



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

**September 7, 2022**

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

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the sixteenth 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. Epidemie~~

~~ix. Pandemie~~

~~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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c. ~~[<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 **404 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 **227 pages** to you in their entirety and I am further releasing in part **57 pages**, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemptions (b) (4), (b)(5), and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) and (b)(6)). Furthermore, I have determined that **119 pages** should be sent for consultation to others and returned to this Department for final disposition.

FOIA exemption (b)(4) permits the withholding of trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

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. I have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying the (b)(5) exemptions.

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*

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Enclosure(s)

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## **CDC suggests short-term school closures won't prevent coronavirus spread**

By Juan Perez Jr.

03/13/2020 04:11 PM EDT

As more states and cities close schools to confront the coronavirus pandemic, new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges officials to think hard about the impact of closing buildings and suggests short-term shutdowns don't stop the disease from spreading.

The advice came as a string of states, cities and large school districts announced Friday that their schools will be closed beginning Monday, sending hundreds of thousands of students home, with little consistency. Some are shutting down for a couple of weeks, some until the end of the month and some until mid-April, as parents worry about having their children exposed to the virus and press for schools to respond.

According to the CDC, available data suggests shutting down schools for two to four weeks doesn't affect the outbreak's spread or other measures such as the number of victims who are hospitalized. Much longer school shutdowns might have an impact, but washing your hands and staying home if you're sick are more effective at slowing the spread of disease, the government says.

"There may be some impact of much longer closures (8 weeks, 20 weeks) further into community spread, but that modelling also shows that other mitigation efforts (e.g., handwashing, home isolation) have more impact on both spread of disease and health care measures," the CDC's guidance says.

The CDC says places that have shut down schools, such as Hong Kong, have not had more success in reducing the disease than countries that didn't, such as Singapore.



Closing a school for a few days makes sense if a person inside the building was infected, the CDC guidance says. That allows workers time to decontaminate buildings and trace the infected person's contacts.

Closing schools for two to four weeks is recommended if there's significant staff and student absenteeism.

But the CDC guidance says shutting schools for a month, two months or longer is recommended when authorities encounter "substantial community spread." That's when the disease is transmitted on a large scale throughout a community, health care staffing is "significantly impacted," or there are multiple cases found in a communal setting.

"Waiting to enact school closures until at the correct time in the epidemic (e.g., later in the spread of disease) combined with other social distancing interventions allows for optimal impact despite disruption," the CDC says.

And when schools do shut down, governments face a big lift to account not just for academic hits to students, but also economic consequences and what the CDC describes as "unintended impacts on disease outcomes." That means planning for the challenge of remote learning, determining how to feed hungry children, offering mental health services, or supporting families who can't take off work for weeks at a time.

"Special consideration must be given for health care workers so that school closures do not impact their ability to work," the CDC added. Clear communication about who is making decisions and why is also important, the CDC said.

What's more difficult is understanding when to call classes back into session.

"While we have data that can contribute to decisions about when to dismiss schools, there is almost no available data on the right time to re-start schools," the CDC said. "We would advise to plan for a length of time and then evaluate based on continued community spread."

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Dear NAPAPI Senior Coordinating Body (SCB) Members,

Please find attached the Summary of Outcomes (SOC) of today's Senior Coordinating Body meeting on supply chain. We kindly ask that you please send any edits by **next Monday, March 16, 3pm EST.** For those on the call, we thank you for your patience with the technical difficulties. For those not able to make the call, the SCB agreed that collaborative action is needed to address supply chain and supported the Health Security Working Group's (HWSG) recommended next steps: (1) conduct an assessment of



need and availability of PPE and other critical medical supplies; and 2) develop options for domestic and joint strategies to address the increased demand of needed supplies (e.g., coordinated communications strategies with the public and manufacturers, coordinated acquisition with rapid and delayed delivery to ensure large purchases, etc.). The HSWG is due to report to the SCB in two weeks on the assessment.

Best regards,

Ana

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**Subject:** COVID-19 Teleconference - NAPAPI Senior Coordinating Body – FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1:00-1:30 EST

Dear NAPAPI Senior Coordinating Body (SCB) Members,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the North American Health Security Working Group (NAHSWG) under the NAPAPI, Dr. Maria Julia Marinissen and Dr. Robin Moudy, we kindly request your participation for a NAPAPI Senior Coordinating Body (SCB) call **THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1:00-1:30 EST (calendar invitation to follow)**. **This is an opportunity for the senior leaders (Assistant Secretary-level) of health, agriculture, security and foreign affairs to come together and discuss the COVID-19 situation and specifically a proposal from the NAHSWG to address current challenges related to the availability of medical supplies at the regional level.**

**We ask that all three countries come prepared to give a very brief status update of the situation in their country, including observed challenges and actions currently being taken (about 2-3 minutes long) regarding supply chain issues.** Please find attached the agenda and read-ahead materials, including an issue paper on supply chain that will serve as the basis for our discussion.

As background, the NAHSWG, the NAPAPI's technical arm, has been meeting since late January to exchange information regarding each country's COVID-19 response. We also have engaged with the WHO's Pandemic Supply Chain Network (PSCN), a global public-private collaboration of organizations (including major medical product manufacturers), involved in emergency supply chain operations working to ensure timely delivery of critical health supplies. Our discussion has led to greater focus on supply chain as a key issue requiring collaborative action. With this call, SCB members will be presented with a proposal for trilateral collaboration and asked for additional guidance.

For awareness, we are copying the main leads for your sector/country. We look forward to the call, and please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Ana

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## Royal Caribbean suspends U.S. cruises

By Tanya Snyder

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Royal Caribbean Cruises announced today that it is suspending all cruises in the United States for 30 days, beginning tonight at midnight.

“We understand the gravity of the public health crisis confronting the country,” the cruise line said in a statement. “And this is our part to play.”

They said they are reaching out to customers “to help them work through this disruption to their vacations” and to crewmembers “to work out the issues this decision presents for them.” The statement did not say whether or how employees or customers would be compensated.

The cruise industry presented a plan to the White House on Tuesday on how it proposed to help stem the spread of the coronavirus. It has not yet been made public, but it was reported that the industry was proposing to bar elderly passengers and those with underlying health conditions from cruises.

On Thursday, Viking Cruises and Princess Cruise Lines suspended all global operations.

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AMB and colleagues,

This came from the Secretary's meeting with Cliff Lane and Weigong Zhou, our USG members of the WHO China team. It's their wish list of things we really need to look into doing based on their learnings from the trip to China. The Secretary would like to pursue these. One thing he's been asking for is clearer, more directive (as opposed to suggestive) clinical guidance for COVID-19 treatment (hoping CDC is about done with that).

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Hi Garrett –

Per request, please find attached the wish list for China for Secretary Azar from Weigong and Cliff. They've also created a slightly longer document (also attached) that expands on the bullet points. I've cut and pasted the bullet points only <<File: Lane Zhou China Wish List.docx >>below.

One additional comment. Aimee did some research about ECMO machines. She found at least one reference that looks at repurposing other machines for ECMO and vice versa.

Let me know if you need more.

Cheers,

Erika

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AMB and colleagues,

This came from the Secretary's meeting with Cliff Lane and Weigong Zhou, our USG members of the WHO China team. It's their wish list of things we really need to look into doing based on their learnings from the trip to China. The Secretary would like to pursue these. One thing he's been asking for is clearer, more directive (as opposed to suggestive) clinical guidance for COVID-19 treatment (hoping CDC is about done with that).

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Hi Garrett –



Per request, please find attached the wish list for China for Secretary Azar from Weigong and Cliff. They've also created a slightly longer document (also attached) that expands on the bullet points. I've cut and pasted the bullet points only <<File: Lane Zhou China Wish List.docx >>below.

One additional comment. Aimee did some research about ECMO machines. She found at least one reference that looks at repurposing other machines for ECMO and vice versa.

Let me know if you need more.

Cheers,

Erika

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**Subject:** When are you going to do what it takes to cure the virus? There is a well-established cure!

**Importance:** High

Gentlemen,

You are on TV all the time talking about containment of the Wuhan virus. There are two elements to dealing with the pandemic/epidemic (i) prevention and, (ii)



curing those who are infected. **When are you going to start doing something about curing those infected?**

***The presumption that there is no cure for the Wuhan virus is just plain***

***wrong!*** Ultraviolet Blood Therapy (UBT) is a highly effective cure (100% or close) for any virus; it is completely safe (no report of a significant adverse side-effect in millions of treatments over nearly a century world-wide) and it acts quickly (often within a day or two). The attachment is the presentation I was invited to give to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) of the NIH charged with keeping the government up to date on new medical developments (even though UBT was discovered here nearly a century ago); the BARDA representatives showed interest but told me that I had no hope of getting UBT approved for use in US hospitals (and then in out-patient settings) because of the medical orthodoxy of the FDA. However, the FDA could approve UBT for very sick patients with “untreatable” infections, including COVID-19, under their policy of making individual “compassionate” exceptions for promising treatments.

- UBT was developed in America in the 1920s and has nearly a century of success. It was originally used to cure virtually every case of polio treated with it (see slide 13 in the attachment); it cured sepsis (see slide 15) and other nasty infections. By the early 1950s, UBT was “mainstream” medicine here until the AMA banned it (see below). In brief, it involves drawing 40-60cc of blood (not much more than a doctor draws for an annual physical), diluting it 4-1 with saline, adding 1,000 units of heparin to prevent coagulation, shining ultraviolet light (UV) through it and re-infusing the treated, diluted blood at the withdrawal site. The UV-C strips the protective covering off some (not all) of the pathogens in that blood so that, after it's re-infused, the immune system can recognize the live pathogen and eradicate it; the UV-A is absorbed by the red blood cells and enhances the immune system. THE BODY CURES ITSELF. The whole procedure takes about 25 minutes.

To satisfy myself, I've had UBT done on me twice to cure 'flu (I'll be 80 this year) and another four times just to show that it is completely safe. I don't bother with an unreliable and potentially dangerous 'flu-shot!

There are two causes of many of the respiratory infection deaths: (i) because there are so many strains of 'flu, the annual guess of what strain(s) to include in the vaccine can be way off the mark; as a result, annual US deaths from the viral



pneumonia caused by 'flu range from 20,000 to over 70,000 (see slide 23) and, (ii) there is no cure known to orthodox medicine for 'flu, coronavirus or any other viral infection; once there is an infection, patients may die.

All infections kill about half a million people a year in America, often in ICUs. Millions more who aren't killed suffer needlessly. Sepsis alone (30% mortality rate) kills about 200,000 people every year in the USA and hundreds of thousands more deaths result from viral and Superbug infections. Sepsis and virtually all of the infections can be cured by UBT. It has never failed to cure shingles. Every now and again we hear about another outbreak of "untreatable" infections that kill people in the USA - now it's the latest coronavirus epidemic - fear of which is running rampant. Curing COVID-19 would be a good way to show that the other half million lives can be saved.

There are three types of pathogens that cause infections: (i) bacteria treatable by conventional antibiotics, some of which have nasty side-effects including the destruction of important digestive bacteria, (ii) "Superbugs" (such as MRSA and C-Diff) that do not respond to any antibiotic and are essentially untreatable by conventional means; more Superbug strains are showing up every year, and (iii) viruses for which there has never been an effective, conventional treatment. The best that conventional medicine can do for Viral and Superbug infections is to try to keep the patient alive until the body's immune system eradicates the pathogen and cures the patient. Sepsis is another matter.

I'm horrified by the hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths in the USA from "untreatable" (by orthodox protocols) infections and the unnecessary suffering of millions more people who aren't killed. More information on UBT clinical trials and cures abroad is under the "UBT cures" tab in my web-site InfectionsCured.com

I have written confirmation from the FDA and CDC that they have received similar e-mails to this one! But there has been no follow up.

In the early 1950s, the American Medical Association (AMA), in the person of its then CEO, Morris Fishbein MD, drove Emmet Knott DSc, the discoverer of UBT, out of business and banned UBT which was picked up by the Soviet Union and then Europe. Interest in UBT had waned as Penicillin was just then being mass-

produced in the USA to treat bacterial infections and the new Salk vaccine significantly reduced polio infections but there was still no cure for polio and other active viral infections! UBT returned to the USA in the 1990s as primary doctors became disillusioned with the inability of orthodox medicine to cure viral (and now Superbug) infections. There are about 400 active UBT practitioners in America doing about 60,000 UBT procedures a year mostly in the Western states. There are thousands of practitioners in Europe and a few other countries, who are doing millions of procedures.

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***Doctors who use UBT believe that it is quite possibly the most important breakthrough in medicine ever;*** other breakthroughs would be vaccines (which are unreliable for 'flu) and antibiotics but UBT works when they fail, as antibiotics always have for active viral infections and increasingly do for Superbug infections.

I have absolutely no direct or indirect financial interest in the resurgence of UBT.

Yours sincerely,

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Brian, Gary and Kevin:

Here is an updated version of the COVID 19 “playbook” that I shared with you a couple of days ago.

Also, it seems that the most immediate item that will soon be in critical shortage are the swabs used in testing. I am sure you know this from multiple sources, but I wanted to be sure to reiterate it since the Secretary stated that he had money to spend and asked for input on highest priorities. Do you know if there are plans to spool up production of swabs in some fashion or allocate existing supplies?

Thanks,

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Here is Kaiser Permanente’s “playbook” for COVID-19, that Greg Adams promised to share during the meeting with Secretary Azar this morning.

Thanks again for all of your help and for making time for the meeting today.

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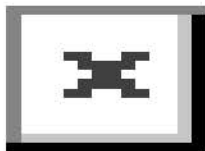
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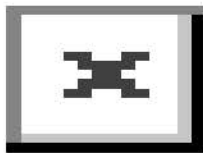
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^^ShangaiTech researchers, gave a crystal structure of the protein from SARS-CoV-2

It's not very useful, but they are the only ones who have given the technical details.

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ORF1ab encodes replicase polyprotein 1ab. After cleaved by two proteases, replicase proteins showed multifunction involved in transcription and replication of viral RNAs.

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Now according to my protocol (Alchemist's protocol), you mix a teaspoon of the MightyHoney, in 1 cup of green tea. There is a wisdom behind why my protocol is design in such a way.

Johnny faithfully followed the instructions, and that is how he also administered it to his toddler.

I am not going to cover the anti-cancer effects, which the FDA oncology department has been exhaustively trained on.

but here is something interesting

theaflavin 3,3'-di-O-gallate from *Camellia sinensis*,

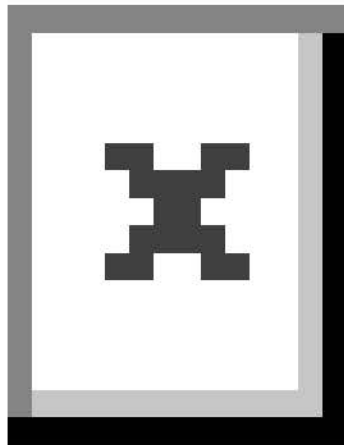


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**could be a RdRp inhibitor**

RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp)

Nsp12, a conserved protein in coronavirus, is an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) and the vital enzyme of coronavirus replication/transcription complex.

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as for what they are doing (the industry/hospitals)

Remdesivir (GS-5734), a nucleoside analogue, is an RdRp inhibitor. It can inhibit virus by inhibiting synthesis of viral nucleic acid and has not yet been approved for marketing in any country.



On January 31 of this year, the New England Journal of Medicine reported the diagnosis and treatment of the first SARS-CoV-2 patient in the United States<sup>47</sup>. Remdesivir showed some potential in the treatment of the first patient with novel coronavirus infection.

On Vero E6 cells, the EC<sub>50</sub> of remdesivir for SARS-CoV-2 is 0.77 µmol/L, and the selection index SI is greater than 129

## First Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in the United States

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMoa2001191>

At first they gave, tylenol and advil and some cough syrup....

Treatment with intravenous remdesivir (a novel nucleotide analogue prodrug in development<sup>10,11</sup>) was initiated on the evening of day 7, and no adverse events were observed in association with the infusion. Vancomycin was discontinued on the evening of day 7, and cefepime was discontinued on the following day

As of January 30, 2020, the patient remains hospitalized. He is afebrile, and all symptoms have resolved with the exception of his cough, which is decreasing in severity.

