someone who has a mother who is 87 years of age, and who has married kids living around the country, a brief tutorial on prevention for yourself, for your family, and your loved ones:

It's a good idea to stay home when you're sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue; throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently. Wash your hands with either disinfectant or with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

And let me say again, as we've said before: There's no need for Americans to buy masks. And the commonsense practices that I just described are all available at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Today, we -- we had a series of meetings here at the White House and on Capitol Hill. We met with executives of the airline industry, the executives of commercial labs, executives of nursing homes. And our team also met with the Republican and Democrat caucuses in the House of Representatives. And we were pleased to learn that, just shortly ago, the House of Representatives passed a federal funding bill by a virtually unanimous margin. It'll now move to the Senate.

And the legislation implements the President's vision to ensure that not only do our federal agencies have the support and resources that they need, but also that our state and local partners have their support. And in my conversations with governors all the way through this afternoon, I know they're grateful for the bipartisan spirit that has characterized this funding bill and we'll continue to work through that process.

As President Trump said, we're all in this together. And he deployed a whole-of-

government approach, but, thanks to the President's leadership, it has actually developed into a whole-of-America approach, and the meetings today with industry leaders is a reflection of that.

As Dr. Birx will -- will indicate in just a few moments with some of the data that we're evaluating from around the world, it does appear that the elderly are the most vulnerable and especially those serious health issues.

At the President's direction, as a result, Seema Verma will describe that the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services has issued new guidelines for nursing homes nationwide. We have raised the bar regarding infectious disease control in our nursing homes.

And in addition, Administrator Verma will explain how we are going to focus all of our inspection resources for the foreseeable future on compliance with infection control standards.

Generally, we -- we monitor our nursing homes for abuse and neglect. But at the President's direction, we're going to focus exclusively on ensuring that those who are in nursing homes -- people operating the nursing homes, like many of the CEOs that we met with today -- are complying with the new standards to keep our elderly safe.

The President also met today with airline executives and I'll reiterate, as the President said, our profound gratitude to our partners in the airline industry. They have worked with us in, as we say, flowing Americans through particular airports, the screening. We're working very closely with the airlines on contact information. If a person is tested as positive for the coronavirus, we're working with the airlines to get all the information not just about that person, but about who they sat next to and who else was on the flight. And the President and I are very grateful.

As we announced yesterday, I'm pleased to report that, as of yesterday morning, in addition to the travel ban from China -- we've suspended all travel coming in from

China, we've suspended all travel coming in from Iran, and even foreign nationals who visit either one of those countries are barred from coming into this country for 14 days.

We also established a travel advisory for Italy -- portions of Italy and portions of South Korea over the weekend. But even as importantly, as of yesterday morning, we fully implemented a screening process. All direct flights from all airports in South Korea and Italy are now being subject to multiple screens before passengers board to come to the United States of America.

State Department worked very vigorously to bring that about and we're grateful for the cooperation with the governments of Italy, the governments of South Korea, as well as our airline partners in making that a reality.

Finally, with regard to testing, we had a meeting today that gave us great hope for great progress in the near future on expanding testing across the country. We have a ways to go yet, and I'm pleased to report, as we've been able to convey to state governments -- governors around the country -- is that, thanks to the good work with the FDA and Dr. Steve Hahn, who is with me here today, now all state laboratories, all university laboratories at the state level, can conduct coronavirus tests without any additional assets or resources from the federal government. They have the FDA-approved tests; they can conduct the test all across the country in all the states.

Beyond that, as we announced, through the efforts of HHS, 2,500 kits of tests are going out this week that -- 2,500 kits including tests has gone out this week. That's roughly 1.5 million tests that will be available this week. We'll continue to build on that number.

But perhaps most significantly, thanks to Dr. Birx's efforts and leadership, we brought together, today at the White House, the leaders of all of the largest commercial laboratories in this country -- companies like Quest that have vast capabilities, logistics and testing capabilities. And we were pleased to report today that they have created a consortium to share information and to share resources and literally have told us that, as they go through what is called the "validation process" on testing that, by next week,



individual companies will be able to do, as they said to me, thousands of tests of coronavirus if they are needed and required, and many, many multiples more of that in the not-distant future.

Our objective here, as Dr. Birx raised with the task force is we've got hospitals in affected areas and those that are requesting that have kits -- we've got universities and state labs that now can perform the test on a requested basis. But our objective, ultimately, and as quickly as possible, is to have tests made through these commercial laboratories and commercial providers that your local doctor, your CVS, your MedCheck is able to have a coronavirus test. And that isn't there yet; we're working to make that a reality.

