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The Corona Crisis:

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Pandemic Updates.

✓ [Two Crises Convulse a Nation: A Pandemic and Police Violence](#)

“To have corona, and then this — it’s like a gut shot,” stated Mr. Jimmy Mills, a barbershop owner in midtown Minneapolis who, like many others, has had his small, black-owned business upended by both crises. Struggling to survive during the pandemic, Mr. Mills was looking forward to opening his barbership next week but early Friday morning, his business literally went up in flames. [Click Two Crises](#)

✓ [Will Protests Set Off a Second Viral Wave?](#)

The protests in dozens of U.S. cities, spurred by the tragic murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, has reflected the “cumulative tensions arising from decades of killings by police” stated an article in the [New York Times](#). With thousands of people out of their homes and onto the streets in cities, medical experts are raising the specter of new coronavirus outbreaks. [Click Second Wave of COVID](#)

✓ **Researchers Ponder Why COVID-19 Appears Deadlier in the U.S. and Europe than in Asia**

Parts of Asia reacted quickly to the threat and largely started social distancing early on. But researchers are also examining other factors, including differences in genetics and immune system responses, separate virus strains and regional contrasts in obesity levels and general health to understand the difference. China, where the virus emerged late last year in Wuhan, has recorded fewer than 5,000 deaths, which translates to three deaths per million inhabitants. Compare that with about 100 deaths per million in Germany, about 180 in Canada, nearly 300 in the United States and more than 500 in Britain, Italy and Spain. [Click East vs. West](#)

✓ **Op-Ed: Is the Worst of Coronavirus Behind Us?**

Brussels. “Countries in Europe are returning to some semblance of normal life while containing the virus’s spread, and this is a very positive development. We’re far better prepared to contain “super-spreader” events than at the beginning of the epidemic, when the virus thrived below the surface... And economic activity is recovering, as captured by the ... rally in financial markets. Bank of America analysts expect key indicators to point to an expanding euro-zone economy by September at the latest.” [Click Op-Ed Europe](#)

✓ **The Pandemics Heavy, and Uneven, Toll on Mental Health**

A third of Americans report clinical anxiety or depression, according to a Census Bureau poll. In addition to grief and uncertainty, the pandemic is “sharpening preexisting health disparities – hitting younger adults, women, and the poor especially hard.” These issues are mounting even more on low income families who face the pandemic without a financial safety net. Click [Mental Health](#)

✓ **Coronavirus in the U.S: Latest Map and Case Count**

A useful, continually updated map of the States of COVID. The numbers of new cases and deaths are trending down, but COVID continues to circulate widely within the United States. As most states move to reopen their economies, thousands of new cases are still being identified each day and “true normalcy remains a distant vision.” [Click US Map](#)

Report on a Program with former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown and former US Secretary of Finance, May 29, 2020, Washington Post Live

Mr. Gordon Brown

- Our nations are not learning from our pasts during this pandemic, and we have no international coordination in medical or economic spheres.
- We have no coordinated international supply lines, and we are not helping poorest countries which could create a second wave if we do not help them.
- Three points:
 - There is no global safety net;
 - We are not using the creation of special drawing rights;
 - There has been little debt relief, which will be about USD 80 billion in 2020-2021; most importantly, we must help poorest countries prepare.
- Throughout history, we have had international cooperation. The first international conference was held in 1851, on cholera. Nations have worked together to not only cure diseases, but to protect their own national security.
- Most powerful voice calling for international cooperation is not the usual champion, the United States, but is China. Is this China's moment?
 - Trump cannot solve the pandemic, climate change, financial stability, cyber security alone. We have seen that nationalism does not work.
 - China does not have answers: People will continue to look to US for several more years.
 - China has its own issues, internal and otherwise. Its leadership is determined to be a middle income country, with many in a high economic nation; China has a liquidity problem, a trade dispute with US (tech, access, counterfeit), dismantling Hong Kong, and serious human rights violations.
- QUESTION: TELL ME HOW THIS ENDS: HOW WILL THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT?
 - We are in a "multipolar age", one in which the US cannot continue to act unilaterally; not sure how/ if we will change the balance between private and public leadership; importantly, we need more generosity and respect and higher wages for low paid workers who are putting themselves at risk.