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 7:09 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:  
anyways I reviewed the chinese and russian research,

they too lack divine wisdom, albeit the Chinese were smart a used a similar (same) method to determine what they called "protease", but then they used existing antiviral drugs to determine what could be efficacious  
the russians have advanced technical skills and used a "Deep learning" approach to generate some molecular structures, they still need to synthesize and try them.

As you know those antiviral drugs (single molecules) which are already approved carry significant side-effects.

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On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 6:12 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:  
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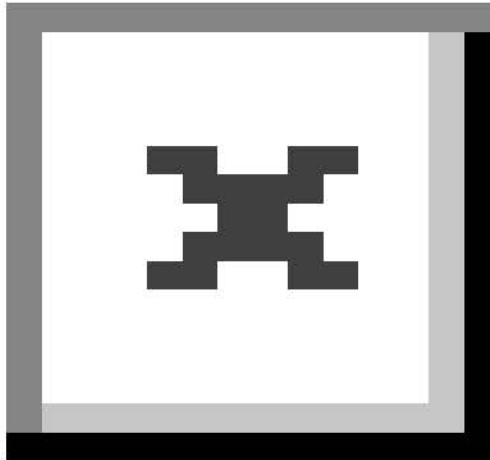


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conclusion: We can infer with near certainty, that the SARS-CoV-2 virus, has an replicase protein, which is nearly identical to the replicase system of SARS-CoV.

Thus by knowing that SARS-CoV 3CLpro

Recommended name:

Replicase polyprotein 1ab

Short name:

pp1ab

Alternative name(s):

ORF1ab polyprotein

Cleaved into the following 15 chains:

Host translation inhibitor nsp1

Short name:

nsp1

Alternative name(s):

Leader protein

Non-structural protein 2

Short name:

nsp2

Alternative name(s):

p65 homolog

can be inhibited, by previously researched molecules.

So we can deduce with near certainty, those same molecules can inhibit the new virus.

And this provide a rational, scientific basis for curing COVID-19.

Of course, the Alchemist always recommends, using the natural sources of the molecules, which can be found in a variety of plant life.

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Science for the government, (and yes I know some of you are more scientific than others), but it is important, everyone understand.

ok thank you

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 6:05 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/protein/YP\\_009725308.1?report=genbank&log\\$=protop&blast\\_rank=1&RID=6S0NAZR7014](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/protein/YP_009725308.1?report=genbank&log$=protop&blast_rank=1&RID=6S0NAZR7014)

Well it looks like the Chinese researchers, submitted it previously (the genomes),

it has not been formally annotated.

so WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

It matters, because then it is sound to use the old SARs research,

because we can be sure the virus, DOES HAVE THIS protein.

(even if it hasn't been formally named),

so the previous SARS research can be used to infer which molecules can stop the virus.

[already shared]



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Questions welcome.

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 6:02 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:  
sorry for the typos and bad grammar, I am rushing again.

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organism as COVID-19 (taxid:2697049)

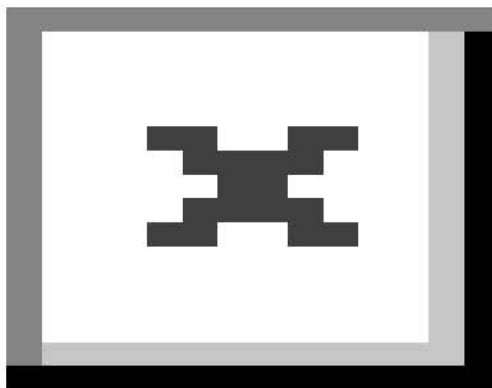


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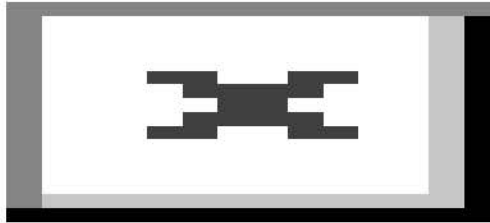


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so funny some one updated this TODAY

## helicase [Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2]

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On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 5:59 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:  
Then we can take it the "Ascension number"

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enter the organism as COVID-19 (taxid:2697049)

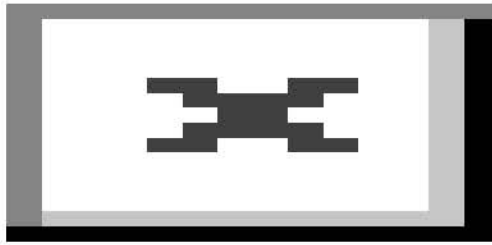


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Click "BLAST" (make sure it is Blast Protein, not nucleotide)

Wait, and then sort by Percent Identity, by clicking on it

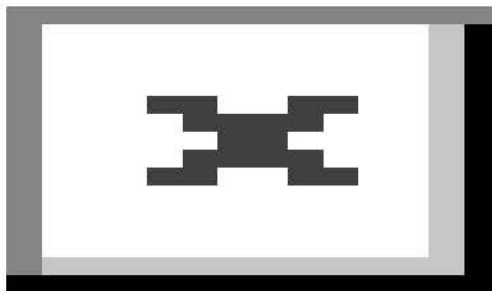


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On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 5:56 PM The Alchemist <[conventherbal@gmail.com](mailto:conventherbal@gmail.com)>wrote:  
I realized yesterday i worked fervently to determine this critical knowledge.

Here is how I did, step by step, so it can independently verified.

It known, this is the protein of interest

so first I found it in Uniprot

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All,

Please see updates below.

Day 4 (12MAR) activity:

**Zero (0) American citizen passengers remain on board the Grand Princess.** Four (4) U.S. crew members remain on board. IMT-8 will work with partners on Phase II operations.

Per IMT-8 Oakland, 480 individuals were offloaded on 12MAR (478 U.S. guests, 2 visa holders)

Per JPATS:

- Dobbins received two flights totaling ~257 passengers (one of which just landed at ~0700 on 13MAR)
- Miramar received two flights totaling 212 passengers
- Travis received 3 passengers
- Sites in Oakland have passengers and JPATS is working on gaining visibility

Staffing at HHS Mission Sites (per 12MAR SITREPS):

- Dobbins: 149
- Miramar: 113
- Travis: 225
- Lackland: 158
- Oakland: 171\*
- Omaha: 20\*
- Kirkland: 46

\*From PARS

States Accepting Passengers:

CT  
MA  
NH  
NJ  
NY  
DE  
MD  
PA  
VA  
AL  
GA  
KY  
SC  
IN  
MI\*  
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KS  
MO  
NE  
CO  
MT\*  
SD  
ND  
UT  
WY  
AZ  
CA  
NV\*  
AL  
ID\*  
OR  
WA

\*Anyone refusing testing must complete 14 day isolation/quarantine before returning

**States accepting COVID-19 NEGATIVE testing passengers only**

NY  
MD  
MI  
MN  
CO  
ID  
OR  
MT

**States NOT accepting passengers**

FL  
IL  
NM  
HI

V/r,

**Tom Fitzgerald, MPH**

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, March 13, 2020

#### HHS funds development of COVID-19 diagnostic tests

Two diagnostic tests that may detect severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in approximately one hour will receive advanced development support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response ([ASPR](#)).

The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority ([BARDA](#)) within ASPR will provide approximately \$679,000 to DiaSorin Molecular, LLC of Cypress, California, to rapidly develop the Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Assay, and approximately \$598,000 to QIAGEN LLC of Germantown, Maryland, to accelerate development of the QIAstat-Dx RPS2 test for COVID-19. The companies will provide the remaining funds for developing their respective diagnostic tests.

“Americans need access to rapid diagnostic testing. The sooner clinicians, patients, and public health officials know whether someone is infected with the novel coronavirus, the sooner they can take action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19,” said BARDA Director, Rick A. Bright, PhD. “Rapid diagnostic tests are critical in this public health response. We are working with the private sector at an urgent pace to make these tests available on as



many diagnostic platforms as we can in the coming weeks.”

DiaSorin Molecular’s test will use a nasopharyngeal (back of the nose and throat) swab from patients and is being designed for use with the company’s Simplexa Direct technology, an FDA-cleared platform currently used for their influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) tests.

The COVID-19 test would run on DiaSorin’s LIAISON MDX instrument, which works in conjunction with LIAISON MDX Studio software. This technology uses a sample-to-answer approach with minimal operator input; hundreds of the company’s diagnostic devices are in use in large commercial and hospital laboratories around the country. The COVID-19 test could potentially be ready within six weeks for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) consideration by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

QIAGEN will develop a COVID-19 test, QIAstat-Dx RPS2, to be added to the QIAstat-Dx Respiratory Panel. The device is used to run FDA-cleared tests for 21 respiratory pathogens. The device features easy-to-use molecular testing with novel workflows. The COVID-19 test could be ready within 12 weeks for EUA consideration by the FDA.

Both development projects were selected through a business-friendly EZ-BAA application process that streamlines the way BARDA collaborates with industry and entrepreneurs. BARDA recently opened the EZ-BAA for diagnostics that utilize platforms already cleared by the FDA, with a viable plan to meet requirements for the FDA to consider emergency use authorization.

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#### **Sent to White House (Night Note):**

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA gives flexibility to New York State Department of Health, FDA grants third Emergency Use Authorization**  
 Today, the FDA is taking two significant actions in the agency's ongoing and aggressive commitment to address the coronavirus outbreak (COVID19). First, the agency updated its policy/issued enforcement discretion to give New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) the flexibility to allow laboratories authorized by the state to begin patient testing after validating their tests and notifying the NYSDOH.
- CDC to tentatively release *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* on COVID-19**  
 Today, CDC is expected to tentatively release online (media pre-release embargoed until 1:00 pm) a *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* entitled "Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Surveillance and Response Measures for the First 100 Patients with COVID-19 in Singapore." This report analyzes the first 100 COVID-19 patients in Singapore to determine the effectiveness of the surveillance and containment measures.
- CDC to host clinician outreach call on COVID-19 and infection prevention and control recommendations**  
 Today, CDC is expected to host a [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\) Call](#) on COVID-19. During this COCA Call, presenters will focus on current information about COVID-19 and provide clinicians with updated information on implementing infection prevention and control measures, assessing risks for exposures, and optimizing the use of personal protective equipment supplies.
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- **Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model RFA**

Today, CMS will release a Request for Applications (RFAs) for the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model. The Medicare Advantage VBID Model tests a broad array of Medicare Advantage (MA) health plan innovations designed to reduce Medicare program expenditures, enhance the quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries, including those with low incomes such as dual-eligible beneficiaries, and improve the coordination and efficiency of health care service delivery.

**Other Newsworthy Items:**

- Surgeon General Adams will participate in the following interviews while traveling in Louisiana:
  - *The Morning News with Brian Haldane* LIVE @ 7:15AM CST/8:15AM EST
  - *The Moon Griffith Show* LIVE @ 9:50AM CST/10:50AM EST
- Dr. Fauci will participate in the following interviews:
  - *ABC Good Morning America* TAPED @ 6:30AM
  - *CBS This Morning* LIVE @ 7:00AM
  - *MSNBC Morning Joe* LIVE @ 7:20AM
  - *Fox & Friends* LIVE @ 7:45AM
  - *BBC radio* LIVE @ 9:30AM
- Administrator Verma will be interviewed on CNN's *New Day*.
- Dr. Anne Schuchat will participate in an interview with Dr. Marc Siegel on Sirius XM's Doctor Radio

**From Today:**

- IHS leadership joined HHS officials to give a weekly update on the COVID-19 to tribes, and tribal and urban Indian organizations. The call is every Thursday in March at 3:30 pm EDT.
- (CDC/NIH) [Annual Report to the Nation: Cancer Death Rates Continue to Decline](#)
- (CMS) [CMS Publishes First Set of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) Agencies](#)

**Notable Coverage:**

[Two passengers at LAX had coronavirus, internal HHS document shows](#)  
Yahoo News // Alexander Nazaryan, Jana Winter

[HHS Sec. Azar was key figure behind European travel ban](#)  
NewsMax // John Gizzi



Coronavirus pandemic tests clout of cruise industry and its long-standing ties to Trump  
Washington Post // Josh Dawsey, Jonathan O'Connell, Ashley Parker, Beth Reinhard

LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics Say Coronavirus Testing Is Available, But You Have to Go to Your Doctor  
AdWeek // Richard Collings

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## COVID-19 Response update Mar 13, 2020

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### Domestic Updates – Case Counts

The official case counts for the response are posted daily at noon on [CDC's website](#). The numbers below are tentative and may change up until the official update.

### Counts by Jurisdiction (Includes Presumptive Positives and Confirmed Cases)

(Data as of 03:00 ET 13 Mar) - All the US case counts reported to CDC (below) will be shown in black

| Jurisdiction N=49<br>(47States + NYC + DC)<br>New jurisdictions in red | Cases and Deaths Reported to CDC and/or reported on Jurisdiction Websites |               |             |              |       | For Situational Awareness - Cases and Deaths reported by jurisdictions*** unofficial sources <sup>±</sup> as of 03:00 Mar |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                                        | Total Cases*                                                              | Total Deaths* | New Cases** | New Deaths** | Cases | Deaths                                                                                                                    |  |
| Alaska                                                                 | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Arizona                                                                | 9                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 9     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Arkansas                                                               | 6                                                                         | 0             | 5           | 0            | 6     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| California                                                             | 224                                                                       | 4             | 71          | 1            | 221   | 4                                                                                                                         |  |
| Colorado                                                               | 49                                                                        | 0             | 16          | 0            | 45    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Connecticut                                                            | 5                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Delaware                                                               | 4                                                                         | 0             | 3           | 0            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Florida                                                                | 41                                                                        | 2             | 18          | 0            | 35    | 2                                                                                                                         |  |
| Georgia                                                                | 42                                                                        | 1             | 11          | 1            | 31    | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| Hawaii                                                                 | 2                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 2     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Illinois                                                               | 32                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 32    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Indiana                                                                | 12                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 13    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Iowa                                                                   | 16                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 16    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Kansas                                                                 | 4                                                                         | 1             | 3           | 1            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Kentucky                                                               | 11                                                                        | 0             | 3           | 0            | 10    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Louisiana                                                              | 19                                                                        | 0             | 6           | 0            | 19    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |

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|                                                                        | Total Cases*                                                              | Total Deaths* | New Cases** | New Deaths** | Cases       | Deaths                                                                                                                    |  |
| Maine                                                                  | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 0           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Maryland                                                               | 12                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 12          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Massachusetts                                                          | 108                                                                       | 0             | 13          | 0            | 108         | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Michigan                                                               | 12                                                                        | 0             | 10          | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Minnesota                                                              | 9                                                                         | 0             | 4           | 0            | 9           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Mississippi                                                            | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Missouri                                                               | 2                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Montana                                                                | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Nebraska                                                               | 11                                                                        | 0             | 1           | 0            | 11          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Nevada                                                                 | 7                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 14          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Hampshire                                                          | 6                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 6           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Jersey                                                             | 29                                                                        | 1             | 6           | 0            | 29          | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Mexico                                                             | 6                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New York (excluding NYC)                                               | 230                                                                       | 0             | 66          | 0            | 328         | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New York City                                                          | 95                                                                        | 0             | 43          | 0            | -           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| North Carolina                                                         | 15                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 15          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| North Dakota                                                           | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Ohio                                                                   | 5                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Oklahoma                                                               | 3                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Oregon                                                                 | 24                                                                        | 0             | 5           | 0            | 24          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Pennsylvania                                                           | 23                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 22          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Rhode Island                                                           | 5                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| South Carolina                                                         | 12                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 12          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| South Dakota                                                           | 8                                                                         | 1             | 0           | 1            | 8           | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| Tennessee                                                              | 18                                                                        | 0             | 9           | 0            | 18          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Texas                                                                  | 24                                                                        | 0             | 3           | 0            | 27          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Utah                                                                   | 5                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Vermont                                                                | 2                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Virginia                                                               | 17                                                                        | 0             | 8           | 0            | 17          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Washington                                                             | 457                                                                       | 31            | 91          | 2            | 442         | 31                                                                                                                        |  |
| Wisconsin                                                              | 8                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 8           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Wyoming                                                                | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| District of Columbia                                                   | 10                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 10          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Grand Princess <sup>§</sup>                                            |                                                                           |               |             |              | 21          |                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Total (without repat cases)</b>                                     | <b>1645</b>                                                               | <b>41</b>     | <b>439</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>1619</b> | <b>40</b>                                                                                                                 |  |
| Repat cases <sup>#</sup>                                               | 49                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 49          |                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Total (with repat)</b>                                              | <b>1694</b>                                                               | <b>41</b>     | <b>439</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>1668</b> | <b>40</b>                                                                                                                 |  |

\*These data represent cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since 21 Jan, 2020.