But again, it's one more example -- it's not just a whole-of-government approach; it's a whole-of-America approach. And whether it be our nursing home industry, whether it be our airline industry, whether it be our commercial laboratories, I can speak on behalf of President Trump and our entire task force when I say we are profoundly grateful for the spirit that's being reflected by companies all across the United States of America, grateful for the leadership at the state level. And the American people should be confident that that spirit of partnership is going to continue to drive this at every level as we work our way through dealing with the coronavirus in the United States.

With that, I'm going to recognize Dr. Deborah Birx for her comments.

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Good evening. Over the -- over the last 12 hours, we've been able to receive information, both from South Korea and Italy, adding to our China information. And it's as we thought: The elderly and preexisting conditions have a more serious illness when confronted with the coronavirus.

Reassuringly, in South Korea, no one has died under 30. This is reassuring to us. And the median age in Italy was 81, of those who succumbed. Those who became ill, the median age was 60.

So we find this data reassuring but it also has



has really caused us to focus on the Americans who might be most vulnerable. So we're focusing resources, attention, and all of our capacity to ensure those who have preexisting conditions and those who are elderly have access to the best prevention and treatment options.

The prevention options flow right through all of us to ensure that we have good protective hygiene for our elderly clients around the globe.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Seema?

ADMINISTRATOR VERMA: Thank you. And as you heard, because of the risk for our nation's seniors, we are doubling down on our efforts. Today, we put out three memos. One was to hospitals about triaging and placement for patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus. We also put out some information to nursing homes about limiting visitors to nursing homes, monitoring staff. And then, finally, we put out some information to our state surveyors that are going to be surveying our nation's nursing homes and hospitals around infection control.

So all of that information went out this morning.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you, Seema.

CDC. Bob Redfield.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I think what I'd like to highlight today is that -- first, echo what the Vice President started with when he was giving the American people the advice that he did as he went through that we do have listed out on our CDC website: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

It really is very important, it's very pragmatic about washing your hands 20 seconds in soap and water or using the other disinfectants. Obviously, training yourself to cover your sneeze or cough either in your elbow or with a Kleenex that you will dispose of. These are very important things. Working hard not to touch your face.

I think the most important thing for many of those individuals that might be a little type A: If you get sick, stay home. You're not helping your colleagues by going to work sick.

And again, I think these are just very pragmatic. We've listed them. They're absolutely no different than what we ask the American public to do for the flu.

The second thing I would like to do is continue to get the help from you to get those messages out. The one that's the most important that the Vice President also talked about is the role of masks. We need these N95 masks for the healthcare workers that are taking care of these patients. We do not recommend them to be used by the general public.

And again, you all -- if you tell the stories -- are able to be great communicators of that, so that the American public gets accurate information and gets good guidance from your experts that you'll reach out to for your stories. So that's what I would ask you to do.

And I'll reiterate what the Vice President said at the beginning: that although we're continuing to see new community cases in this nation, the overall risk to the American public at this time still remains low.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Dr. Fauci?

DR. FAUCI: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just to reiterate what was said by several of our colleagues here is that we make policy recommendations and analysis of what we're going to recommend based on accumulation of data. Data is very important. What Dr. Birx just told you is data is that underscores some of the things that we've been telling you.

You know, when you talk about risk -- you know, risk is something that's vague to people. And we've said many a time, if you talk about risk of infection throughout the country, it's a low risk. If you talk about someone who is infected -- and we do have infected people in this country. You've heard that from Dr. Redfield. You understand the situation that we have in Seattle.

If you do get infected, if you're infected as -- taking Seattle as the microcosm of that -- it is exactly what Dr. Birx said: The risk of getting into difficulties is very heavily weighted towards people with underlying conditions and people with the elderly, where the young people -- and there will be an exception here or there, the same way we see with influenza -- but the risk for a young person who gets infected to getting into trouble is really low, based on a lot of data that's coming out of foreign countries, particularly out of China.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great. Thank you, Dr. Fauci.

Dr. Carson?

ADMINISTRATOR CARSON: I want to thank the Vice President and the President for very aggressive and careful leadership. Now, I was involved throughout my neurosurgical career with a lot of very, very complex cases and dealt with a lot of renowned physicians, but I must say the people on this task force are extremely impressive. Have been considering all the various different possibilities -- outlining scenarios for all the possibilities that can occur. And it's very comforting -- and recognize that the risk to a healthy adult still remains quite low, largely because of the aggressive actions that have been taken and are continuing to be taken every day.