Mr. Larry Summer

- Agrees with Mr. Brown that we need far more international support for collaboration because viruses do not know boundaries.
- Little leadership from UK and US to help others; in the past, the US has led, and this Administration has rejected the idea of an international community, a grave mistake.
- Must create a forward defense of our national security interests --- helping smaller, poorer countries which represent half of global economy, if only because not doing so may ferment a second wave; avoiding authoritarian government; from a moral and national security perspective, focusing on the US only will be to our peril.
- Trump, Mr. Summers states, was elected in reaction against the globalization that Obama had created. His voters were looking for nationalism.
- Case for international public policies
 - Need to make global concerns a focus of efforts, but must present these as TANGIBLE and REAL for regular Americans.
 - Need to use political capital : Must be engaged with people who spend time in Detroit, not Davos; if we can anchor a case for internationalism in middle class interests, not so banks can have branches, not so pharma gets patents, not for tax evasion, we can change and win.



- Mistake to over-estimate the value of disciplining rivals. We did many things in Sputnik era that threatened national security; Japan sanctions were not helpful during the 80s; cannot minimize Chinese threat but grave mistake for anyone to assume that their methods are successful. .
- QUESTION: TELL ME HOW THIS ENDS: HOW WILL THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT?
US security depends on international cooperation. We have resilience but must have these relationships.

Getting Back to Work and Play

✓ [CDC: Recommendations for Changes to Offices and Workplaces](#)

The CDC outlines a new world of work: From recommendations on driving to work alone to temperature and symptom checks upon arrival. Arriving at an office where desks are six feet apart or have plastic shields around each employee's space. No seating in common areas and face coverings should be worn at all times. [Click CDC on Office Changes](#)

✓ [Twenty Sweeping Changes to Workplaces Post-Coronavirus](#)

Another good summary of what to do, and not do, to prepare offices for a return to work. [Click 20 Changes](#)

✓ [An Eight Point Discussion Guide for Developing a Return to Work Plan Amid COVID](#)

While the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#) and [individuals states](#) have all issued general guidance for returning safely, there is no one-size fits all solution and most companies are left to patchwork a specific plan to suit their individual business needs and organizational culture. [Click Work Plan](#) to read the overview on focus areas for returning to work.

✓ [CDC: Advice for Schools and Day Camps](#)

As communities consider a gradual scale up of activities towards pre-COVID-19 operating practices in centers for learning, such as K-12 schools and summer day camps, CDC offers the following recommendations to keep communities safe while resuming peer-to-peer learning and providing crucial support for parents and guardians returning to work. Click [Schools and Camps](#) for more information.

✓ [CDC: Advice for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#)



As public aquatic venues open in some areas, CDC offers the following considerations for the safety of those who operate, manage, and use public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds. This includes public aquatic venues operated and managed by city or county governments, apartment complexes, gyms, schools, waterparks, and homeowners' associations. Click [Water Venues](#).

✓ **[U.S. Department of Labor: Who is Eligible for COVID-19 Paid Leave?](#)**

Many Americans affected by the coronavirus outbreak will benefit from new workplace protections and relief offered by the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*. If you work for a private employer with fewer than 500 employees and are in one of the situations described in this article, you may be eligible for paid sick leave and/or paid family leave. Click [Paid Leave](#)

✓ **[CDC: Considerations for Restaurants and Bars](#)**

Very detailed explanation of all aspects for internal restaurant protections and dining room security. Includes sanitizing, disinfecting, table distancing, leave policies, support and handling sick employees. [Click Restaurants](#)