\*\* New cases represent change from prior morning sitrep. Numbers of new cases and deaths included in total case numbers. Jurisdictions may have negative numbers for various reasons, including reclassification since the prior report to another state.

\*\*\* State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

<sup>‡</sup>Unofficial sources include: Johns Hopkins dashboard or media. See notes below on specific sources for each jurisdiction

<sup>§</sup> These cases occurred in international waters but are being reported in the media as US cases

<sup>#</sup> Includes 3 cases from Hubei repatriation, 46 cases from Diamond Princess repatriation.

## Exposure category among US COVID-19 Cases Not Associated with Repatriation\*

| Exposure Category | Number Cases |
|-------------------|--------------|
|-------------------|--------------|



|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Travel-related                | 138         |
| Close contact with known case | 129         |
| Under investigation           | 1378        |
| <b>Total cases</b>            | <b>1645</b> |

\*These data represent cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since January 21, 2020. This includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases reported to CDC. It does not include people who returned to the U.S. via State Department-chartered flights (Hubei or Diamond Princess repatriation).

## Other Exposure Information

- Healthcare workers N=37

## Domestic Updates – Notes from the Field

*Data as of 12 Mar*

### NY summary

- Total NY State cases 325, Total cases in Westchester 148. *7 new counties affected. 30 health care facilities with known HCW exposure*
- *A nursing home in Manhattan reports transmission from an infected HCW to 7 residents (one resident with symptoms). Interventions include daily health screening required upon entrance for HCW and required mask wear and restriction/ban on all non-essential visitors (only medically necessary visits) effective Friday, 13 Mar at 5 PM amongst others.*
- Mayor declared state of emergency for New York City, *Governor bans gatherings of 500 persons or more and gatherings of <500 need to cut capacity by 50% (exceptions being made for spaces where individuals do not make sustained close contact such as schools, hospitals, public buildings, mass transit, grocery and retail stores), Implemented Thursday, Mar 12th for Broadway theaters and Friday, 13 Mar for all other venues*
- *CDC deployed 2 additional CDC HQ staff to assist in Westchester County*

### WA summary

- 270 cases and 27 deaths reported among King Co. residents
  - Includes 36 cases and 1 death reported in last 24 hours
- Life Care cluster, n=101\*
  - n=84 directly associated with Life Care (55 residents + 16 HCPs + 12 visitors + 1 daughter of HCP)
  - n=12 Issaquah Nursing & Rehab (linked to Life Care through common CNA)
  - n=5 Northwest Kidney Center and Toyota (which are connected to Life Care)
    - *These counts do not include 17 Life Care-associated cases among Snohomish county, WA residents. Of these 17, 16 are HCPs and one is a visitor to Life Care, all of whom are Snohomish residents*
- At least 3 new LTCF identified with COVID-19 confirmed cases
  - One additional LTCF very concerning, but no case confirmed yet
- State-wide webinar on infection prevention and control scheduled for 13 March
  - Audience is long-term care facility providers, EMS, etc.

- *Major concerns in healthcare settings about local shortages of PPE, particularly surgical masks; working with state to prioritize stockpile releases*

### **CA (Santa Clara) summary**

- 13 new case last 24 hrs (10 in previous 24 hrs)
- Completed evaluation of adult daycare facility that had a case yesterday
  - the facility currently not receiving participants while they evaluate monitoring and prevention measures.
- *4<sup>th</sup> case identified among TSA workers at San Jose airport – consulting with DGMQ and NIOSH*
- *Identifying several possible work-related clusters (e.g., airport, supermarket, firefighters, daycare)*
  - unclear if workplace or community exposure, fomite vs person-to-person
- *Setting up drive through system to obtain specimens from suspected cases of public health significance*
- Completed 16 CDC long forms for confirmed cases; unable so far to complete medical chart abstraction because of limited bandwidth
- Community mitigation and preparedness
  - Guidance documents for prisons and homeless populations completed; awaiting approval
  - New guidance on gatherings: Halt gatherings >100 people; legally enforced for >250
- Identified five positive cases from community ILI surveillance project; denominator ~50 but need to clarify
- *Requesting forecasting data on school closures impact on comm transmission and assistance with swab supply*
- *Working to automate data collection after team leaves; consultant on site to facilitate development of technological solutions for cases investigation and contact tracing*
- Team beginning transition back to Atlanta next week

### **Colorado summary**

- *49 cases in Colorado, with more expected tonight.*
- Additional ongoing investigations:
  - Positive healthcare worker in Wells County who worked while ill, more healthcare workers now symptomatic. Samples have been collected.
  - Ill healthcare worker in a mountain community, they had gone on a Nile cruise, results aren't back yet.
  - Potential long-term care outbreak. A suspected case worked three days while symptomatic at the center, and now there are multiple people with fever or respiratory symptoms. Tests have been collected and the unit is on lockdown.
- *There is a backlog at the state lab for testing.*
- State has new guidelines for releasing from isolation. 10 days after symptom onset as well as 72 hours after fever resolution as long as symptoms are resolving. (unsure if this is public yet)
- Wrapping up investigation with international travelers and the two parties. Identified 75 contacts from the two parties and working on addressing all the international issues to the extent possible.
- Local community spread in multiple locations. (Also, unsure how much of this is public)

## RI Summary

- *No new cases*
- Team mentioned in RI Governor's MSNBC interview ([link here](#))
- Letter from school principal on serology investigation reported in media ([link here](#))
- Total number of contacts under investigation: ~325
- On-going planning for investigation of French teacher's (MA case) students; to take place at the school on 13 Mar after end of quarantine
  - Site prepped for investigation; just-in-time training scheduled for 9AM 13 Mar
- As previously reported:
  - 1 case, 57 y/o female, recent travel to Egypt (2/25-3/6), no known link to current case
  - 1 case no known epi-link, 31 y/o female HCW, w/recent travel to Colorado
  - 1 case domestic travel-associated COVID-19 to NY bar mitzvah
  - 2 cases international travel-associated COVID-19 identified in Rhode Island

## Domestic Updates – Laboratory

*Data as of 12 Mar*

- 81 public-health labs now up and running with CDC assay (50 states plus DC)
- CDC testing update from the beginning of the response until end of day 11 Mar
  - 4227 samples reported
  - 1879 cases reported
- Public Health testing update until end of day 11 Mar
  - 9721 samples tested
- Serology update
  - Current ELISA throughput is 500/week with an additional 1000/week in the surge lab
  - Microneutralization throughput is 120/week with an additional 200/week in the surge lab
- Large commercial laboratories – EUA update
  - ARUP – testing will start 12 Mar
  - LabCorp – testing nationwide (currently scaling up capacity; reportedly only offering testing to existing customers)
  - MAYO – testing nationwide



- Quest – testing nationwide through California facility (currently scaling up capacity, reportedly starting with West Coast)
- Large commercial diagnostic companies
  - Roche – received approval from FDA to start to ship their reagents and pre-position them to be ready to initiate testing upon authorization of their EUA. This high throughput system can test up to ~3000 samples/24 hours

## Travel/Migration Updates

Data as of 11 Mar

### Airport Entry Screening

- 56,135\* air travelers screened to date. Zero (0) F11 site persons currently under mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- Daily for 10 Mar
- Air travelers screened: 667
- Hospital Referrals: 0
- Q-orders Issued: 0

\*Cumulative numbers reported each day may vary because of data entry delays or data scrubbing.

### F11 Quarantine Orders

- Under quarantine as of 11 Mar: 0
- Cumulative to date: 18

## Travel Health Notices

### Level 3

- China
- South Korea
- Iran
- Europe\*: 26 countries, Schengen (11 Mar)

### Level 2

- Global (11 Mar)

### Level 1

Not applicable

\* Countries include Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City. See <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-europe> for specifics

## Other

- Updating health education materials
  - THAN
  - Websites
  - Airport posters
- Developed internal talking points for Level 3 EU travel notice
- Continuing issuance of legal quarantine orders for Grand Princess passengers

## International Updates

### WHO Global Summary – Total and new cases in the last 24 hours.

Data as of 04:00 EST 12 Mar 2020 [Source: [WHO SitRep - 52](#)]

| Globally               | China*             |                   | Outside of China      |                    |                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Confirmed Cases        | Confirmed Cases    | Deaths            | Confirmed Cases       | Deaths             | Countries/<br>Territories/ Areas |
| 125,048<br>(6,729 new) | 80,981<br>(26 new) | 3,173<br>(11 new) | 44,067<br>(6,703 new) | 1,440<br>(310 new) | 117<br>(4 new)                   |

\*China totals include:

- Hong Kong – 129 cases (9 new), 3 deaths (0 new)
- Macau – 10 cases (0 new), 0 deaths (0 new)
- Taiwan – 49 cases (2 new), 1 death (0 new)

### Countries, territories or areas outside China with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Data as of 04:00 EST, 11 Mar 2020\* [Source: [WHO SitRep - 52](#)]

| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area† | Total<br>confirmed‡<br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification§ | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Western Pacific Region</b>          |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| Republic of Korea                      | 7869                         | 114                             | 66              | 6                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Japan                                  | 620                          | 52                              | 15              | 3                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Singapore                              | 178                          | 12                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Malaysia                               | 129                          | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 1                                      |
| Australia                              | 122                          | 10                              | 3               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Philippines                            | 52                           | 3                               | 2               | 1                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Viet Nam                               | 39                           | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Brunei Darussalam                      | 12                           | 11                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| New Zealand                            | 5                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 5                                      |
| Cambodia                               | 3                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 1                                      |
| Mongolia                               | 1                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only             | 2                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                   |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| French Polynesia                       | 1                            | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only             | 0                                      |
| <b>European Region</b>                 |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| Italy                                  | 12462                        | 2313                            | 827             | 196                    | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| France                                 | 2269                         | 495                             | 48              | 15                     | Local transmission              | 0                                      |



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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Spain                                              | 2140                                     | 501                             | 48              | 12                     | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Germany                                            | 1567                                     | 271                             | 3               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Switzerland                                        | 645                                      | 154                             | 4               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Denmark                                            | 615                                      | 353                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Netherlands                                        | 503                                      | 121                             | 5               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Sweden                                             | 461                                      | 135                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| The United Kingdom                                 | 460                                      | 87                              | 6               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Belgium                                            | 314                                      | 47                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Austria                                            | 302                                      | 120                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Norway                                             | 277                                      | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Greece                                             | 98                                       | 9                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Czechia                                            | 94                                       | 33                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Israel                                             | 75                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| San Marino                                         | 63                                       | 0                               | 2               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Iceland                                            | 61                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Slovenia                                           | 57                                       | 26                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Romania                                            | 48                                       | 23                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Poland                                             | 44                                       | 22                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Ireland                                            | 43                                       | 9                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Portugal                                           | 41                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Finland                                            | 40                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Georgia                                            | 23                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Russian Federation                                 | 20                                       | 13                              | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Serbia                                             | 19                                       | 7                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Luxembourg                                         | 17                                       | 12                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Croatia                                            | 16                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Latvia                                             | 16                                       | 8                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Estonia                                            | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Hungary                                            | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Belarus                                            | 12                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Albania                                            | 10                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Slovakia                                           | 10                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Azerbaijan                                         | 9                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 5                                      |
| Bulgaria                                           | 7                                        | 1                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| North Macedonia                                    | 7                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Cyprus                                             | 6                                        | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Malta                                              | 6                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |

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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina                          | 4                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Republic of<br>Moldova                             | 4                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Lithuania                                          | 3                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Andorra                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 9                                      |
| Armenia                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 10                                     |
| Holy See                                           | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 6                                      |
| Liechtenstein                                      | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 6                                      |
| Monaco                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 11                                     |
| Turkey                                             | 1                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Ukraine                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 8                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Faroe Islands                                      | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 3                                      |
| Gibraltar                                          | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 8                                      |
| Guernsey                                           | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| <b>South-East Asia Region</b>                      |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| India                                              | 73                                       | 13                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Thailand                                           | 70                                       | 11                              | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Indonesia                                          | 34                                       | 7                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Maldives                                           | 8                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Bangladesh                                         | 3                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 3                                      |
| Sri Lanka                                          | 2                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Bhutan                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 6                                      |
| Nepal                                              | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 48                                     |
| <b>Eastern Mediterranean Region</b>                |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Iran (Islamic<br>Republic of)                      | 9000                                     | 958                             | 354             | 63                     | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Qatar                                              | 262                                      | 238                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Bahrain                                            | 189                                      | 79                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Kuwait                                             | 80                                       | 11                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| United Arab<br>Emirates                            | 74                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Iraq                                               | 70                                       | 9                               | 7               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Egypt                                              | 67                                       | 8                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Lebanon                                            | 66                                       | 25                              | 3               | 2                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Saudi Arabia                                       | 21                                       | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Pakistan                                           | 19                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |

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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Oman                                               | 18                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| Afghanistan                                        | 7                                        | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Tunisia                                            | 6                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Morocco                                            | 5                                        | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Jordan                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 9                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| occupied Palestinian<br>territory                  | 30                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| <b>Region of the Americas</b>                      |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| United States of<br>America                        | 987                                      | 291                             | 29              | 4                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Canada                                             | 93                                       | 0                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Brazil                                             | 52                                       | 18                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Chile                                              | 23                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Argentina                                          | 19                                       | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Ecuador                                            | 17                                       | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Peru                                               | 17                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Costa Rica                                         | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Mexico                                             | 11                                       | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Panama                                             | 10                                       | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Colombia                                           | 9                                        | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Dominican Republic                                 | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| Paraguay                                           | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Bolivia<br>(Plurinational State<br>of)             | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Honduras                                           | 2                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Jamaica                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| French Guiana                                      | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 4                                      |
| Martinique                                         | 3                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Saint Martin                                       | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 9                                      |
| Saint Barthelemy                                   | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 9                                      |
| <b>African Region</b>                              |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Algeria                                            | 25                                       | 5                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| South Africa                                       | 13                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Senegal                                            | 4                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 7                                      |
| Burkina Faso                                       | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |



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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Cameroon                                           | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 5                                      |
| Nigeria                                            | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 3                                      |
| Côte d'Ivoire                                      | 1                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Democratic<br>Republic of the<br>Congo             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Togo                                               | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 5                                      |
| <b>Subtotal for all<br/>regions</b>                | <b>43371</b>                             | <b>6703</b>                     | <b>1433</b>     | <b>310</b>             |                                             |                                        |
| International<br>conveyance<br>(Diamond Princess)  | 696                                      | 0                               | 7               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 4                                      |
| <b>Grand total</b>                                 | <b>44067</b>                             | <b>6703</b>                     | <b>1440</b>     | <b>310</b>             |                                             |                                        |

Numbers include both domestic and repatriated cases

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‡Case classifications are based on [WHO 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 sentinel samples (routine systematic testing of respiratory samples from established laboratories).
- **Local transmission** indicates locations where the source of infection is within the reporting location.
- **Imported cases only** indicates locations where all cases have been acquired outside the location of reporting.
- **Under investigation** indicates locations where type of transmission has not been determined for any cases.
- **Interrupted transmission** indicates locations where interruption of transmission has been demonstrated (details to be determined)

\*\* "Territories" include territories, areas, overseas dependencies and other jurisdictions of similar status

## New countries with confirmed cases not yet reflected in WHO SitRep:

- Kenya
- Kazakhstan

## Additional International Updates

(note updated case counts since last WHO SitRep, subject to adjustment in official case counts in next SitRep)  
117 (60%) WHO member states and areas affected

- Over 24 hours

- • 6,703 new cases (99.6%) outside of China, 26 new cases in China
- • New countries/territories reporting cases, last 24 hours: French Polynesia, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Turkey
- • Early reports: Kazakhstan (2), Ghana (2), Guyana (1), Trinidad and Tobago (1), St. Vincent Grenadines (1)
- • Sustained local transmission in China, Korea, Iran, Japan, Europe
- • Regional spread in European and Eastern Mediterranean regions
  - • EURO – 47/53 (88.7%) countries and 3 territories with confirmed cases
  - • EMRO – most cases continue to be linked with travel, but local transmission is occurring
  - • AFRO & PAHO primarily reporting travel-associated cases