And just one last point and that is: The pharmaceuticals, who normally are rivals, have worked together voluntarily. Wouldn't that be a great lesson for the politicians?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great.

Quick informational announcement: I'll be traveling with many members of the task force to Minnesota tomorrow. We'll be visiting 3M, which is poised to literally begin manufacturing millions more masks for our healthcare workers. And then we'll be traveling on to Washington State.

We'll be meeting with Governor Inslee and with his health team to ensure that the full resources of the federal government are being brought to bear in support of their efforts to protect the health of the people across the Seattle area.

So, with that, let me start right here.

Q Thank you, Vice President Pence. I have two questions: one about Washington and then one about Florida. I'll start with Washington. Can you tell us a little bit more about how that meeting came to be? Will Secretary Azar be with you? Is that a meeting that the governor asked you to come there? Can you explain?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: The -- I've spoken to Governor Inslee, who I know well from our time in Congress together, several times since being tapped to lead the White House effort on the coronavirus a week ago.

He's been providing strong leadership for the State of Washington. They have an outstanding health department.

But after meeting with members of the Senate and the House, particularly those from the Washington State delegation, we thought it would be important to bring our team out to meet with their team on the ground, and to make sure that they have the full



support.

The -- our hearts go out to those that have been infected with the disease in the Seattle area. But also we understand the anxiety this has created in the full community and we're going to be going out just to make sure -- and sitting down with the governor and with his team -- that they have everything they need and all the support they need to see to the health of their people.

Q Thank you, sir.

And, on Florida, you will have a meeting on Saturday -- is that correct? -- with the cruise liners? Which companies are coming to that meeting? What's the goal of that meeting? Is there something that you'd like to see them do differently that they are not doing now?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll talk about just that. Obviously, with the Diamond Princess issue, there are unique challenges -- that our experts tell us -- in a closed environment of a cruise liner. But we're going to talk about best practices.

And I thought it was timely to spend some time with people in that industry as we're meeting with the others in industries around the country. Okay?

Back there, please.

Q Mr. Vice President, thanks so much.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure.

Q Two quick questions. The first one, I've been looking online at hand sanitizer and soap. There is some -- there are some sites like Amazon where these prices have just skyrocketed. What's your advice to Americans who are trying to just buy the soap and water, and the hand sanitizer that they're telling them buy, but that they're -- but can't

afford it at this point or can't find it?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: That's great. I'm going to ask CDC to respond to that, because they've got some very clear guidance.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I want to make it really clear. I don't think -- soap and water, vigorously washing your hands for 20 seconds is what the American public needs to do. If they want to use the hand sanitizers, that's another option, but I don't want people to think it's inferior to what we've recommended for decades, which is vigorous washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Okay. Another one. Another one? Go ahead.

Q You were talking about working on getting testing so that doctors and other places will be able to have it. How far along are you in that goal? And what should Americans expect -- how soon should Americans expect to be able to go to their doctor's office to get tested?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask to Deborah Birx to address that. But just so you know, there's three levels here. Number one is that we do have about 1.5 million test kits going out as we speak to hospitals, particularly hospitals in areas that have seen coronavirus cases.

In addition to that, thanks to the good work of the FDA and the change that President Trump authorized this weekend, now every state health lab and university lab can conduct a coronavirus test and that expands the capacity. But ultimately, as Dr. Birx will explain, our objective is -- in addition to those tests being available -- that we want to get to a place where -- where any American who has a concern is able to go to their doctor, is able to go to a medical clinic, and know that there's a coronavirus available.

We think we could get there in a matter of weeks. And in partnership with the commercial labs, we're challenging them to do just that.

Dr. Birx?

DR. BIRX: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Just briefly, because I think you were interested also in cost. And I think what we've heard from CMS and from HHS -- that this will be an essential lab test, so fully reimbursable.

What we talked about with the commercial laboratories is exactly your question. And we asked them -- and they are in validation this week. They -- some of them thought they would have tests available on Friday, and the rest on Monday.

I've asked them to prioritize the areas where we've had these clusters so that people can be reassured in those areas where there is -- where we have identified virus has been circulating. In those cases, they will have it available at doctor's office and all of our pediatric offices that would need it. And they will transport it through a logistics network to make sure that they can be run.