✓ **[CDC: Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education](#)**

As higher educators consider to return --- or not to return --- to campus, the CDC supplements applicable state and local laws in protecting students, faculty and staff from the spread of the virus. [Click Higher Ed](#)

Testing, Treatments and Vaccines

✓ **[U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) Takes Steps to Streamline Development of Tests with At-Home Sample Collection](#)**

Last week, the FDA took steps to further support the development of at-home self-collection COVID tests. As explained in FDA's Policy for COVID-19 tests during the Public Health Emergency, [Policy for COVID-19 Tests During the Public Health Emergency \(Revised\)](#), this template reflects FDA's current thinking on the data and information that developers should submit to facilitate the EUA process. [Click EUA Template](#) In particular, this template includes recommendations for use by laboratories and commercial manufacturers to facilitate preparation and submission. Click [At-Home Tests](#)

✓ **[Five Days of Remdesivir May Be Enough](#)**

Results from an ongoing Phase 3 study published in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#) showed no significant difference in the clinical status of hospitalized COVID 19

patients after a five day course of Remdesivir compared with patients who had a 10 day course. Click [Remdesivir](#)

✓ **Little Progress Made in President Trump's Plan for Private Retailers to Test for COVID**

The President has twice gathered some of the country's top corporate executives — from test producers to lab processors to major retailers — to tout his plan to make COVID-19 testing widely available. He has said that "stores in virtually every location" would be rolling out testing, including some of the "greatest retailers anywhere in the world" that "cover this country in large part," such as CVS, Target, Walgreens and Walmart. Not happening, to date. [Click Retailers](#)

✓ **Use of Survivor Plasma is Considered Safe but New Tests Will See if it Combats COVID-19**

Two new clinical trials will begin this week to test plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19. Doctors at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore are leading the trials, which will take place there and at 15 other sites across the country. Already more than 16,000 Americans with COVID-19 have been infused with plasma from recovered patients under the U.S. government's expanded use program, and early reports have found no major safety issues. [Click Plasma](#)

✓ **Eli Lilly Begins Testing Covid-19 Drug Derived From Blood of Survivor**

Eli Lilly said Monday it began the first study of an experimental drug derived from a blood sample of an early U.S survivor of Covid-19, a new effort to take advantage of the molecular defenses developed by recovered patients. The drug maker will first test the therapy in hospitalized patients, and hoped to eventually assess whether it could also prevent infections. [Click Eli Lilly](#)

✓ **Biden's Testing Strategy Contrasts with Trump**

Presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden proposes using the powers of the U.S. federal government to step up testing while Donald J. Trump has delegated testing to the 50 states. With more than 100,000 Americans already dead from the coronavirus and at least 1.7 million infected, testing has emerged as a major campaign issue. [Click Testing](#)

✓ **COVID May Leave Some Patients with Lifelong Health Problems**

Like those seen in the wake of other viral infections—researchers are working to understand the biological factors that may contribute to long term health issues in COVID patients. [Click Lifelong Problems](#)

Report on Program by Rebecca Katz, PhD, MPH. Director of the Center for Global Health Science and Security at Georgetown University Medical Center.

This program is from a series by The Asia Group, a strategic consulting firm seeking excellence for companies working in Asia.

What We Don't Know About the Coronavirus

- True fatality case rate: Some believe that the actual case rate is far greater than currently reported and is 10X more deadly and more infectious than other influenzas.
- Not know exactly how transmitted: Current theory is that transmission is mainly by respiratory droplets, with some possible transmission from droplets found on surfaces.
- Not understand how children experience COVID
- Treatments and vaccines are unknown. Don't know what is best to treat the disease. Remdesivir decreases hospital days. Plasma, some data that shows, will help some, not all, patients. Hundreds of clinical trials now ongoing for therapeutics, existing and new pharmaceuticals.
- Know that masks work to reduce transmission, not know what material works best for a mask; when to wear a mask; how often are people wearing correctly.
- Immunity: do not know how long immunity lasts or who has immunity. It appears that some have immunity after they recover and can develop antibodies for around three weeks, but nothing is known for sure;
- Antibody tests: Current tests but **not helpful for individual decision making**. COVID is at 5% prevalence of the population in US. Antibody tests now are only 50% accurate. Warns do not use test results for personal or company decision-making;
- How long are people infectious? It appears that people are infectious for 11 days but when does that clock start --- after infected or when symptoms show up? Can people become re-infected?
- When will we have safe and effective vaccines for the disease? Hopefully beginning of 2021.