Students abroad are scrambling for return flights after the announcement of new travel restrictions

ECDC Rapid Risk Assessment (<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/RRA-sixth-update-Outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-disease-2019-COVID-19.pdf>)

- • Increasing number of cases in several EU/EEA countries without epidemiological links to explain the source of transmission
- • In some countries, transmission within healthcare settings is reported affecting healthcare workers
- • It is likely that in a few weeks or even days, similar situations to those seen in China and Italy may be seen in other EU/EEA countries or the UK, as more countries report evidence of community transmission
- • As testing needs for COVID-19 increase, some laboratories are reporting crucial shortages affecting diagnostic capacity for COVID-19 and other laboratory services
- • Analyses carried out by ECDC indicate that if the pandemic progresses on its current course without strong countermeasures or surge capacity enacted, that most EU/EEA countries will far exceed the available ICU capacity they currently have available by the end of March
- • All EU/EEA Member States should have activated their pandemic preparedness plans in the context of COVID-19

### **Top countries reporting cases:**

Italy – 15,113 cases, 1,016 deaths

- • +2,313 cases and +196 deaths
- • New measures announced: closure of non-essential businesses nationwide, encouraging those that can work from home to do so

- Chinese physicians have arrived to assist in providing medical care

Iran – 10,075 cases, 429 deaths

Korea – 7,869 cases, 66 deaths

- Epi links have been identified for 80% of cases

Spain – 2,965 cases, 84 deaths

France – 2,876 cases, 61 deaths

- Elections will be held, despite the virus

Germany – 2,369 cases, 5 deaths

Switzerland – 815 cases, 6 deaths

Japan – 675 cases, 19 deaths

#### **Other:**

- Bolivia – 3<sup>rd</sup> case, travel from US and Spain
- Canada – 138 cases; 1 death
  - British Colombia (46 cases); Ontario (59 cases); Alberta (19 cases); Quebec (13 cases); Repatriations (1)
  - 80% imported
- Ghana – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cases, travel from Turkey and Norway
- Guyana – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from US; deceased
- Luxembourg – 19 cases, 12 new (171% increase)
- Mexico – 12 cases
  - Cases by state: Sinaloa State (1), Mexico City (4), border state of Coahuila (1), Chiapas (1), state of Mexico (2), Puebla (1), Querétaro (1), Nuevo León (1)
  - All imported
- Reunion – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> cases, contact with confirmed case (1), under investigation (2)
- South Africa – 1<sup>st</sup> case of local transmission reported
- St Vincent and the Grenadines – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from UK
- Trinidad and Tobago – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from Switzerland
- Ukraine – 3<sup>rd</sup> case, wife had travel from Italy

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## COVID-19 Response update Mar 13, 2020

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### Domestic Updates – Case Counts

The official case counts for the response are posted daily at noon on [CDC's website](#). The numbers below are tentative and may change up until the official update.

### Counts by Jurisdiction (Includes Presumptive Positives and Confirmed Cases)

(Data as of 03:00 ET 13 Mar) - All the US case counts reported to CDC (below) will be shown in black

| Jurisdiction N=49<br>(47States + NYC + DC)<br>New jurisdictions in red | Cases and Deaths Reported to CDC and/or reported on Jurisdiction Websites |               |             |              |       | For Situational Awareness - Cases and Deaths reported by jurisdictions*** unofficial sources <sup>±</sup> as of 03:00 Mar |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                                        | Total Cases*                                                              | Total Deaths* | New Cases** | New Deaths** | Cases | Deaths                                                                                                                    |  |
| Alaska                                                                 | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Arizona                                                                | 9                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 9     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Arkansas                                                               | 6                                                                         | 0             | 5           | 0            | 6     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| California                                                             | 224                                                                       | 4             | 71          | 1            | 221   | 4                                                                                                                         |  |
| Colorado                                                               | 49                                                                        | 0             | 16          | 0            | 45    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Connecticut                                                            | 5                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Delaware                                                               | 4                                                                         | 0             | 3           | 0            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Florida                                                                | 41                                                                        | 2             | 18          | 0            | 35    | 2                                                                                                                         |  |
| Georgia                                                                | 42                                                                        | 1             | 11          | 1            | 31    | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| Hawaii                                                                 | 2                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 2     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Illinois                                                               | 32                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 32    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Indiana                                                                | 12                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 13    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Iowa                                                                   | 16                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 16    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Kansas                                                                 | 4                                                                         | 1             | 3           | 1            | 1     | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Kentucky                                                               | 11                                                                        | 0             | 3           | 0            | 10    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Louisiana                                                              | 19                                                                        | 0             | 6           | 0            | 19    | 0                                                                                                                         |  |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                                        | Total Cases*                                                              | Total Deaths* | New Cases** | New Deaths** | Cases       | Deaths                                                                                                                    |  |
| Maine                                                                  | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 0           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Maryland                                                               | 12                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 12          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Massachusetts                                                          | 108                                                                       | 0             | 13          | 0            | 108         | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Michigan                                                               | 12                                                                        | 0             | 10          | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Minnesota                                                              | 9                                                                         | 0             | 4           | 0            | 9           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Mississippi                                                            | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Missouri                                                               | 2                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Montana                                                                | 1                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Nebraska                                                               | 11                                                                        | 0             | 1           | 0            | 11          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Nevada                                                                 | 7                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 14          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Hampshire                                                          | 6                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 6           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Jersey                                                             | 29                                                                        | 1             | 6           | 0            | 29          | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| New Mexico                                                             | 6                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New York (excluding NYC)                                               | 230                                                                       | 0             | 66          | 0            | 328         | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| New York City                                                          | 95                                                                        | 0             | 43          | 0            | -           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| North Carolina                                                         | 15                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 15          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| North Dakota                                                           | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Ohio                                                                   | 5                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Oklahoma                                                               | 3                                                                         | 0             | 1           | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Oregon                                                                 | 24                                                                        | 0             | 5           | 0            | 24          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Pennsylvania                                                           | 23                                                                        | 0             | 7           | 0            | 22          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Rhode Island                                                           | 5                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| South Carolina                                                         | 12                                                                        | 0             | 2           | 0            | 12          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| South Dakota                                                           | 8                                                                         | 1             | 0           | 1            | 8           | 1                                                                                                                         |  |
| Tennessee                                                              | 18                                                                        | 0             | 9           | 0            | 18          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Texas                                                                  | 24                                                                        | 0             | 3           | 0            | 27          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Utah                                                                   | 5                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 5           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Vermont                                                                | 2                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 2           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Virginia                                                               | 17                                                                        | 0             | 8           | 0            | 17          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Washington                                                             | 457                                                                       | 31            | 91          | 2            | 442         | 31                                                                                                                        |  |
| Wisconsin                                                              | 8                                                                         | 0             | 2           | 0            | 8           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Wyoming                                                                | 1                                                                         | 0             | 0           | 0            | 1           | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| District of Columbia                                                   | 10                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 10          | 0                                                                                                                         |  |
| Grand Princess <sup>§</sup>                                            |                                                                           |               |             |              | 21          |                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Total (without repat cases)</b>                                     | <b>1645</b>                                                               | <b>41</b>     | <b>439</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>1619</b> | <b>40</b>                                                                                                                 |  |
| Repat cases <sup>#</sup>                                               | 49                                                                        | 0             | 0           | 0            | 49          |                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Total (with repat)</b>                                              | <b>1694</b>                                                               | <b>41</b>     | <b>439</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>1668</b> | <b>40</b>                                                                                                                 |  |

\*These data represent cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since 21 Jan, 2020.

\*\* New cases represent change from prior morning sitrep. Numbers of new cases and deaths included in total case numbers. Jurisdictions may have negative numbers for various reasons, including reclassification since the prior report to another state.

\*\*\* State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

<sup>‡</sup>Unofficial sources include: Johns Hopkins dashboard or media. See notes below on specific sources for each jurisdiction

<sup>§</sup> These cases occurred in international waters but are being reported in the media as US cases

<sup>#</sup> Includes 3 cases from Hubei repatriation, 46 cases from Diamond Princess repatriation.

## Exposure category among US COVID-19 Cases Not Associated with Repatriation\*

| Exposure Category | Number Cases |
|-------------------|--------------|
|-------------------|--------------|



|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Travel-related                | 138         |
| Close contact with known case | 129         |
| Under investigation           | 1378        |
| <b>Total cases</b>            | <b>1645</b> |

\*These data represent cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since January 21, 2020. This includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases reported to CDC. It does not include people who returned to the U.S. via State Department-chartered flights (Hubei or Diamond Princess repatriation).

## Other Exposure Information

- Healthcare workers N=37

## Domestic Updates – Notes from the Field

*Data as of 12 Mar*

### NY summary

- Total NY State cases 325, Total cases in Westchester 148. *7 new counties affected. 30 health care facilities with known HCW exposure*
- *A nursing home in Manhattan reports transmission from an infected HCW to 7 residents (one resident with symptoms). Interventions include daily health screening required upon entrance for HCW and required mask wear and restriction/ban on all non-essential visitors (only medically necessary visits) effective Friday, 13 Mar at 5 PM amongst others.*
- Mayor declared state of emergency for New York City, *Governor bans gatherings of 500 persons or more and gatherings of <500 need to cut capacity by 50% (exceptions being made for spaces where individuals do not make sustained close contact such as schools, hospitals, public buildings, mass transit, grocery and retail stores), Implemented Thursday, Mar 12th for Broadway theaters and Friday, 13 Mar for all other venues*
- *CDC deployed 2 additional CDC HQ staff to assist in Westchester County*

### WA summary

- 270 cases and 27 deaths reported among King Co. residents
  - Includes 36 cases and 1 death reported in last 24 hours
- Life Care cluster, n=101\*
  - n=84 directly associated with Life Care (55 residents + 16 HCPs + 12 visitors + 1 daughter of HCP)
  - n=12 Issaquah Nursing & Rehab (linked to Life Care through common CNA)
  - n=5 Northwest Kidney Center and Toyota (which are connected to Life Care)
    - *These counts do not include 17 Life Care-associated cases among Snohomish county, WA residents. Of these 17, 16 are HCPs and one is a visitor to Life Care, all of whom are Snohomish residents*
- At least 3 new LTCF identified with COVID-19 confirmed cases
  - One additional LTCF very concerning, but no case confirmed yet
- State-wide webinar on infection prevention and control scheduled for 13 March
  - Audience is long-term care facility providers, EMS, etc.

- *Major concerns in healthcare settings about local shortages of PPE, particularly surgical masks; working with state to prioritize stockpile releases*

### **CA (Santa Clara) summary**

- 13 new case last 24 hrs (10 in previous 24 hrs)
- Completed evaluation of adult daycare facility that had a case yesterday
  - the facility currently not receiving participants while they evaluate monitoring and prevention measures.
- *4<sup>th</sup> case identified among TSA workers at San Jose airport – consulting with DGMQ and NIOSH*
- *Identifying several possible work-related clusters (e.g., airport, supermarket, firefighters, daycare)*
  - unclear if workplace or community exposure, fomite vs person-to-person
- *Setting up drive through system to obtain specimens from suspected cases of public health significance*
- Completed 16 CDC long forms for confirmed cases; unable so far to complete medical chart abstraction because of limited bandwidth
- Community mitigation and preparedness
  - Guidance documents for prisons and homeless populations completed; awaiting approval
  - New guidance on gatherings: Halt gatherings >100 people; legally enforced for >250
- Identified five positive cases from community ILI surveillance project; denominator ~50 but need to clarify
- *Requesting forecasting data on school closures impact on comm transmission and assistance with swab supply*
- *Working to automate data collection after team leaves; consultant on site to facilitate development of technological solutions for cases investigation and contact tracing*
- Team beginning transition back to Atlanta next week

### **Colorado summary**

- *49 cases in Colorado, with more expected tonight.*
- Additional ongoing investigations:
  - Positive healthcare worker in Wells County who worked while ill, more healthcare workers now symptomatic. Samples have been collected.
  - Ill healthcare worker in a mountain community, they had gone on a Nile cruise, results aren't back yet.
  - Potential long-term care outbreak. A suspected case worked three days while symptomatic at the center, and now there are multiple people with fever or respiratory symptoms. Tests have been collected and the unit is on lockdown.
- *There is a backlog at the state lab for testing.*
- State has new guidelines for releasing from isolation. 10 days after symptom onset as well as 72 hours after fever resolution as long as symptoms are resolving. (unsure if this is public yet)
- Wrapping up investigation with international travelers and the two parties. Identified 75 contacts from the two parties and working on addressing all the international issues to the extent possible.
- Local community spread in multiple locations. (Also, unsure how much of this is public)

### **RI Summary**

- *No new cases*
- Team mentioned in RI Governor's MSNBC interview ([link here](#))
- Letter from school principal on serology investigation reported in media ([link here](#))
- Total number of contacts under investigation: ~325
- On-going planning for investigation of French teacher's (MA case) students; to take place at the school on 13 Mar after end of quarantine
  - Site prepped for investigation; just-in-time training scheduled for 9AM 13 Mar
- As previously reported:
  - 1 case, 57 y/o female, recent travel to Egypt (2/25-3/6), no known link to current case
  - 1 case no known epi-link, 31 y/o female HCW, w/recent travel to Colorado
  - 1 case domestic travel-associated COVID-19 to NY bar mitzvah
  - 2 cases international travel-associated COVID-19 identified in Rhode Island

### **Domestic Updates – Laboratory**

*Data as of 12 Mar*

- 81 public-health labs now up and running with CDC assay (50 states plus DC)
- CDC testing update from the beginning of the response until end of day 11 Mar
  - 4227 samples reported
  - 1879 cases reported
- Public Health testing update until end of day 11 Mar
  - 9721 samples tested
- Serology update
  - Current ELISA throughput is 500/week with an additional 1000/week in the surge lab
  - Microneutralization throughput is 120/week with an additional 200/week in the surge lab
- Large commercial laboratories – EUA update
  - ARUP – testing will start 12 Mar
  - LabCorp – testing nationwide (currently scaling up capacity; reportedly only offering testing to existing customers)
  - MAYO – testing nationwide



- Quest – testing nationwide through California facility (currently scaling up capacity, reportedly starting with West Coast)
- Large commercial diagnostic companies
  - Roche – received approval from FDA to start to ship their reagents and pre-position them to be ready to initiate testing upon authorization of their EUA. This high throughput system can test up to ~3000 samples/24 hours

## Travel/Migration Updates

Data as of 11 Mar

### Airport Entry Screening

- 56,135\* air travelers screened to date. Zero (0) F11 site persons currently under mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- Daily for 10 Mar
- Air travelers screened: 667
- Hospital Referrals: 0
- Q-orders Issued: 0

\*Cumulative numbers reported each day may vary because of data entry delays or data scrubbing.