Q Follow-up on testing and --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: With regard to -- with regard to the cost, let me be very clear: HHS has designated the coronavirus test as an essential health benefit. That means, by definition, it's covered in the private health insurance of every American, as well as covered by Medicare and Medicaid. And so, what -- but we're -- we're working with members of Congress and we'll be monitoring the cost very carefully. Please.

Q You've put travel restrictions on travel Italy and South Korea. Are you considering more -- imposing more restrictions on travel?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm going to ask Dr. Fauci to speak to that. At this time, they're not recommending that the President impose additional travel advisories or restrictions. But as Dr. Fauci can explain, we're going to follow the data on that very closely and follow the cases.

Did you want to speak to that?

DR. FAUCI: Yeah. So this is something that's really evaluated in real time. I mean, you can make a decision now that you're going to project what's going to be. You -- just based on the data. And it became very clear that the situation in Northern Italy and in Korea was actually unique, compared to what we were seeing in several of the other countries. That's why that was done.

We reevaluate this literally every single day.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: We do. We do.

Right there.

Q Thank you, Vice President --

Q Mr. Vice President --

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, right here.

Q Thank you. Thank you.

Q Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Me?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q Thank you. So I was wondering: What sort of progress was made with your meeting



with the airline CEOs today about coordinating the collection of passenger data?

And then also there's been reports that the CDC is investigating a potential cluster of cases from a cruise ship in California that could be linked to the state's first death. Could you confirm that and how many people might the CDC be investigating in that case?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: I'll let CDC respond to your second question. But, on the first question, I know the President was also very moved by the level of commitment from our airlines for customers' health and safety as well as their crews' health and safety there. They described to us their activities in cleaning the aircraft and sanitizing aircraft. And we believe, as President Trump said today, that it's safe to fly. It's safe to fly in America and it's safe to fly internationally apart from the travel advisories that are available to the public.

With that being said, we -- it's a work in progress about having contact information. But we were assured today by the airlines that they'll continue to work very closely with us to provide manifests of passengers on an individual flight in the event of a coronavirus infection. And the cooperation has been just what the American people would expect from our airlines.

But let me -- let me let CDC speak to the other issue.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. So, we are working in support of the California Health Department that's in the process of evaluating another cruise ship where they do have confirmed cases. We're at the very beginning of that -- looking at the manifest -- to make sure we understand who has gotten off the cruise and where they got off the cruise. And we're really involved in that entire contact follow up as we speak, right now.

MS. MILLER: Last question, guys.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here. Right here.

Q Thank you very much. It's possibly a question for Dr. Birx, regarding it being safe to fly.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Please.

Q You have spring break coming along. A lot of grandparents may be coming to visit family members to help watch over kids -- older adults. Is it safe? If it's unnecessary travel, should they still hop on a plane and travel?

DR. BIRX: Well, that's why we're talking about the commonsense approach. So if you have preexisting medical conditions or you're of the elderly and frail, that is something that they need to take into context. And that's why we were very clear about providing that information, because we really want everyone to know what we know, that we've received this new data, we've gone through it carefully. It does look like there is significant greater risk of serious illness as you become older, and if you have other medical conditions.

Now, what I talked about also was protecting the elderly and protecting those with other medical conditions. And I want to be clear, the other medical conditions included people recovering from cancer. So just as you would protect them when they have their chemotherapy and their immun- -- immune responses are lower, you would do that with careful handwashing, again, and ensuring, if you have children in the household, that they're following those same procedures.

I have a nine-month-old and a two-year-old grandchild and they're -- the two-year-old has learned to wash her hands carefully. And I think these are just things we need to ensure are happening every day in households.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Right here.

Q Do you have any hesitations traveling to Washington State tomorrow -- I mean, for

your own personal health? And are you trying to send a message to all Americans that you believe it is safe to fly?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: No, I have no hesitation at all. I have to tell you that the job that Washington State has done in confronting the coronavirus infections in the Seattle area has really been inspiring. They've got an outstanding health facility, outstanding health department. And we're going to be sitting down with all of their health officials.

But I'm -- I'm a real believer, just as the President is, in and sitting down and sitting nose to nose, as President did today, with executives and asking the questions and making sure. The American people expect nothing less. They expect us to be there for that community. And we'll be bringing our task force out to make sure that Washington State has all the support that they need. And that's the purpose of the trip.

MS. MILLER: Okay, guys, last question.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Last one.

Q Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I appreciate it.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sure. Sure.

