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Global

Total cases – 1,273,794

Total deaths – 69,419

United States

Positive Tests – 332,308 (up 9% from prior day)

% Positive Tests – 23% (same as prior day)

Total # Tests – 1,779,357 (up 9% from prior day)

Fatalities – 9,498 (up 14% from prior day)

Administration

- **President Donald Trump** and **Vice President Mike Pence** said they see signs the U.S. coronavirus outbreak is beginning to stabilize, citing a day-to-day reduction in deaths in New York
 - “We’re beginning to see the glimmers of progress,” Pence said at a White House news conference on Sunday. “The experts will tell me not to jump to any conclusions, and I’m not, but like your president I’m an optimistic person.”
 - Pence said the government is starting to see “cases and most importantly losses” beginning to stabilize.
- **President Trump**, asked about additional stimulus checks for Americans once the first round has been delivered, says he likes the concept of it.
- **President Trump** said that this week and next will probably be the toughest in the fight against coronavirus and that “there will be a lot of death.”
 - While speaking at the coronavirus task force briefing on Saturday, Trump painted a grim picture of the next two weeks, but added that there will be less death than if certain mitigation steps were not taken.
- The **Department of Homeland Security** and **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** are finalizing new restrictions that are expected to prohibit [cruise ship passengers and crew arriving in the US from boarding domestic commercial flights](#), according to a person briefed on the matter and an administration official.
 - The restrictions would apply even to people not showing symptoms and would require 14-day quarantines for cruise passengers and crew.

- These new protocols would likely be agreements between cruise ship companies and the government, requiring that they be followed for these ships to dock at specific ports, the administration official said.
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci**, the nation's top infectious disease specialist, says the US does not have the coronavirus under control.
 - **Fauci** warned Americans in an interview on CBS with Margaret Brennan, that "it is going to be a bad week" ahead as there is an escalation in cases, but that "within a week or a little bit more" we should see the curve begin to flatten.
 - He again underscored the importance of social distancing measures, and said that mitigation is working.
 - Fauci said that it was crucial for the coronavirus to get "globally under control," or it could become seasonal. He also said that efforts for a vaccine and the beginning of clinical trials will hopefully mean the US is more prepared if there is a resurgence of the virus.
 - This morning Fauci said in the next week or two the US will have a much greater capacity to perform the types of testing needed before society can return to normal, though they are not "100% there yet."
- **President Donald Trump** continued to claim hydroxychloroquine has high efficacy against Covid-19, stating lupus patients – who are commonly treated with hydroxychloroquine – are less likely to contract the virus on Saturday at a White House press briefing.
 - However, there is no "definitive information to be able to make any comment," said **Dr. Anthony Fauci**, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, at the briefing. The relationship between lupus and Covid-19 is currently being studied in "a natural history study," Fauci said.
- **President Donald Trump** said the commissioners of US professional sports leagues told him in a phone call that they want to get back to fully functioning, as the President lamented that "this country wasn't meant" to be shut down.
 - "They want to get back, they've got to get back. They can't do this," Trump said at the coronavirus task force briefing. "Sports weren't designed for it, the whole concept of our nation wasn't designed for it."
- The **U.S. Centers for Disease and Prevention** is recommending the use of non-surgical grade cloth masks as a voluntary measure to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
 - "It's only a recommendation," President Donald Trump told reporters at the White House on Friday, adding that the suggestion doesn't replace guidance on social distancing. "It's voluntary."
 - "I don't think I'm going to be doing it," Trump says at coronavirus news briefing, referring to the new CDC recommendation on wearing face coverings in public to prevent Covid-19 spread
- The **US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** has released [instructions and visual tutorials on how to make cloth face coverings](#) from common household materials.
 - The CDC recently released guidance recommending the use of cloth face coverings "in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community based transmission."
 - Cloth face coverings, according to the CDC, can be homemade out of pieces of fabric, T-shirts, bandannas and coffee filters to slow down the spread of the virus, especially

those that may be asymptomatic and capable of transmitting it to others despite experiencing no symptoms.