### F11 Quarantine Orders

- Under quarantine as of 11 Mar: 0
- Cumulative to date: 18

## Travel Health Notices

### Level 3

- China
- South Korea
- Iran
- Europe\*: 26 countries, Schengen (11 Mar)

### Level 2

- Global (11 Mar)

### Level 1

Not applicable

\* Countries include Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City. See <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-europe> for specifics

## Other

- Updating health education materials
  - THAN
  - Websites
  - Airport posters
- Developed internal talking points for Level 3 EU travel notice
- Continuing issuance of legal quarantine orders for Grand Princess passengers

## International Updates

### WHO Global Summary – Total and new cases in the last 24 hours.

Data as of 04:00 EST 12 Mar 2020 [Source: [WHO SitRep - 52](#)]

| Globally               | China*             |                   | Outside of China      |                    |                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Confirmed Cases        | Confirmed Cases    | Deaths            | Confirmed Cases       | Deaths             | Countries/<br>Territories/ Areas |
| 125,048<br>(6,729 new) | 80,981<br>(26 new) | 3,173<br>(11 new) | 44,067<br>(6,703 new) | 1,440<br>(310 new) | 117<br>(4 new)                   |

\*China totals include:

- Hong Kong – 129 cases (9 new), 3 deaths (0 new)
- Macau – 10 cases (0 new), 0 deaths (0 new)
- Taiwan – 49 cases (2 new), 1 death (0 new)

### Countries, territories or areas outside China with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Data as of 04:00 EST, 11 Mar 2020\* [Source: [WHO SitRep - 52](#)]

| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area† | Total<br>confirmed‡<br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification§ | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Western Pacific Region</b>          |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| Republic of Korea                      | 7869                         | 114                             | 66              | 6                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Japan                                  | 620                          | 52                              | 15              | 3                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Singapore                              | 178                          | 12                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Malaysia                               | 129                          | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 1                                      |
| Australia                              | 122                          | 10                              | 3               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Philippines                            | 52                           | 3                               | 2               | 1                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Viet Nam                               | 39                           | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| Brunei Darussalam                      | 12                           | 11                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| New Zealand                            | 5                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 5                                      |
| Cambodia                               | 3                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission              | 1                                      |
| Mongolia                               | 1                            | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only             | 2                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                   |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| French Polynesia                       | 1                            | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only             | 0                                      |
| <b>European Region</b>                 |                              |                                 |                 |                        |                                 |                                        |
| Italy                                  | 12462                        | 2313                            | 827             | 196                    | Local transmission              | 0                                      |
| France                                 | 2269                         | 495                             | 48              | 15                     | Local transmission              | 0                                      |



| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area <sup>†</sup> | Total<br>confirmed <sup>‡</sup><br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification <sup>§</sup> | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Spain                                              | 2140                                     | 501                             | 48              | 12                     | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Germany                                            | 1567                                     | 271                             | 3               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Switzerland                                        | 645                                      | 154                             | 4               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Denmark                                            | 615                                      | 353                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Netherlands                                        | 503                                      | 121                             | 5               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Sweden                                             | 461                                      | 135                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| The United Kingdom                                 | 460                                      | 87                              | 6               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Belgium                                            | 314                                      | 47                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Austria                                            | 302                                      | 120                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Norway                                             | 277                                      | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Greece                                             | 98                                       | 9                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Czechia                                            | 94                                       | 33                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Israel                                             | 75                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| San Marino                                         | 63                                       | 0                               | 2               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Iceland                                            | 61                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Slovenia                                           | 57                                       | 26                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Romania                                            | 48                                       | 23                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Poland                                             | 44                                       | 22                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Ireland                                            | 43                                       | 9                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Portugal                                           | 41                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Finland                                            | 40                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Georgia                                            | 23                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Russian Federation                                 | 20                                       | 13                              | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Serbia                                             | 19                                       | 7                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Luxembourg                                         | 17                                       | 12                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Croatia                                            | 16                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Latvia                                             | 16                                       | 8                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Estonia                                            | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Hungary                                            | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Belarus                                            | 12                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Albania                                            | 10                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Slovakia                                           | 10                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Azerbaijan                                         | 9                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 5                                      |
| Bulgaria                                           | 7                                        | 1                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| North Macedonia                                    | 7                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 2                                      |
| Cyprus                                             | 6                                        | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Malta                                              | 6                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |

| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area <sup>†</sup> | Total<br>confirmed <sup>‡</sup><br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification <sup>§</sup> | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina                          | 4                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Republic of<br>Moldova                             | 4                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Lithuania                                          | 3                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Andorra                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 9                                      |
| Armenia                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 10                                     |
| Holy See                                           | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 6                                      |
| Liechtenstein                                      | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 6                                      |
| Monaco                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 11                                     |
| Turkey                                             | 1                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Ukraine                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 8                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Faroe Islands                                      | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 3                                      |
| Gibraltar                                          | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 8                                      |
| Guernsey                                           | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| <b>South-East Asia Region</b>                      |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| India                                              | 73                                       | 13                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Thailand                                           | 70                                       | 11                              | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Indonesia                                          | 34                                       | 7                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Maldives                                           | 8                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Bangladesh                                         | 3                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 3                                      |
| Sri Lanka                                          | 2                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Bhutan                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 6                                      |
| Nepal                                              | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 48                                     |
| <b>Eastern Mediterranean Region</b>                |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Iran (Islamic<br>Republic of)                      | 9000                                     | 958                             | 354             | 63                     | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Qatar                                              | 262                                      | 238                             | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Bahrain                                            | 189                                      | 79                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Kuwait                                             | 80                                       | 11                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| United Arab<br>Emirates                            | 74                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Iraq                                               | 70                                       | 9                               | 7               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Egypt                                              | 67                                       | 8                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Lebanon                                            | 66                                       | 25                              | 3               | 2                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Saudi Arabia                                       | 21                                       | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Pakistan                                           | 19                                       | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |

| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area <sup>†</sup> | Total<br>confirmed <sup>‡</sup><br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification <sup>§</sup> | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Oman                                               | 18                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| Afghanistan                                        | 7                                        | 3                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Tunisia                                            | 6                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Morocco                                            | 5                                        | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Jordan                                             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 9                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| occupied Palestinian<br>territory                  | 30                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| <b>Region of the Americas</b>                      |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| United States of<br>America                        | 987                                      | 291                             | 29              | 4                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Canada                                             | 93                                       | 0                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Brazil                                             | 52                                       | 18                              | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Chile                                              | 23                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Argentina                                          | 19                                       | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Ecuador                                            | 17                                       | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Peru                                               | 17                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Costa Rica                                         | 13                                       | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Mexico                                             | 11                                       | 4                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Panama                                             | 10                                       | 2                               | 1               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| Colombia                                           | 9                                        | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Dominican Republic                                 | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 2                                      |
| Paraguay                                           | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 1                                      |
| Bolivia<br>(Plurinational State<br>of)             | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Honduras                                           | 2                                        | 2                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Jamaica                                            | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| <b>Territories**</b>                               |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| French Guiana                                      | 5                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 4                                      |
| Martinique                                         | 3                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Saint Martin                                       | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 9                                      |
| Saint Barthelemy                                   | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Under investigation                         | 9                                      |
| <b>African Region</b>                              |                                          |                                 |                 |                        |                                             |                                        |
| Algeria                                            | 25                                       | 5                               | 1               | 1                      | Local transmission                          | 0                                      |
| South Africa                                       | 13                                       | 6                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Senegal                                            | 4                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 7                                      |
| Burkina Faso                                       | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |



| Reporting Country/<br>Territory/ Area <sup>†</sup> | Total<br>confirmed <sup>‡</sup><br>cases | Total<br>confirmed<br>new cases | Total<br>deaths | Total<br>new<br>deaths | Transmission<br>classification <sup>§</sup> | Days<br>since last<br>reported<br>case |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Cameroon                                           | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 5                                      |
| Nigeria                                            | 2                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 3                                      |
| Côte d'Ivoire                                      | 1                                        | 1                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 0                                      |
| Democratic<br>Republic of the<br>Congo             | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 1                                      |
| Togo                                               | 1                                        | 0                               | 0               | 0                      | Imported cases only                         | 5                                      |
| <b>Subtotal for all<br/>regions</b>                | <b>43371</b>                             | <b>6703</b>                     | <b>1433</b>     | <b>310</b>             |                                             |                                        |
| International<br>conveyance<br>(Diamond Princess)  | 696                                      | 0                               | 7               | 0                      | Local transmission                          | 4                                      |
| <b>Grand total</b>                                 | <b>44067</b>                             | <b>6703</b>                     | <b>1440</b>     | <b>310</b>             |                                             |                                        |

Numbers include both domestic and repatriated cases

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

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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 sentinel samples (routine systematic testing of respiratory samples from established laboratories).
- **Local transmission** indicates locations where the source of infection is within the reporting location.
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- **Under investigation** indicates locations where type of transmission has not been determined for any cases.
- **Interrupted transmission** indicates locations where interruption of transmission has been demonstrated (details to be determined)

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## New countries with confirmed cases not yet reflected in WHO SitRep:

- Kenya
- Kazakhstan

## Additional International Updates

(note updated case counts since last WHO SitRep, subject to adjustment in official case counts in next SitRep)  
117 (60%) WHO member states and areas affected

- Over 24 hours

- • 6,703 new cases (99.6%) outside of China, 26 new cases in China
- • New countries/territories reporting cases, last 24 hours: French Polynesia, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Turkey
- • Early reports: Kazakhstan (2), Ghana (2), Guyana (1), Trinidad and Tobago (1), St. Vincent Grenadines (1)
- • Sustained local transmission in China, Korea, Iran, Japan, Europe
- • Regional spread in European and Eastern Mediterranean regions
  - • EURO – 47/53 (88.7%) countries and 3 territories with confirmed cases
  - • EMRO – most cases continue to be linked with travel, but local transmission is occurring
  - • AFRO & PAHO primarily reporting travel-associated cases

Students abroad are scrambling for return flights after the announcement of new travel restrictions

ECDC Rapid Risk Assessment (<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/RRA-sixth-update-Outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-disease-2019-COVID-19.pdf>)

- • Increasing number of cases in several EU/EEA countries without epidemiological links to explain the source of transmission
- • In some countries, transmission within healthcare settings is reported affecting healthcare workers
- • It is likely that in a few weeks or even days, similar situations to those seen in China and Italy may be seen in other EU/EEA countries or the UK, as more countries report evidence of community transmission
- • As testing needs for COVID-19 increase, some laboratories are reporting crucial shortages affecting diagnostic capacity for COVID-19 and other laboratory services
- • Analyses carried out by ECDC indicate that if the pandemic progresses on its current course without strong countermeasures or surge capacity enacted, that most EU/EEA countries will far exceed the available ICU capacity they currently have available by the end of March
- • All EU/EEA Member States should have activated their pandemic preparedness plans in the context of COVID-19

### **Top countries reporting cases:**

Italy – 15,113 cases, 1,016 deaths

- • +2,313 cases and +196 deaths
- • New measures announced: closure of non-essential businesses nationwide, encouraging those that can work from home to do so

- Chinese physicians have arrived to assist in providing medical care

Iran – 10,075 cases, 429 deaths

Korea – 7,869 cases, 66 deaths

- Epi links have been identified for 80% of cases

Spain – 2,965 cases, 84 deaths

France – 2,876 cases, 61 deaths

- Elections will be held, despite the virus

Germany – 2,369 cases, 5 deaths

Switzerland – 815 cases, 6 deaths

Japan – 675 cases, 19 deaths

#### **Other:**

- Bolivia – 3<sup>rd</sup> case, travel from US and Spain
- Canada – 138 cases; 1 death
  - British Colombia (46 cases); Ontario (59 cases); Alberta (19 cases); Quebec (13 cases); Repatriations (1)
  - 80% imported
- Ghana – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cases, travel from Turkey and Norway
- Guyana – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from US; deceased
- Luxembourg – 19 cases, 12 new (171% increase)
- Mexico – 12 cases
  - Cases by state: Sinaloa State (1), Mexico City (4), border state of Coahuila (1), Chiapas (1), state of Mexico (2), Puebla (1), Querétaro (1), Nuevo León (1)
  - All imported
- Reunion – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> cases, contact with confirmed case (1), under investigation (2)
- South Africa – 1<sup>st</sup> case of local transmission reported
- St Vincent and the Grenadines – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from UK
- Trinidad and Tobago – 1<sup>st</sup> case, travel from Switzerland
- Ukraine – 3<sup>rd</sup> case, wife had travel from Italy

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**A Facebook group gets an assignment: Help Jared Kushner combat coronavirus**

By Anita Kumar

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Just before midnight Wednesday, a doctor asked a group of fellow emergency room physicians

on Facebook how they would combat the escalating coronavirus outbreak.

“I have direct channel to person now in charge at White House,” Kurt Kloss wrote in his post.

The next morning, after hundreds of doctors responded, Kloss explained why he sought the suggestions: Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser, had asked him for recommendations.

Kloss, whose daughter is married to Kushner’s brother, sent Kushner 12 recommendations Thursday morning.

The Facebook crowd-sourcing exercise showed how Trump’s team is scrambling for solutions to confront the outbreak after weeks of criticism for the administration’s sluggish response, a shortage of tests and the president’s own rhetoric downplaying the pandemic. It is now expected to consume the final year of Trump’s first term and threaten his campaign for a second term.

Trump appointed Vice President Mike Pence to lead a task force to combat the spread of the coronavirus two weeks ago. But in recent days as conditions worsened and criticism mounted, Kushner took a more active role, according to two people familiar with the situation.

Kushner has attended several meetings on coronavirus alongside Trump, including one with banking leaders at the White House Wednesday to discuss how they could help their customers hit by the outbreak. He is also talking to people about whether Trump should declare an emergency, bringing in the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate and unleashing billions of dollars for struggling states.

Trump has tapped Kushner to lead on several contentious issues, including Middle East peace, immigration and criminal justice reform, all of which involved him engaging in lengthy consultations with impacted people before recommending a decision to Trump.

In a post, Kloss said Kushner is “now directly involved in the response to this,” referring to coronavirus.

On February 27, one of the other doctors on Facebook questioned why Pence was put in charge of the task force over Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, when the vice president has no significant health care experience.

“The only thing that gave me any sense of confidence was that Dr. Anthony Fauci [sic] was on that stage,” responded Kloss, citing the well-respected director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The Facebook group, EM Docs, has nearly 22,000 members around the globe who are required to provide their credentials to join. The posts about Kushner’s request have been removed but a member shared pictures of them with POLITICO.

The White House and Kloss did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Kloss solicited recommendations on Facebook just hours after Trump’s brief prime-time address



in which the president misrepresented his administration's own actions involving a 30-day ban on foreign visitors from Europe.

“If you were in charge of Federal response to the Pandemic what would your recommendation be. Please only serious responses,” he wrote. “I have direct channel to person now in charge at White House.”

Some doctors expressed skepticism about his connection but most of them posted serious proposals, including nationalizing the production of testing kits, creating pop-up field hospitals with ICUs and activating FEMA. A doctor posted the top 12 recommendations on Twitter with the hashtag #EMDocs.

“I would like to thank everyone who made suggestions on how to manage the crisis. However, some challenged me on the validity of my statement in being in a position to hopefully advocate for our patients,” he wrote. “So for transparency I will provide some background about my unique circumstance. I have not shared this in a professional forum before.”

Kloss, who indicated he fills in at multiple hospitals when they are short of doctors, told the group that his daughter, internationally known model Karlie Kloss, is married to businessman Joshua Kushner, the younger brother of Jared Kushner.

He wrote that he had spent two weeks complaining to his son-in-law about the lack of equipment, testing and ventilators.

“Tonight I was asked by Jared through my son-in-law for my recommendations, that’s when I turned to you my fellow BAFERD’s for help,” he wrote using a nickname for Bad Ass Fucking Emergency Room Doctors. “Between patients tonight I have reviewed your responses and will summarize what I am sending to Jared for your PEER review before I send it.”

“Jared is reading now,” Kloss followed up later.

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**Who**            Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director,  
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

**When**           1:00 p.m. ET Friday, March 13, 2020

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By Jake Sherman, Lauren Morello

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President Donald Trump touted a number of new measures his administration is taking to address flaws in America's coronavirus testing system after early missteps prevented widespread testing and hindered attempts to track how quickly the virus is spreading.

"The changes have been made and testing will soon happen on a very large scale basis," Trump said in a pair of tweets Friday morning that also faulted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the previous administration for unspecified "Red Tape."

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Listen to the Wall Street crowd and the “free traders” and you would think that China has a stranglehold on us. They don’t. The total volume of trade — going in both directions — between us and China is \$660 billion. But the economy of the U.S. is at or above \$20



trillion! China is a mere 3 percent of our economy. We sell approximately \$180 billion to them. If all trade stopped tomorrow, we could absorb the lost sales by subsidies and never skip a beat. China, on the other hand, would bleed from every pour.

But, say the globalists, China controls 95 percent of all world antibiotics. What ever will we do if they refuse to sell them to us? Well, of course they will sell them to us or to a third party who then direct them to us. Why? Because they desperately need the money. They cannot feed their own people — that is why they are eating bats, and snakes and monkeys. They cannot afford to not have the money to buy food. But we, on the other hand, have another option—begin immediately to produce our own drugs.

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We have the financial and technical tools to build this industry from the ground up. It is a matter of national security to do so. So, do it. We can discuss how the government can divest of the industry to American citizens once the crisis is past and the industry up and running.

The same can be said of rare earth refining. If a mass of EPA red-tape has to be eliminated for a while, that is just not a big deal. And when the luddites of the so-called “green movement” act irresponsibly to block the moves, they should be handled with harsh prejudice. The same for water in the San Fernando Valley. The same with a dozen other industries.

The devastating impact of the virus will be with us for a long time. It may end up being the equivalent of 9/11 for the Generation Z youth. But something positive and good can come out it, a return to national sovereignty and an end to the globalist nightmare would be an extremely good reward.