Q In light of what Dr. Redfield said yesterday about how quickly this virus has been spreading, what will need to happen specifically for you to declare this a "national emergency"? What -- what's the threshold? Will it be the number of deaths? Will it be the number of cases?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Let me -- let me let Dr. Fauci speak to that, in terms of a determination of when a recommendation to the President -- we've declared a public health emergency. But maybe you might speak to whether we --

DR. FAUCI: Yeah, you know, a public health --



Q But -- hi, so you know what I'm asking, with regard to a national emergency?

DR. FAUCI: What preciously do you mean?

Q Well, to declare a national emergency, will it -- what's the threshold -- the number of cases, the number of deaths -- where you're going to take decision making out of the hands of the states and you're going to make -- "Okay, we're going to quarantine a city."

DR. FAUCI: Sure.

Q Or, "We are shut down big events or we're going to say 'no travel.'"

DR. FAUCI: This -- well, let me just tell you --

Q Major decisions.

DR. FAUCI: -- how that would be made. That would be made by very serious discussions among the task force. I would think that, if we were in a situation -- and hopefully we never even approach that -- where you have clear, wide, diffuse community spread throughout the country and you have to have federal mandates that come in to essentially enforce certain types of social distancing, I think it would have to come to that.

But I'm a bit humble about that. I would like to discuss it with a variety of other people who have more of a handle on the implications of that.

Q Would you say --

Q Can you please supply some guidance to the uninsured?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: It's probably a very -- it's probably a very good place -- it's



probably a good -- very good place to step off. We're going to go back to work.

But let me -- let me end where I began. And that is to say: Today, in the United States, the combination of domestic cases and people that we have brought home from China and from the Diamond Princess, we have slightly more than 100 cases. And the vast majority of those people either have recovered or are continuing to recover.

Now, that's not going to lessen the focus that President Trump has charged us to continue to put on this issue. We're continue to work closely with members of Congress to make sure that we have the resources to confront the spread of the coronavirus.

But, at this moment, I have to tell you, our state and local governments around the country are just doing an exceptional job. And as a former governor, I can tell you that the people that are on the ground -- the healthcare workers, the health officials at the state level -- are responding to this with compassion, with professionalism.

And a big part of our job right now is just make sure that they have the support, that we come alongside them, that they have the personal protective equipment and gear to be able to minister to anyone who has the virus.

But I think -- I think the American people -- the American people can take some comfort that the reality is, today, that the risk of the coronavirus to the average American remains low. And as we continue to take these steps, as Americans continue to take commonsense practices to protect their own health, the health of their family, we'll work to keep it there.

Thank you.

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Yes. That is correct. But here is a longer explanation that Anne S just wrote that may be helpful too.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

“† As of March 2, 2020 1,235 patients had been tested at CDC. This does not include testing being done at state and local public health laboratories, which began this week.”

McGowan – am I looking at the right data?

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California declared a state of emergency after one person died from COVID-19. I was pondering this pandemic. I think that we will see a huge impact to the GDP as numerous sectors get clobbered.

I am one who is not afraid of this coronavirus, yet even I am erring on the side of caution. The Mets have spring training by me. I will avoid that setting. I am trying to avoid a trip to New York next week.

Now, who in their right mind would take an elective cruise ship vacation? How many people might avoid a restaurant or movie theater? Who would go to large music concerts or sporting events?

I think the following industry sectors will be devastated:

- • Airlines
- • Cruise ships
- • Hotels
- • Large-venue entertainment
- • Any company dependent on overseas travel
- • Oil companies as demand for jet fuel drops

I think these sectors will be affected too:

- • Restaurants
  - • Hollywood studios and the theater companies
  - • Any city around the world that benefits from tourists (e.g. New York, any Italian city, etc.)
- Hospitals rely on lucrative elective surgery, etc. Those will slow down.

Certain individual stocks might do well too.

- • There are numerous biotech and medical device ideas that one can find.

I think that US companies relying on China for their supply will be hit hard. Apple, for example, is in denial. Their earnings are going to be very bad. As one example, I made a rare impulse purchase of sneakers I saw advertised on Instagram. The delivery is very late. They are coming

from China. That is why. The big loser in all of this, in the long-term, will be China. This is a wakeup call to industry.

The way that my dire predictions could change is if we start to get an accurate picture of the virulence of COVID-19. We have no idea what the real death rate is. We know that high-end estimates are about 3%. If real death rates are under 1%, and the people dying are all elderly, then I think the panic might subside. We need more color on each of these deaths and recoveries. The HHS and states need to release details on a centralized website.