What Do We Know About the Coronavirus

- Know genome which was released by the Chinese labs early on.
- To decrease transmission use distancing/ testing/ personal protection/ contact tracing.
- COVID spreads easily in group gatherings e.g. 11,000 cases in meat packing plants.
- We do know that the underlying social and economic ramifications in minority communities bring many more cases.
- Need to fix gaps in data by empowering better and greater testing capacities.
- We need to protect non-COVID healthcare during and after this pandemic.

Managing the Illness Around the World

- ✓ **World Health Organization Releases New Guidance for Outdoor Events and Mass Gatherings**

Asking authorities to ensure that events are necessary to hold, this guidance includes staggering arrivals; increasing the frequency of transport; designating seating, hold events virtually or outdoors, and advising attendees to observe physical distancing, cough etiquette and hand hygiene. [Click WHO](#)

- ✓ **Russia's first approved COVID-19 treatment**

Avifavir, a drug used for flu, will be rolled out next week after preliminary results showed the drug shortened recovery times. Clinical trials of the drug involving 330 patients are not yet complete. The anti-influenza drug was developed in Japan in a 50-50 joint venture with Russian pharma firm ChemRas. [Click Russian Med](#)

- ✓ **Iran Coronavirus Cases Hit Two-Month High and an International Update**

Coronavirus cases in Iran have jumped by nearly 3,000, its highest daily count in two months, while China also saw its biggest daily rise in infections in three weeks. The United Kingdom has also relaxed some of its lockdown measures, despite concerns among the government's scientific advisory body. Latin America's death toll has exceeded 50,000 with some one million cases reported across the region. [Click International Updates](#)

- ✓ **Coronavirus World Map**

Covid-19 has spread around the planet, sending billions of people into lockdown as health services struggle to cope. Great overview of the current statistics, worldwide, and where it is spreading. [Click World Map](#)

- ✓ **Cumulative Trends Worldwide**

Tracking cases by date, trend, and country over the course of the illness. [Click Cumulative Trends](#)

Time to Relax

✓ **[Awesome Events Happening Online: June 1- 4.](#)**

Numerous events, worldwide, including Songs for Our City, Broadway's singer-songwriters performing new original music in a virtual songwriter competition and concert series. More than two dozen artists perform original songs about the community, the Theater District or their memories on Broadway in seven livestreamed concerts. Audience members vote at home for their favorite performances. The series doubles as a fundraiser for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS' COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund. [Click Awesome Events](#)

✓ **[How to Have an Upbeat Conversation in these Days of COVID](#)**

It is not always easy to have a light or fun conversation when things are bleak. Living in the same house or apartment with the same people (or no people) for 80 days can be difficult. Some tips from a Harvard Business School professor as to how to keep it positive, and even interesting, during these challenging days. [Click Upbeat in COVID](#)

✓ **[Lin Manuel Miranda Performs on Hulu](#)**

The creator of Hamilton is in a documentary about the hip hop improv troupe which he performed in for 15 years. The documentary is about spontaneous creativity and the power of collaboration ... and lots of humor. [Click Lin](#)

✓ **[Host a Summer Camp for your Family](#)**

Tons of ideas from science experiments to creative arts and crafts, screen time to game time, to occupy kids over this long, hot summer. [Click Camp](#)