We must say never again.

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In this week’s primaries, Biden built on his lead with Black voters, winning 66 percent of Black voters in Michigan, 87 percent in Mississippi, and 72 percent in Missouri. Washington state also voted Tuesday but the share of Black, Latino, and young voters was too small to represent a meaningful sample. However, Sanders continued to dominate with younger voters in Michigan and Missouri.

- In Michigan, Sanders won 76 percent of under thirties, to Biden’s 19 percent. He also won 53 percent of Latinos to Biden’s 39 percent.
- In Missouri, Sanders won 70 percent of under thirties to Biden’s 25 percent. The sample of Latinos was too small to draw a significant correlation.

These consolidations were largely a continuation of last week’s election results. Biden won African American voters in last week’s round of primaries, averaging 58 percent of the Black vote across 12 states including California, Massachusetts, Texas and Virginia. Biden also easily won women and voters over 45. But Bernie maintained a solid grip on younger voters and Hispanics. Bernie cleared last week’s primaries with an average of 60 percent of the 18 to 29-year-old age group to Biden’s meager 17 percent. The 30 to 44-year-old segment liked Biden only marginally better, giving him 23 percent of their vote to Bernie’s 41 percent. Biden’s worst performances among young people were in Vermont, California, and Maine.



- • In Vermont, Biden won just 6 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 68 percent.
- • In California, Biden won just 7 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 61 percent.
- • Biden did almost as poorly in Maine, securing just 9 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 67 percent.

More ominous for Democrats is that Biden's weak numbers among young people included young people color. In Texas, despite easy victories with older Black voters, Biden struggled to secure even a third of Black under thirties while Bernie won 45 percent. Biden also did dismally with young Hispanic voters, winning just 10 percent of under thirties to Bernie's 66 percent, as shown below.

 6 Source: Edison Research

In fact, Latinos of all age groups presented an unexpected challenge to Biden in the swathe of primaries last week. In five key states with large Hispanic populations including California and Texas, Biden struggled with Hispanics. He averaged just 25 percent of Hispanic voters for the five states to Bernie's 44 percent, with an absolutely devastating blow in California where he won just 22 percent of Hispanics to Sanders' 49 percent.

Biden's average share of under thirties so far is just 17 percent to Sanders' 60 percent. Even among Black voters, arguably his most loyal following, he only sits at an average of 58 percent to Sanders' 17 percent. Older Black and white voters appear to have made a calculated choice to consolidate behind Biden under the premise that he can unseat President Trump. The problem with this strategy is Democrats risk isolating voters in a vast age range – age 18 to 44 – including young people of color, and Hispanic voters. Even if the play miraculously works out this election and they manage to push Biden into the White House, they will wreak havoc on relationships they've tried to cultivate with younger voters and Hispanics.

Meanwhile, younger voters are leaning away from the Democrat Establishment. The primaries have made one issue crystal clear: the Democrat plan to bank on young voters and Latinos as the GOP becomes the party of irrelevant old white people is backfiring spectacularly. The term 'demographic destiny' describes an entirely different outcome for the United States than Democrats predicted, and a Biden vs. Trump face-off is only the beginning.

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### **Globalization helped export China's coronavirus. Never again.**

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and control over people's lives, harp endlessly that only international organizations can address the problem. More globalization they whine. But it was globalization that got into this fix. It has been the mindless greed of the open borders, open trade zealots who set the table. It was they and their oh so chic ideas, their post-nation-state nonsense, their uber urbanism, their raw and open disdain for anything based on founding American principles that has led us to this place. More of this poison is not the answer.

### **Cartoon: Monsters**

*Panic can cause a lot of damage, too.*

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### **Market Research Foundation: Young voters are not the only group Biden will cost them**

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In the current environment, something not seen in America in living memory, the fear and panic of the Chinese coronavirus make it near impossible to look ahead. But while everyone who can is working on the “here and now,” it is vital that we think about how this situation came to be, what we can learn from it, and how the crisis we are now experiencing can be prevented in the future.

First, what exactly do we face? A virus that began in China and was allowed to fester before strong action was taken has now circled the globe. The impact of cheap, universal travel for all has exacted its price. There is no place safe. But while countries and governments work to contain or mitigate the effects of the virus, something far more dangerous have developed; a fear so deep that it has shaken the very foundations of our society.

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So, into this maelstrom, what should be our primary interest? What is the singular question we must ask ourselves?

The globalist cadres, those pale, bloodless vipers who seek nothing but power and control over people’s lives, harp endlessly that only international organizations can address the problem. More globalization they whine. But it was globalization that got into this fix. It has been the mindless greed of the open borders, open trade zealots who set the table. It was they and their oh so chic ideas, their post-nation-state nonsense, their uber urbanism, their raw and open disdain for anything based on founding American principles that has led us to this place.

More of this poison is not the answer. And that could be the ray of sunshine to break through the doom and gloom of the moment. What if, what if we take the lessons being learned and began to address the root problems.

Listen to the Wall Street crowd and the “free traders” and you would think that China has a stranglehold on us. They don’t. The total volume of trade — going in both directions — between us and China is \$660 billion. But the economy of the U.S. is at or above \$20

trillion! China is a mere 3 percent of our economy. We sell approximately \$180 billion to them. If all trade stopped tomorrow, we could absorb the lost sales by subsidies and never skip a beat. China, on the other hand, would bleed from every pore.

But, say the globalists, China controls 95 percent of all world antibiotics. What ever will we do if they refuse to sell them to us? Well, of course they will sell them to us or to a third party who then direct them to us. Why? Because they desperately need the money. They cannot feed their own people — that is why they are eating bats, and snakes and monkeys. They cannot afford to not have the money to buy food. But we, on the other hand, have another option—begin immediately to produce our own drugs.

The insanity of the globalist agenda is shown for all its vile treason when you consider just this issue of anti-biotics. To put our nation — our people — in a position where a communist government, a government that has killed millions of their own citizens, can blackmail us is nothing less than criminal stupidity.

We have the financial and technical tools to build this industry from the ground up. It is a matter of national security to do so. So, do it. We can discuss how the government can divest of the industry to American citizens once the crisis is past and the industry is up and running.

The same can be said of rare earth refining. If a mass of EPA red-tape has to be eliminated for a while, that is just not a big deal. And when the luddites of the so-called “green movement” act irresponsibly to block the moves, they should be handled with harsh prejudice. The same for water in the San Fernando Valley. The same with a dozen other industries.

The devastating impact of the virus will be with us for a long time. It may end up being the equivalent of 9/11 for the Generation Z youth. But something positive and good can come out of it, a return to national sovereignty and an end to the globalist nightmare would be an extremely good reward.

We must say never again.

*Bill Wilson is the President of the Market Research Foundation and a former board member and former President of Americans for Limited Government.*



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ALG Editor's Note: In the following featured analysis from the Market Research Foundation,  
divisions in the Democratic coalition could cost Joe Biden the election in November:



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## Young voters are not the only group Biden will cost them

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In this week’s primaries, Biden built on his lead with Black voters, winning 66 percent of Black voters in Michigan, 87 percent in Mississippi, and 72 percent in Missouri. Washington state also voted Tuesday but the share of Black, Latino, and young voters was too small to represent a meaningful sample. However, Sanders continued to dominate with younger voters in Michigan and Missouri.

- In Michigan, Sanders won 76 percent of under thirties, to Biden’s 19 percent. He also won 53 percent of Latinos to Biden’s 39 percent.
- In Missouri, Sanders won 70 percent of under thirties to Biden’s 25 percent. The sample of Latinos was too small to draw a significant correlation.

These consolidations were largely a continuation of last week’s election results. Biden won African American voters in last week’s round of primaries, averaging 58 percent of the Black vote across 12 states including California, Massachusetts, Texas and Virginia. Biden also easily won women and voters over 45. But Bernie maintained a solid grip on younger voters and Hispanics. Bernie cleared last week’s primaries with an average of 60 percent of the 18 to 29-year-old age group to Biden’s meager 17 percent. The 30 to 44-year-old segment liked Biden only marginally better, giving him 23 percent of their vote to Bernie’s 41 percent. Biden’s worst performances among young people were in Vermont, California, and Maine.

- • In Vermont, Biden won just 6 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 68 percent.
- • In California, Biden won just 7 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 61 percent.
- • Biden did almost as poorly in Maine, securing just 9 percent of under thirties, to Bernie's 67 percent.

More ominous for Democrats is that Biden's weak numbers among young people included young people color. In Texas, despite easy victories with older Black voters, Biden struggled to secure even a third of Black under thirties while Bernie won 45 percent. Biden also did dismally with young Hispanic voters, winning just 10 percent of under thirties to Bernie's 66 percent, as shown below.



6 Source: Edison Research

In fact, Latinos of all age groups presented an unexpected challenge to Biden in the swathe of primaries last week. In five key states with large Hispanic populations including California and Texas, Biden struggled with Hispanics. He averaged just 25 percent of Hispanic voters for the five states to Bernie's 44 percent, with an absolutely devastating blow in California where he won just 22 percent of Hispanics to Sanders' 49 percent.

Biden's average share of under thirties so far is just 17 percent to Sanders' 60 percent. Even among Black voters, arguably his most loyal following, he only sits at an average of 58 percent to Sanders' 17 percent. Older Black and white voters appear to have made a calculated choice to consolidate behind Biden under the premise that he can unseat President Trump. The problem with this strategy is Democrats risk isolating voters in a vast age range – age 18 to 44 – including young people of color, and Hispanic voters. Even if the play miraculously works out this election and they manage to push Biden into the White House, they will wreak havoc on relationships they've tried to cultivate with younger voters and Hispanics.



Meanwhile, younger voters are leaning away from the Democrat Establishment. The primaries have made one issue crystal clear: the Democrat plan to bank on young voters and Latinos as the GOP becomes the party of irrelevant old white people is backfiring spectacularly. The term 'demographic destiny' describes an entirely different outcome for the United States than Democrats predicted, and a Biden vs. Trump face-off is only the beginning.

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Here is additional evidence that this rouge agency known as the CDC should be investigated.

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## **Lessons From Lyme Disease: Six Reasons The CDC's COVID-19 Failure Was Predictable**

Mary Beth Pfeiffer March 13, 2020

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Lyme disease experts are not surprised by the failure of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to ensure quick diagnosis of COVID-19. For them, the agency's long-endorsement of a broken test for Lyme disease, afflicting more than 300,000 Americans annually, is a sorry — but telling — precedent.

Each year, the ranks grow of people whose Lyme disease was diagnosed late simply because their test result was wrong. Perhaps a million Americans suffer from lingering Lyme symptoms, many because their test said “negative,” while their symptoms said otherwise.

Nonetheless, the agency has refused to retire an archaic test, arbitrarily crafted at a conference in Dearborn, Mich. in 1994, even as studies and meta-analyses documented the failure of the test and the toll of disability grew.

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“I wish I could say I’m surprised that CDC has so devastatingly and arrogantly bungled the COVID-19 outbreak,” said Dana Parish, a leading Lyme reformer and co-author of a coming book, “Chronic,” that is harshly critical of the CDC. The agency has not only upheld a flawed test, she said, but “aggressively and disingenuously discredited better tests.”

The parallels between COVID and Lyme are not exact. But here, in a nutshell, are six ways the agency has failed Lyme patients, lapses that might help explain its coronavirus missteps:

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## **Lessons From Lyme Disease: Six Reasons The CDC's COVID-19 Failure Was Predictable**

Mary Beth Pfeiffer March 13, 2020

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Lyme disease experts are not surprised by the failure of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to ensure quick diagnosis of COVID-19. For them, the agency's long-endorsement of a broken test for Lyme disease, afflicting more than 300,000 Americans annually, is a sorry — but telling — precedent.

Each year, the ranks grow of people whose Lyme disease was diagnosed late simply because their test result was wrong. Perhaps a million Americans suffer from lingering Lyme symptoms, many because their test said “negative,” while their symptoms said otherwise.

Nonetheless, the agency has refused to retire an archaic test, arbitrarily crafted at a conference in Dearborn, Mich. in 1994, even as studies and meta-analyses documented the failure of the test and the toll of disability grew.

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“I wish I could say I’m surprised that CDC has so devastatingly and arrogantly bungled the COVID-19 outbreak,” said Dana Parish, a leading Lyme reformer and co-author of a coming book, “Chronic,” that is harshly critical of the CDC. The agency has not only upheld a flawed test, she said, but “aggressively and disingenuously discredited better tests.”

The parallels between COVID and Lyme are not exact. But here, in a nutshell, are six ways the agency has failed Lyme patients, lapses that might help explain its coronavirus missteps:

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Here is additional evidence that this rouge agency known as the CDC should be investigated.

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## **Lessons From Lyme Disease: Six Reasons The CDC's COVID-19 Failure Was Predictable**

Mary Beth Pfeiffer March 13, 2020

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Lyme disease experts are not surprised by the failure of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to ensure quick diagnosis of COVID-19. For them, the agency's long-endorsement of a broken test for Lyme disease, afflicting more than 300,000 Americans annually, is a sorry — but telling — precedent.

Each year, the ranks grow of people whose Lyme disease was diagnosed late simply because their test result was wrong. Perhaps a million Americans suffer from lingering Lyme symptoms, many because their test said “negative,” while their symptoms said otherwise.

Nonetheless, the agency has refused to retire an archaic test, arbitrarily crafted at a conference in Dearborn, Mich. in 1994, even as studies and meta-analyses documented the failure of the test and the toll of disability grew.

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“I wish I could say I’m surprised that CDC has so devastatingly and arrogantly bungled the COVID-19 outbreak,” said Dana Parish, a leading Lyme reformer and co-author of a coming book, “Chronic,” that is harshly critical of the CDC. The agency has not only upheld a flawed test, she said, but “aggressively and disingenuously discredited better tests.”

The parallels between COVID and Lyme are not exact. But here, in a nutshell, are six ways the agency has failed Lyme patients, lapses that might help explain its coronavirus missteps:

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**When:** Friday, March 13, 2020 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Skype Meeting or (b)(6)

## **Nursing Home Task Force**

**CMS/CDC/ASPR/OASH**

**March 13, 2020**

**Agenda**

1. Opening remarks (Adm. Verma and other leadership, if present)
2. Update on status of survey process for facilities with active cases (CMS)
3. Update on status of coordination for “hotspot” areas (ALL)
4. Update on status of guidance for when supplies are needed (ASPR)
  - a. Process for requesting supplies (ASPR)
  - b. Alternatives to standard PPE (CDC)
5. Closing (Adm. Verma and other leadership, if present)

Update (2020-03-11): Adding additional participants as requested. Resending invite to all so that everyone has correct distribution list.

Update (2020-03-10): Per guidance from the CMS Administrator, this call will move to a daily frequency.

Update (2020-03-09): Adding additional CDC and CMS participants, as requested.

Update (2020-03-08): Many people were forwarded the invite to this call over the weekend, and I also received requests to add people to the invite. I am resending this invite to the full group so that everyone has the full distribution list for the call and that all recipients receive updates to the invite series. There has been no change to the frequency or day/time of the meetings; only changes to the participant list. If there are others who should be added, please contact Stefanie Bumpus McBride. Thanks! - SBM

Update (2020-03-06): Renaming call to reflect all participants and adding addition participants.

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Scheduling CDC/CMS COVID check-in: nursing homes for M/W/F from 11-11:30 am.

Please contact Stefanie Bumpus McBride if a call needs to be moved or cancelled, or if additional participants should be added.

If Stefanie is out of the office, please contact Kerri Moran.



CDC staff: if at least one person can join by Skype and monitor if anyone needs to be admitted to the call, that would be very helpful (especially on days I am unable to join).

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Further transcription of the [press conference](#), where Newsom says printers without ink:

Governor Newsom:

"The tests are not complete. The test kits do not include in every case the RNA extraction kits, the reagents." ... "I am surprised this is not more a part of the national conversation. I think it's line with if you were going to the store to purchase a printer and forgetting to purchase the ink. You need multiple components, so it is incumbent upon all of us to make sure those components are intact. That said we are transitioning and transferring those components throughout our 18 labs that are currently testing throughout the state of California. Some labs don't have the reagents, so we are sending the reagents to those labs."

"Since the beginning of the week, [Quest] has been conducting 1200 tests a day. As I mentioned, we are looking forward to two new Quest labs coming online by the end of the month."