In conclusion, I predict that earnings season for Q2 2020, which will begin in July, will be very bad. Q1 earnings should start soon and they will reflect all of this too.

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### **Pool Coverage**

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### **EST**

**9:40 AM THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Washington, D.C. en route to**

**Minneapolis, MN on Air Force Two**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Pool Press*

**CST**

**11:15 AM THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Minneapolis, MN on Air Force Two**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport*

*Pre-Credentialed Press*

**12:00 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT meets with Mike Roman, Chairman and CEO of 3M**

*3M Innovation Center*

*Press Spray*

**1:45 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Minneapolis, MN en route to Tacoma, WA on Air Force Two**

*Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport*

*Pool Press*

**2:30 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT leads a White House Coronavirus Task Force conference call**



*Air Force Two*

*Closed Press*

**PST**

**3:15 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT arrives in Tacoma, WA on Air Force Two**

*McChord Field Airport*

*Pre-Credentialed Press*

**4:00 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT meets with Governor Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington**

*State Emergency Operations Center*

*Press Spray*

**4:30 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT tours the State Emergency Operations Center**

*State Emergency Operations Center*

*Pool Press*

**5:05 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in a press briefing with Governor Jay Inslee**

*State Emergency Operations Center*

*Open Press*

**6:15 PM THE VICE PRESIDENT departs Tacoma, WA en route to Washington, D.C. on Air Force Two**

*McChord Field Airport*

*Pool Press*

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

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**BLUF:** ASPR, CDC, CA Dept of Health (CDPH), Princess Cruise Lines held a conference to coordinate this issue.

- CDC provided multiple recommendations to CDPH and Princess for various scenarios related to current situation on Grand Princess.
- CDC states ASPR will address operations and logistic planning requirements for this response.
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- CDC also anticipate there will be additional logistical requirements for transportation (and potential housing of) non-CA residents – domestic and international.
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Some of these points will need discussion this morning, or course.  
I spoke to the Secretary last night and he has specific preferences

**Brett P. Giroir, MD**

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Good morning Dr. Kadlec,

**BLUF:** ASPR, CDC, CA Dept of Health (CDPH), Princess Cruise Lines held a conference to coordinate this issue.

- CDC provided multiple recommendations to CDPH and Princess for various scenarios related to current situation on Grand Princess.
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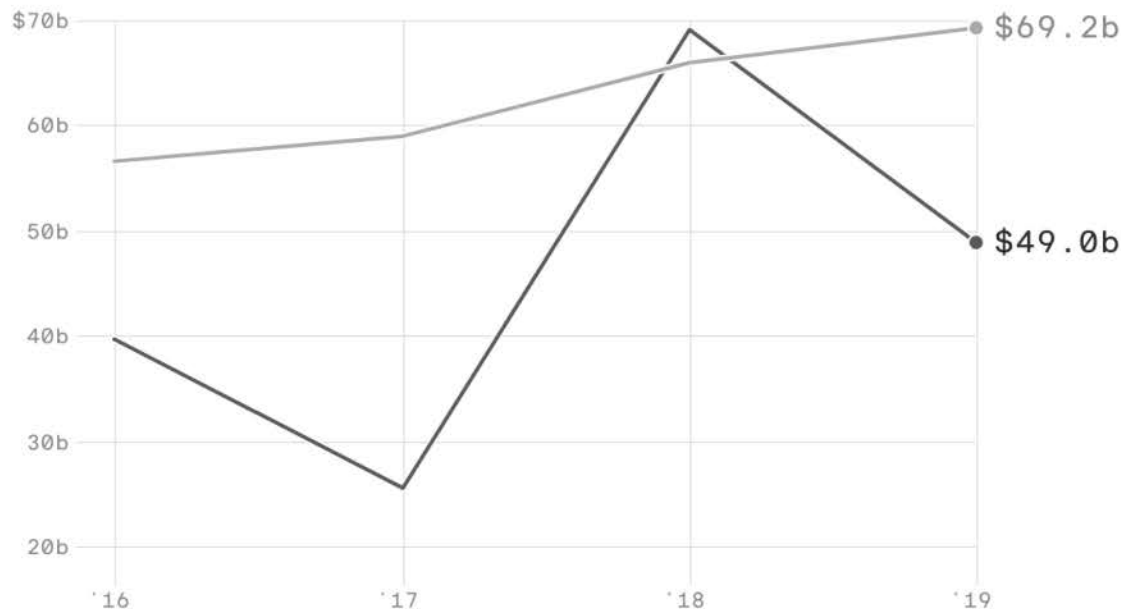
**In case you've been** living under a rock, there's a lot of news this week. and yet today's word

1 big thing: Pharma is on a stock buyback spree

## Pharmaceutical companies spending on R&D and buybacks

2016 to 2019

— R&D — Buybacks



Data: Company filings; Explore the data [here](#); Chart: Axios Visuals

**In 2018**, the year the Republican tax law went into full effect, 12 of the largest pharmaceutical

**The big picture:** When billions of dollars became available to the biggest drug companies, the can't afford their drugs.

**By the numbers:** Axios analyzed the stock buybacks and R&D expenses of the 12 largest Ame

- • These companies repurchased \$69.1 billion of their stock in 2018, while spending \$65.9
- • Over the entire four-year period, stock buybacks for these 12 companies totaled \$183 bi
- • Two drugmakers — Amgen and Biogen — spent more on stock buybacks for the entire p

**What they're saying:** Amgen said in a statement that it repurchased large quantities of stock

R&D," but did not address questions about its stock buybacks.

**Go deeper:** See the company-by-company analysis.



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## 2. The latest on the coronavirus

**Keeping up with the coronavirus** is beginning to feel like drinking from a fire hose, so here

- • **Companies that make products** geared toward staying at home — think peanut butter
- • **Congress reached a deal** on a bill that would give an additional \$8.3 billion toward
- • **The outbreak** has caught the U.S. and the world off guard, and it now threatens to bre
- • **As the coronavirus spreads** across the globe, health care professionals are tapping

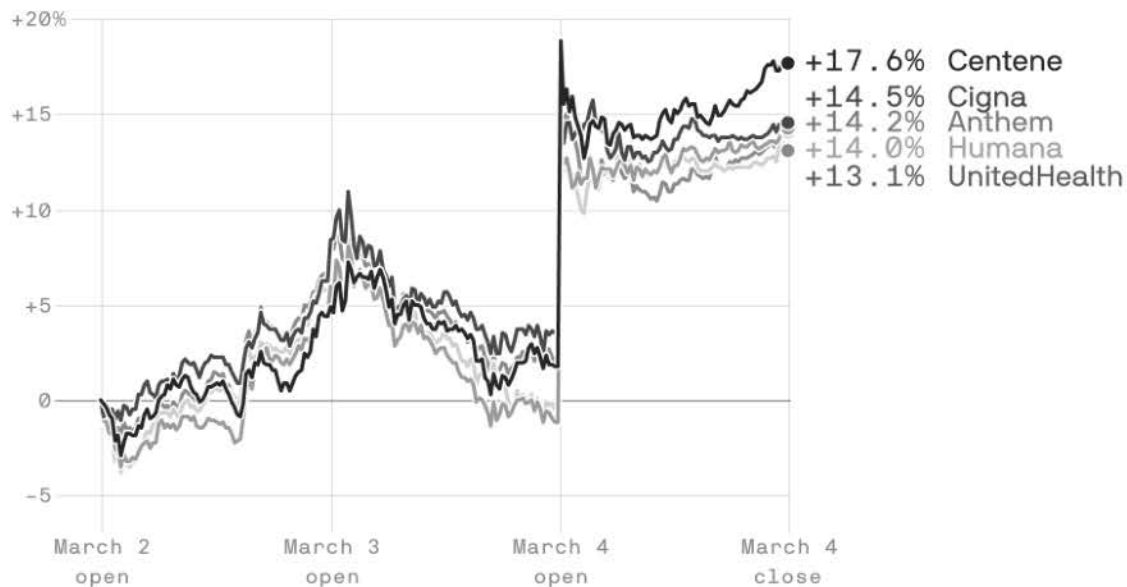


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## 3. Health care stocks surge after Biden's big wins

## Health insurance stocks

March 2–4, 2020



Data: Money.net; Chart: Andrew Witherspoon/Axios

**Health care stocks soared Wednesday**, led by double-digit percentage gains from major h

**The big picture:** Nothing has changed with the health care industry, which is still printing mo  
presidency or a Trump re-election will keep the lucrative status quo in place.

**Between the lines:** The political prognostications of Wall Street and its trading algorithms ha

- • The sentiment was especially sour last April after UnitedHealth called out Sanders' Med

**The bottom line:** Medicare for All faces a lot of political hurdles in Congress, but so do Biden

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# Responding to the coronavirus



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**Happy Thursday!** *Today's Smart Brevity™ count: 1,192 words ... 4½ minutes.*

- • 📺 **A video** that's worthy of your time: As part of our What Matters 2020 series on critical issues, we've produced a new video on *Climate*.