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Darcie

We need a call with newsom and ama please can you also find out did he say to Joe S that he "got printers without ink"



Please work with Beth as he wants this to happen. Thx

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On Mar 13, 2020, at 10:06 AM, McKeogh, Katherine (OS/ASPA)  
<[Katherine.McKeogh@hhs.gov](mailto:Katherine.McKeogh@hhs.gov)>wrote:

This was earlier in the thread. Here is the link to the press conference.

Gov. Newsom on March 12: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEzrXgEBxjo>

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Katie—Can you please find out what Newsom actually said? Was it a tweet interview, etc?

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This is the clip: <https://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=2978043a-6fba-4028-93cf-11c8f06e6509>

JOE: in california, gavin newsom said, you sent me copiers without ink. yes, you gave me test kits, but you don't have the chemicals to actually make the test kits worth a damn. we need somebody, and **Azar**, if it is not **Azar**, he needs to quit. he needs to go home. he needs to play tiddlywinks or whatever he does at home. when will older americans be able to get a test when they want a test, to know if they're safe or not?

MSNBC correspondent: yeah. what dr. fauci said yesterday, and we'll ask him again shortly here on this show, is we're not set up for this. the question is, why is the wealthiest country on the face of the earth not set up for this? you're right, that's the protocol people are getting in new york and cities across the country. don't come into an er. don't go look for a test. we just don't have them. go home, isolate yourself, drink a lot of fluids, take an ibuprofen, treat it like you have the flu, and stay away from other people. that's the best we can do right now.

JOE: of course, yesterday, there were reports that early on the president didn't want the testing process to go forward because he didn't want to get the positives. he knew if numbers went up, it was going to be bad for his re-election campaign. i trust that we are well beyond that. i trust that we are beyond that. but if we are beyond that, we need a federal official that works for donald trump's administration to step forward and give us a timeline. when are we going to get the tests? how quickly will our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers get the tests? when can our children, who may be testing positive for the coronavirus, when can they know whether they are or not, so we don't have to self-quarantine them and keep them away from their parents and grandparents? it's a lot of questions.

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Joe said he needs to quit

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Who made the comment he needs to quit? Joe or newsom? That transcript is confusing. Can we get the clip ?

Dan's idiotic statement has created an issue that we now have to clean up continuously. He needs to tweet that it was not azar he was referring to.

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On Mar 13, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Pratt, Michael (OS/ASPA) <[Michael.Pratt@hhs.gov](mailto:Michael.Pratt@hhs.gov)>wrote:

What would the clarification be?

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**Subject:** Morning Joe Clip

I know Dan clarified his comments, but I think HHS might need to call those comments out as fake with spox tweet because now Morning Joe has said it. It's not going to go away easily.

I'll look for the Newsom comments.

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in california, gavin newsom said, you sent me copiers without ink. yes, you gave me test kits, but you don't have the chemicals to actually make the test kits worth a damn. we need somebody, and **Azar**, if it is not **Azar**, he needs to quit. he needs to go home. he needs to play tiddlywinks or whatever he does at home. when will older americans be able to get a test when they want a test, to know if they're safe or not?

yeah. what dr. fauci said yesterday, and we'll ask him again shortly here on this show, is we're not set up for this. the question is, why is the wealthiest country on the face of the earth not set up for this? you're right, that's the



protocol people are getting in new york and cities across the country. don't come into an er. don't go look for a test. we just don't have them. go home, isolate yourself, drink a lot of fluids, take an ibuprofen, treat it like you have the flu, and stay away from other people. that's the best we can do right now.

of course, yesterday, there were reports that early on the president didn't want the testing process to go forward because he didn't want to get the positives. he knew if numbers went up, it was going to be bad for his re-election campaign. i trust that we are well beyond that. i trust that we are beyond that. but if we are beyond that, we need a federal official that works for donald trump's administration to step forward and give us a timeline. when are we going to get the tests? how quickly will our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers get the tests? when can our children, who may be testing positive for the coronavirus, when can they know whether they are or not, so we don't have to self-quarantine them and keep them away from their parents and grandparents? it's a lot of questions.

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### **CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19**

**What** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide an update to media on the COVID-19 response.

**Who** Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director,  
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

**When** UPDATED: 1:00 p.m. ET Saturday, March 14, 2020

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# Under heavy fire, Trump administration takes steps to expand coronavirus testing

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The Trump administration plans to partner with the private sector to set up drive-through testing sites for coronavirus -- one of a series of measures to boost testing availability in the face of heated criticism from lawmakers and frustrated Americans unable to find out whether they are infected.

Officials were scheduled to discuss widening the availability of drive-through testing sites, involving private companies as well as state and local health departments, in a meeting at the White House Friday, according to three individuals familiar with the effort.

One senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to talk candidly, said the concern now is less about the supply of tests than whether Americans can find easy and convenient places to get tested. Another concern is setting up testing sites so that they don't expose health workers and others to the virus.

"The problem we're experience is there is a surplus of lab tests available, but those labs and state and public health departments are not setting up effective mechanisms to get people testing," the official said, adding, "there is no reason" states cannot "set up a



drive-through. . .a clinic in a parking lot” for patients to be swabbed and specimens shipped off to labs to determine the results.

For that reason, “we are trying to help leverage the private sector,” the official said, declining to identify any companies involved in the effort

The Trump administration announced the measures a day after receiving a harsh drubbing on Capitol Hill. At one House hearing, Antony Fauci, longtime director of the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, acknowledged the U.S. testing system is “not really geared to what we need right now ... That is a failing. Let’s admit it.”

During House and Senate briefings, Democratic and Republican lawmakers repeatedly have pressed administration health officials on why the U.S. has not set up a model similar to that in South Korea — a country with a huge covid-19 outbreak — in which drive-through testing sites do not require a doctor’s prescription and results are available rapidly. At one hearing on Thursday, Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) called on officials to “get to the bottom of why those problems are there.”

The senior administration officials said Friday that “that is what we are working on right now.” The official noted that, in South Korea, people must first call a phone number and answer a series of screening questions to determine whether they should get a test. If approved, the person drives up to a test site, fills out a questionnaire and, if still approved after the second round of questions, gets a test.

The administration’s push to boost drive-through testing comes as several places around the country have begun offering such services. Mayo Clinic opened such a facility this week, according to Jack O’Horo, a Mayo infections disease specialist. “This helps to protect other patients and staff from potentially coming into contact with the covid-19 virus,” he said.

New Rochelle, a New York suburb that has been designated a coronavirus containment zone after an outbreak there, on Friday became the first East Coast site of drive-through testing. Residents can make appointments by phone and then be tested from their cars in a six-lane site set up by the state’s health department. Swabs are sent to BioReference Laboratory, which will contact people with their results.

Colorado’s health department also has drive-through launch sites around Denver, requiring patients to bring a doctor’s note saying they need a test. Such sites also are available in Oahu, Hawaii and Hartford, Conn.

In other measures the administration announced early Friday, the Food and Drug Administration has created a 24-hour emergency hotline for laboratories having difficulty getting materials or finding other impediments to running tests, according to announcements early on Friday.



Officials also announced they were giving nearly \$1.3 million in federal money to two companies trying to develop rapid covid-19 tests that could determine whether a person is infected within an hour.

In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services assigned Brett Giroir, the assistant secretary for health, to coordinate all covid-19 testing efforts among federal public health agencies, including the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local health departments and public and private clinical laboratories.

The senior administration official said that Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar “has been frustrated by the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding testing from the CDC.”

After more than a month in which tests themselves were show to become available, the official said that 4.8 million have now been distributed.

The FDA also is giving New York state the ability to authorize certain public and private labs to test for the virus under the aegis of the state health department, without first getting federal approval.

Earlier this week, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) announced he was moving ahead to contract with 28 private labs in New York. “We’re not in a position where we can rely on the CDC or the FDA to manage this testing protocol,” the governor said.

Cuomo said that he told the private labs they should “get up, get running and start moving forward with testing.” The state’s health department has a preexisting relationship with these labs, which Cuomo says has the experience with virology to get the testing done.

In addition, the FDA authorized a covid-19 test developed by the manufacturer Roche, making it the third diagnostic test approved for use in the outbreak.

Another senior administration official said they were starting to collect data from private laboratories on the number of tests they performed daily. The administration has been repeatedly criticized for knowing the volume of tests performed by the CDC but not a nationwide total from all the state and local and hospital labs involved in coronavirus testing.

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Note that this language was added – please let us know if any comments asap:

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Clarification: I have the pen on the memo, not the declaration. Apologies for the confusion.

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## Under heavy fire, Trump administration takes steps to expand coronavirus testing

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The Trump administration plans to partner with the private sector to set up drive-through testing sites for coronavirus — one of a series of measures to boost testing availability in the face of heated criticism from lawmakers and [frustrated Americans](#) unable to find out whether they are infected.

Officials were scheduled to discuss expanding drive-through testing sites, involving private companies as well as state and local health departments, in a meeting at the White House Friday, according to three individuals familiar with the effort. The White House announced that private industry representatives would attend, and Target confirmed that its chief executive would be there.

The Trump administration announced the measures a day after receiving a harsh drubbing on Capitol Hill. At one House hearing, Antony Fauci, longtime director of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, acknowledged the U.S. testing system is "not really geared to what we need right now ... That is a failing. Let's admit it."



During House and Senate briefings, Democratic and Republican lawmakers repeatedly have pressed administration health officials on why the U.S. has not set up a model similar to that in South Korea — a country with a huge covid-19 outbreak — in which drive-through testing sites do not require a doctor's prescription and results are available rapidly. At one hearing on Thursday, Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) called on officials to “get to the bottom of why those problems are there.”

One senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to talk candidly, said the concern now is less about the supply of tests than whether Americans can find easy and convenient places to get tested. Another concern is setting up testing sites so that they don't expose health workers and others to the virus.

“The problem we're experiencing is there is a surplus of lab tests available, but those labs and state and public health departments are not setting up effective mechanisms to get people testing,” the official said, adding, “there is no reason” states cannot “set up a drive-through ... a clinic in a parking lot” for patients to be swabbed and specimens shipped off to labs to determine the results.

For that reason, “we are trying to help leverage the private sector,” the official said, declining to identify any companies involved in the effort. The official noted that, in South Korea, people must first call a phone number and answer a series of screening questions to determine whether they should get a test. If approved, the person drives up to a test site, fills out a questionnaire and, if still approved after the second round of questions, gets a test.

The administration's push to boost drive-through testing comes as several places around the country have begun offering such services. Mayo Clinic opened such a facility this week, according to Jack O'Horo, a Mayo infections disease specialist. “This helps to protect other patients and staff from potentially coming into contact with the covid-19 virus,” he said.

New Rochelle, a New York suburb that has been designated a coronavirus containment zone after an outbreak there, on Friday became the first East Coast site of drive-through testing. Residents can make appointments by phone and then be tested from their cars in a six-lane site set up by the state's health department. Swabs are sent to BioReference Laboratory, which will contact people with their results.

Colorado's health department also has launched a drive-through site in Denver, requiring patients to bring a doctor's note saying they need a test. Such sites also are available in Oahu, Hawaii and Hartford, Conn.

In other measures the administration announced early Friday, the Food and Drug Administration has created a 24-hour emergency hotline for laboratories having difficulty getting materials or finding other impediments to running tests, according to announcements early on Friday.

Officials also announced they were giving nearly \$1.3 million in federal money to two companies trying to develop rapid covid-19 tests that could determine whether a person is infected within an hour.

In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services assigned Brett Giroir, the assistant secretary for health, to coordinate all covid-19 testing efforts among federal public health agencies, including the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local health departments and public and private clinical laboratories.

The senior administration official said that Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar “has been frustrated by the timeliness and accuracy of information regarding testing from the CDC.”

After more than a month in which tests themselves were show to become available, the official said that 4.8 million have now been distributed.

The FDA also is giving New York state the ability to authorize certain public and private labs to test for the virus under the aegis of the state health department, without first getting federal approval.

Earlier this week, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) announced he was moving ahead to contract with 28 private labs in New York. “We’re not in a position where we can rely on the CDC or the FDA to manage this testing protocol,” the governor said.

Cuomo said that he told the private labs they should “get up, get running and start moving forward with testing.” The state’s health department has a preexisting relationship with these labs, which Cuomo says has the experience with virology to get the testing done.

In addition, the FDA authorized a covid-19 test developed by the manufacturer Roche, making it the third diagnostic test approved for use in the outbreak.

Another senior administration official said they were starting to collect data from private laboratories on the number of tests they performed daily. The administration has been repeatedly criticized for knowing the volume of tests performed by the CDC but not a nationwide total from all the state and local and hospital labs involved in coronavirus testing.

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**Importance:** High

All,

Please see attached for a draft Presidential Memorandum to the Secretary of HHS expanding state-approved diagnostic tests. Affirmative clearance is requested from HHS. Please send comments/edits by **1:45 pm today**.

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Thank you

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## Latest News & Policy Updates:

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### 1. Continuing coronavirus negotiations

The House and Trump administration are close to a deal on the next phase of the federal coronavirus response, with the Senate announcing it would stay in session despite a planned recess next week. Speaker Nancy Pelosi hoped to have a deal and floor vote Friday, after eight phone calls between her and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin throughout the day, CQ Roll Call's David Lerman and Jennifer Shutt report.



Earlier, Pelosi called Mnuchin's suggestions to the bill "very reasonable," but House and Senate Republicans, and Trump himself, had problems with different aspects of the Democrats' bill. The main sticking points appear to be over Democrats' plans for paid sick leave in a bill (HR 6201) introduced late Wednesday. Republicans are pressing for tax credits for employers to offer paid leave programs, rather than a government mandate.

Pelosi said late Thursday that the House would vote "one way or another," holding out the possibility of a vote without a deal. She said there would likely be other legislative opportunities to address more coronavirus-related issues.

As Congress works on its second coronavirus bill, states are taking matters into their own hands, experimenting with practices like drive-thru diagnostic testing, Sandhya Raman reports.

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## 2. Capitol disruptions

The negotiations came against the backdrop of another day of dramatic coronavirus-related developments at the Capitol.

Even though lawmakers appear poised to stay in Washington longer than intended, more Senate and House offices announced work-from-home policies after a staffer in the office of Sen. Maria Cantwell reported having a COVID-19 infection.

A majority of congressional aides responding to a CQ Roll Call survey are reporting that Congress should attempt to hold hearings and votes remotely or even shut down work altogether. The Senate Sergeant-at-arms announced that the Capitol complex will be closed to tours -- something that one of the government's top scientists called "a really, really good idea."

That scientist, the National Institutes of Health's Anthony Fauci, also got attention at a House hearing when he called the U.S. health care system's inability to test every potentially infected American for COVID-19 a "failing."

"The idea of anybody getting it easily the way people in other countries are doing it, we're not set up for that," Fauci told the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. "Do I think we should be? Yes, but we're not." Fauci's comments came as more lawmakers, including Republicans, express frustration with the slow pace of COVID-19 testing in the U.S., Mary Ellen McIntire reports.

Mary Ellen and Herb Jackson also report that criticism of the Trump administration's response is escalating in the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, with former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders offering their own plans to address the pandemic.

### 3. Coronavirus pandemic spurs state-led strategies

Governors and state health officials are leading the charge in addressing the public health situation in their states, as a lack of unified federal leadership has left them to craft their own approaches to the COVID-19 pandemic.

States face the daunting task of structuring their responses to the coronavirus crisis, balancing multiple demands including treating the sick, containing the virus' spread, ensuring that testing is affordable and protecting workforce and vulnerable populations.

“All local health care is local, so these folks are appearing in local facilities within states, and there has not been as speedy a response federally, so I think everyone is grappling with what to do with this new virus,” said Trish Riley, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy.

Lawmakers have pointed to strategies adopted by other countries like the U.K. and South Korea that have simplified the process and speed with which to get tested.



But without a one-size-fits-all strategy to use as a blueprint, states and cities are left having to innovate on how best to keep their residents healthy.

“Unfortunately, we know that the rest of the nation will be where we are perhaps in a couple or three weeks. We hope that things we are doing aggressively here can set a template for the rest of the country,” said Democratic Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, whose state has been especially hard hit.

Some organizations and localities have begun canceling or outright banning large-scale gatherings. As of Thursday, 27 states and the District of Columbia had declared public health emergencies.