1 big thing: The emerging coronavirus economy





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**To the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group:**



Please see the latest letter below from Dr. Sin Lee of Milford Molecular Diagnostics. It would appear that the CDC could use

some lessons for the direct detection of the coronavirus..... but then again, Dr. Lee is blacklisted because of his ability to

identify chronic Lyme disease.

Carl Tuttle

----- Original Message -----

From: Sin Lee <shlee01@snet.net>

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Cc: CARL TUTTLE <(b)(6)@comcast.net>

Date: March 4, 2020 at 3:22 PM

Subject: COVID-19 molecular diagnosis

Dear Attorney Huntley:

Since you are my official CDC contact, this letter is addressed to you.

We have learned that the CDC RT-qPCR test kit for COVID-19 assay is generating false positive results.

To raise the sensitivity and specificity of the test, you may select a pair of PCR primers defining an ~355 b.p. amplicon from the following sequence for an initial RT-PCR, including the sequence underlined

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Then perform a heminested PCR to generate an amplicon of about 300 b.p. in size to be used as the template for Sanger sequencing. As you know, you will have no false positives with this protocol.

Thank you for designing a more accurate molecular diagnostic test for an emerging infectious disease.

Sincerely,

Sin Hang Lee, MD

On March 1, 2020 at 1:08 PM CARL TUTTLE <(b)(6)@comcast.net> wrote:

## **To the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group:**

Please see the correspondence below from Dr. Sin Lee of Milford Molecular Diagnostics.

----- Original Message -----

From: Sin Lee <shlee01@snet.net>  
To: "hhh1@cdc.gov" <hhh1@cdc.gov>  
Cc: CARL TUTTLE <(b)(6)@comcast.net>  
Date: March 1, 2020 at 11:14 AM  
Subject: An open letter to CDC attorney Heather Huntley

Dear Attorney Huntley:

I am the Plaintiff-Appellant in the United States Court of Appeals FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT case No. 19-2060-JL.

But this letter does not concern the lawsuit. So I did not go through my lawyers involved in this case.

Per your previous advice, I am sending all letters addressed to the CDC through you.

So, please answer the question posed in the attached letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sin Hang Lee, MD

**Carl Tuttle's response sent to Attorney Huntley:**



----- Original Message -----

From: CARL TUTTLE (b)(6)@comcast.net>  
To: Sin Lee <shlee01@snet.net>, hhh1@cdc.gov  
Date: March 1, 2020 at 11:27 AM  
Subject: Re: An open letter to CDC attorney Heather Huntley

Thank you Dr. Lee!

**To: Attorney Huntley,**

Dr. Lee's letter will be posted to social media for the world to see as what has been deceitfully established by the CDC here in America is wreaking havoc globally. This antibiotic resistant/tolerant superbug has been well hidden from the public through avoidance of direct detection methods.

Direct detection methods have recently identified chronic Lyme disease in France:

**PETITION UPDATE**

**Chronic Lyme disease in France**

<https://www.change.org/p/the-us-senate-calling-for-a-congressional-investigation-of-the-cdc-idsa-and-aldf/u/25825323>

Sincerely,

Carl Tuttle

Lyme Endemic Hudson, NH

**Dr. Lee's open letter to CDC attorney Heather Huntley:**  
(Attached)

Attorney Heather Huntley

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Open Letter via email: [hhh1@cdc.gov](mailto:hhh1@cdc.gov)

March 1, 2020

**Re: Lyme Disease and COVID-19 infection**

Dear Attorney Huntley:

I am the Plaintiff-Appellant in the United States Court of Appeals FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT case No. 19-2060-JL. This case is against the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about breach of a contract to continue evaluation of polymerase chain reaction (PCR)/DNA sequencing against the two-tier serology test in the diagnosis of Lyme disease infections for better patient care.

You are the CDC lawyer who is blocking a public hearing in court through a series of legal maneuvers.

This letter requests that you on behalf of the CDC answer an extremely relevant question in view of the current COVID-19 outbreak:

Why is the CDC not using a two-tier serology test for the diagnosis of COVID-19 infection, as for Lyme disease infection?

I think both the Lyme disease patients and potential COVID-19 patients would like to know the answers.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Sin Hang Lee, MD

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