“As we move forward, it will be increasingly necessary and important that we are unified in our efforts, across cities, across countries, across state government if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19, help the most vulnerable and at-risk individuals and work together to protect our small businesses and workers displaced by this event,” Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan said Wednesday.

One telling sign came when the National Governors Association’s State of the States address, which was scheduled for Thursday and would have focused on how governors are responding to COVID-19 on the front lines, was canceled so NGA Chair and Maryland GOP Gov. Larry Hogan could focus on new cases in his own state.

“With more cases of COVID-19 announced in Maryland, Gov. Hogan prioritized

staying in Maryland to lead the response in his state. A new date for his 2020 State of the States address will be announced at a later time,” the organization said in a statement.

[Click through for more](#), including how states are approaching testing and steps they are taking to limit in-person interactions.



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Ms. White:

Can you please set-up 30 minutes this afternoon for this call with Walmart?

Dr. Kadlec, Admiral, and Bryan: who on your team should be on this call to answer the questions about PPE and other operational issues, stemming from the meeting with the Walmart CEO and the President?

Thanks.  
Will

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**Subject:** following up

Will –

As discussed by phone earlier, I'm reaching out to see if we can set up a time to talk about any HIPAA and other legal questions that may arise from the corona testing proposal.

I'm copying Gerard Dehrmann in our Govt Affairs organization, as well as Jeanine Giganti, the head of our health care legal section (with whom you talked the other day on the insulin issue). I'm also copying my assistant, Tiffany, for scheduling.

I can make myself available anytime this afternoon.

If you think you'll be able to provide answers to some of the operational questions (such as how we would get access to personal protective gear), I will try to add some of business/ops people to the call as well.

Rachel

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Re: The U.S. lacks health information technologies to stop COVID-19 epidemic

Dear Congressional Leaders and Secretary:

The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the crucial importance of health information technology and data interoperability. The pandemic has shattered our common beliefs about the type and scope of health information exchange. It has shown us that the definition of health data should no longer be limited to medical data of patients and instead should encompass a much wider variety of data types from individuals' online and offline activity. Moreover, the pandemic has proven that healthcare is not local. In an interconnected world, with more individuals traveling long distances than ever before, it is naïve to look at regions in isolation from each other and try to manage public health independently. To efficiently manage a pandemic like this, the scope of health information exchange efforts should not be limited to small geographical regions and instead should be done at least nationally, if not internationally.

Health data should go beyond medical records

A wide variety of factors affect one's overall well-being, a very small fraction of which could be quantified via medical records. We tend to ignore this fact, and try to explain and predict a patient's condition only based on medical data. Previously, we did not have the technology and knowledge to collect huge amounts of non-medical data and analyze it for healthcare purposes. Now, privacy concerns and outdated regulations have exacerbated the situation and has led to a fragmented data ecosystem. Interoperability, even among healthcare providers, remains a major challenge where exchange and analysis of non-medical data for healthcare purposes almost never happens.

The experience of countries that, despite all odds, could successfully contain the coronavirus epidemic highlights the importance of exchanging and analyzing non-medical data for successful population health management. Take Taiwan as an example: the government could merge the travel history of its citizens with their medical data and make that information readily available to health care providers. Such a simple application would allow public health officials to prioritize their containment efforts on those with high risk of being infected. The government could also alert local health care providers about the estimated number of infected people to prepare for an influx of patients in advance.

More interestingly, the public health officials in Taiwan used citizens' mobile phones to monitor those under quarantine. Mobile data could also be easily used to precisely track the locations that patients with positive coronavirus had visited recently. Analysis of such data would provide priceless information for public health officials and helps them to better track potentially infected people.

One of the major concerns with epidemics is overburdening the healthcare system. If it goes uncontrolled, many people will need hospitalization at the same time, straining the capacity of hospitals. This problem could be mitigated if telehealth technologies could be widely adopted by patients and providers. These technologies would allow automation of monitoring of indicators such as body temperature or oxygen levels. Coupled with the other types of data such as medical and travel history of patients, they could further prioritize those who need immediate medical care. Moreover, healthcare providers could connect with many more concerned patients through telehealth technologies and alleviate unnecessary trips to emergency rooms. This would significantly reduce redundant traffic at hospitals that impedes the provision of medical services.

Health data should be exchanged nationally  
Communication and exchange of data between the federal government and the local health authorities is never more important than during epidemics. The success of these efforts hinges on real-time collection and analysis of data as well as instant decisionmaking and communication



to states and localities. A nationwide health information exchange could prove to be vital for early identification and even prediction of the centers of the epidemics. Such a system could enable the government to quarantine smaller areas before the virus spreads, or to efficiently allocate rare medical resources such as N-95 masks or test kits to providers in areas that are most likely to be at the center of the epidemic. Despite its benefits, the U.S. is still very far from having such an information network.

The national efforts to create a nationwide health information exchange initiated more than a decade ago. The focus of these efforts was to build regional health information exchanges and then connect those together in order to create a nationwide network. Although these efforts have not all been successful, alternative approaches have emerged. Those include interoperability within the networks of large electronic health records providers, patient mediated exchanges, and peer-to-peer direct exchanges. Coincidentally, new rules by both Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services now require providers to adopt application programming interfaces to allow patients easily access their medical data at no cost. These new rules are huge steps toward creating a nationwide health information exchange network. They attempt to create a data ecosystem that enables more innovation involvement from private market. These rules are huge steps towards a nationwide health information exchange system. Policy makers should in the meantime consider replacing regulations that hinder the exchange of health data outside of the healthcare market with the ones that protect the privacy of patients in a more compatible way with today's technologies and demands.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this Brookings post to your attention.

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Team ASPR,

As you know, ASPR is at the forefront of the nation's challenging public health and medical response to the spread of COVID-19. Many across our organization are working tirelessly to repatriate American citizens, deploy the Strategic National Stockpile to support our state and local colleagues, advance the work of industry and private sector in support of medical countermeasures development, work with our federal partners on various policy and regulatory flexibilities, and help ensure the stability of our country's healthcare system. The work you all are doing is truly amazing. In fact, it is the foundation of ASPR's mission. Dedicated professionals like you transform our mission from words to actions. I encourage you to stay the course, remain focused, and continue offering the right solutions to help meet the nation's most pressing needs during this challenging response.

The safety and well-being of all ASPR personnel is paramount to me and the Secretary; and while the immediate risk to most Americans from COVID-19 remains low, the potential global public health threat posed by this virus is high. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and the risk assessment for people in the United States may and will likely change. At this time, it is critical that we take measures to help safeguard our team. The below guidance is immediately in effect to help us do so:

### Travel and Meetings

In support of guidance issued by the [Office of Personnel Management](#) and in an abundance of caution to limit the risk of viral transmission, ASPR is canceling all travel except mission-critical and response-related efforts. Additionally, you are urged to limit attendance at large meetings to those that are mission critical only. Should you need to host meetings over the next 30 days, we ask that you strongly consider virtual options by utilizing tele/videoconferencing services or postponing/cancelling your meetings. In the coming weeks, ASPR will re-evaluate this guidance for travel and meetings that take place beyond the 30-day period and updated guidance will be provided. Please see your immediate supervisor should you have any questions or concerns regarding this guidance.

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ResMed is confident it can meet current global demands for these devices. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please let me know.

Thank you for all your doing during this pandemic!

Best,  
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## ***In the Eye of the Coronavirus Testing Storm: Robert Redfield of the C.D.C.***

He has been cautious, technical and reserved in the face of intense criticism for his agency's delay in rolling out widespread testing for the infection.

**By Abby Goodnough and Sheila Kaplan**

• March 13, 2020 Updated 3:33 p.m. ET

Dr. Robert R. Redfield, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was in the hot seat — again.

It was his third time testifying before a congressional committee in three days, and Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz was demanding to know who in the government was responsible for making sure Americans with coronavirus symptoms got tested.

Twice, he started an indirect reply, but twice Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Democrat of Florida, cut him off.

"I just need a name," she said. "Is it you?"

Dr. Redfield looked pleadingly at the slight, older man sitting next to him. "I think my colleague is indicating I should respond," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who proceeded to do so in the bluntest of terms.

"The system is not really geared to what we need right now," Dr. Fauci told the lawmakers. "That is a failing. It is a failing, let's admit it."

As the exchange underscored, Dr. Redfield is not the most outspoken or magnetic of the Trump administration medical experts responding to the coronavirus pandemic. He is the portly, sometimes expressionless official standing off to the side in most of the televised briefings led by Vice President Mike Pence. When he speaks, he can sound plodding and overly technical.

Yet Dr. Redfield's agency has had an outsize role from the beginning of the nation's response to the global health crisis, and is coming under intense criticism for the delay



in rolling out widespread testing for the virus in the states, which follows the agency's botching of the initial test it shared with state laboratories last month.

It is a huge responsibility, one that some have questioned whether Dr. Redfield, a former military doctor and prominent AIDS researcher who had no experience leading a government agency when President Trump appointed him to run the C.D.C. two years ago — and whose cautious reserve has at times come off as timidity — is prepared for. But increasingly Dr. Redfield has become the sole face of the C.D.C. in public hearings and briefings, and has faced wrath from elected officials in both parties who are demanding an explanation as the limited testing becomes a bigger concern. Many have also questioned why the C.D.C. initially set very narrow criteria for deciding who should be tested for the virus — only those who had a fever and breathing issues and had traveled from the outbreak's origin in Wuhan, China — which most likely impeded early efforts to contain it. Many jurisdictions are still using restrictive criteria, largely because they are so low on test kits.

Longtime acquaintances of Dr. Redfield, 68, and some who have worked with him recently, describe him as a thoughtful, diligent problem solver who, while uncomfortable being in the limelight, is working around the clock to advise the state and local response and to protect the reputation of the C.D.C.

“Certainly this administration has been cited repeatedly for appointing people to important positions who did not have the relevant expertise,” said Chris Beyrer, an epidemiology professor at Johns Hopkins who has collaborated on research with Dr. Redfield over the years. “But you wouldn't say that about Bob Redfield. He's a very seasoned public health person, and he certainly has led significant scale programs.”

On Friday morning, as criticism of testing problems ballooned, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that Adm. Brett Giroir, the assistant secretary for health, would oversee and ramp up efforts by the C.D.C., the Food and Drug Administration, state and local public health authorities, and private laboratories to expand testing. Mr. Trump also tweeted criticism of the C.D.C., saying, “For decades, the @CDCgov looked at, and studied, its testing system, but did nothing about it,” and said that President Barack Obama had made the problem worse.

As the virus has spread across the country, Dr. Redfield has spent hours on the phone with Dr. Fauci, a longtime friend, as well as elected officials and state and local public health leaders, often deep into the night. And he has worked quietly, associates say, to preserve the morale of the C.D.C.'s 11,000 employees, including almost 700 who are in the field helping states and cities respond.

A conservative Republican, Dr. Redfield in less busy times attends Catholic Mass daily, walking the short distance from his home in Baltimore to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Now, he splits his time between the C.D.C. headquarters in Atlanta, where he and his wife rent an apartment close to the campus, and Washington, where these days he is relentlessly summoned for meetings and hearings.

Dr. Redfield went through college and medical school at Georgetown University on full Army scholarships after his father, a scientist who worked on RNA at the National Institutes of Health, died young. He spent the first two decades of his career as an infectious disease specialist at the Walter Reed Army Institute for Research, focusing on AIDS research at a time when the disease was still poorly understood and spreading fast.



In the mid-1980s, he was at the center of a different testing controversy — about how extensively the military should test its members for AIDS and how it should use the test results it had compiled. Dr. Redfield advocated for widespread testing and tracking as the best way to prevent the infection's spread, while others argued it was a way for the military to flush out or otherwise discriminate against gay members. Later, he was the subject of a military investigation after colleagues suspected that he overstated the therapeutic effects of an experimental AIDS vaccine; the investigation led to a correction in some published data, but no evidence of misconduct was found.

He retired from the Army in 1996 to co-found the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where the goal is to discover and distribute treatments for chronic viral and immune disorders, especially H.I.V. When Dr. Redfield left the institute, his co-founder, Dr. Robert C. Gallo, called him a major force in establishing programs to confront the H.I.V. and hepatitis C epidemics in Baltimore and around the state.

He is credited with helping the institute increase its patient base to 6,000 in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and to more than 1.3 million in Africa and the Caribbean, where he also helped with the medical response in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. He formed close relationships with patients, and kept photos of some who died of AIDS in his early days at Walter Reed in his office for years.

In his first two years leading the C.D.C., Dr. Redfield helped persuade Mr. Trump to take on the ambitious goal of ending transmission of H.I.V. in the country by 2030, through expanded efforts to prevent infections and treat those with the virus. And he has been a vocal champion of efforts to address opioid addiction and overdose, even sharing with the nation that one of his own sons had nearly died of an overdose and that the family struggled to find him treatment.

Dr. Redfield's initial compensation at the C.D.C. caused an embarrassing controversy shortly after he took office. After earning about \$650,000 a year at the University of Maryland, he was hired at an annual salary of \$375,000, substantially higher than his predecessors and his boss, the secretary of health and human services, Alex M. Azar II. The exceptional pay was granted under a federal provision that the Department of Health and Human Services can use to pay an official more than the approved government rate if the person provides a specific scientific need that otherwise cannot be filled. The department said this was a rare chance to hire a leading virologist.

But Dr. Redfield had actually sought the job for years. After Senator Patty Murray, Democrat of Washington, questioned the use of this exemption to pay him such a high rate, Dr. Redfield agreed to lower his salary to \$209,700.

As the coronavirus crisis has grown, he has relied on the expertise of others in the sprawling agency, many of whom have been there for decades, including Dr. Anne Schuchat, the principal deputy director, and Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease, who has led frequent briefings for the news media.

Unlike his predecessor, Dr. Tom Frieden, a dynamic public speaker well versed in Washington political culture, Dr. Redfield has at times come across as a deer in the headlights, including during last week's hearings. Some have questioned whether his strict adherence to rules and a chain-of-command approach, after decades in the military, may have impeded the rollout of national testing while other countries ramped up much faster.



Dr. Redfield has repeatedly said that the role of the C.D.C. is to provide testing to state and local health departments, which are supposed to do surveillance testing to gauge the extent of community spread, rather than to private-sector labs that provide on-demand testing of patients for hospitals and doctors' offices.

But during a crisis, the C.D.C.'s role takes on more urgency — and speed becomes crucial. The agency is charged with developing a diagnostic test that is then reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration. Once the C.D.C. tests are approved, the agency manufactures them for its network of public health labs. At the same time, the tests are generally copied by commercial labs for use on patients around the country.

For coronavirus, the C.D.C.'s initial test kit was returned by numerous state public health offices, who said it was not working properly.

Dr. Redfield has still not explained what was wrong with the test kits. Numerous times, he has referred to the issue as a “manufacturing problem” that occurred when the contractors started scaling up to produce them en masse. But others involved in the matter say the problem was at the source - C.D.C. and that the agency waited too long to alert the rest of the public health community to the issue.

He has privately expressed frustration at the slow, bureaucratic process of permitting commercial and academic institutions to make their own tests — in which the F.D.A. plays a large role. But his public explanation, that the C.D.C. is not responsible for ramping up widespread commercial testing, has not been greeted sympathetically.

“I still don't quite know why we are not taking the test that the rest of the world is using rather than making our own,” Senator Bill Cassidy, Republican of Louisiana, told reporters on a conference call on Thursday. “If there is ever a time to cut through red tape, now is the time to cut through red tape. I am not sure the extent the C.D.C. is doing that.”

Dr. Redfield is hesitant to make bold statements or requests — when Representative Ro Khanna, Democrat of California, asked in a hearing how much money he thought necessary to modernize and bulk up the nation's public health infrastructure, he demurred, saying, “I'd have to get back to you.”

Some of Dr. Redfield's supporters see his understated approach as an asset.

“My impression is that he is happy to have other people take credit even when he's been behind the scenes doing a lot of work,” said John Auerbach, the president and chief executive of Trust for America's Health, who has known Dr. Redfield for years.

Representative Tom Cole, Republican of Oklahoma, who has gotten to know Dr. Redfield since he took the helm at the C.D.C., called him “by any stretch a really admirable human being.”

“Clearly there is going to be a post-mortem of what happened on the testing front,” Mr. Cole said. “If anybody has a criticism, that is probably the biggest criticism. And where there are legitimate questions, that doesn't mean that Dr. Redfield failed — but something went wrong.”

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