- The CDC recommended any homemade cloth face coverings include multiple layers of fabric, be secured to the ears, and allow for breathing without restriction. The guidance recommends routinely cleaning coverings in a washing machine and that no child under the age of 2 should wear them.
- **SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza** says loans made so far under the U.S. federal rescue program for small businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic total 17,503 valued at more than \$5.4 billion.
 - More than 1,100 local lenders are helping small businesses “stay afloat with working capital to keep employees paid + doors open,” the SBA chief [tweeted](#) Friday night
- **President Donald Trump** said the notion of creating a second White House coronavirus task force to examine how best to reopen the country’s economy was a “good idea.”
 - Trump tweeted an endorsement Saturday of a plan offered by Dana Perino, former press secretary to President George W. Bush.
- **President Trump** plans to **nominate Brian Miller** to the newly created post of Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery, White House says in statement.
 - Miller currently serves as special asst. to the president and senior associate counsel in the Office of White House Counsel
- **President Donald Trump** said he would use the Defense Production Act to retaliate in cases where companies ship medical equipment elsewhere that’s needed in the U.S. to cope with the coronavirus pandemic.
 - “You could call it retaliation, because that’s what it is -- it’s a retaliation. If people don’t give us what we need for our people, we’re going to be very tough,” Trump told reporters at the White House on Saturday.
 - Trump has said he invoked the act to ban the export of supplies needed around the world to fight the coronavirus pandemic -- escalating a battle with allies including Canada, and 3M Co.
- **President Donald Trump** said he’d use tariffs if needed to protect the domestic oil industry as global crude oil prices crater.
- **President Donald Trump** said he agrees with the decision on the captain of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, who was relieved of command after writing a memo pleading for assistance in addressing the coronavirus outbreak on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.
 - **Trump** told reporters at the White House on Saturday that the captain, Brett Crozier, shouldn’t have expressed his alarm in a widely circulated letter after more than 100 crew members were affected. “The letter was all over the place,” Trump said. “That’s not appropriate”
- **Attorney General William Barr** says he is immediately moving to maximize “appropriate transfers” of inmates “suitable” for home confinement from institutions that have “significant levels of infection” from the coronavirus.
 - All inmates deemed “suitable candidates” should be immediately processed for transfer, Barr says in [memo](#) to director of Bureau of Prison
- **Treasury Sec. Steven Mnuchin** says more than 800 banks participated in the first day of the stimulus loan program for small businesses.

- In interview with Fox Business Network, Mnuchin says he expects all big banks will be taking part in program next week
- **General Motors Co. is asking the Trump administration** to drop import tariffs on Chinese parts it needs to make ventilators, the Wall Street Journal reports, citing a letter to the U.S. Trade Representative.
 - Company says levies will make it more expensive to build the machines, according to the letter dated Tuesday
 - A representative for the USTR's office didn't immediately respond to a request for comment
- **President Donald Trump** said had he invoked the **Defense Production Act** to prevent crucial medical supplies from being hoarded or exported to other countries.
 - Under that authority, Trump said, the **Department of Health and Human Services** has seized nearly 200,000 N95 respirators, 130,000 surgical masks, 600,000 gloves, as well as "many many many bottles and disinfectant sprays that were being hoarded." The Defense Department is supplying 8.1 million N95 masks
 - "All of this material is now being given to health-care workers," Trump said Friday at a White House briefing.
- A rapid Covid-19 test will be required for anyone expected to be within close proximity of either **President Trump** or **Vice President Pence** to help protect the leaders' health, the White House says.
 - Testing will begin today to evaluate for "pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic carriers status to limit inadvertent transmission," White House spokesman Judd Deere says in an emailed statement
- **Trump's economic adviser, Larry Kudlow**, said the White House decided against deferring payments for certain tariffs for now, citing the complexity of administering such a proposal. "We looked a little bit at most-favored nation custom duties," Kudlow said on Bloomberg TV. "And we decided it was too complicated." Trump was briefed on, and greenlighted, a plan to delay certain duty payments to assist companies with their cash flow crunch, Bloomberg reported this week.
- **Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley** says he is reassessing whether the Navy's hospital ships should take coronavirus patients.
 - Right now the ships are only open to non-virus patients, Milley tells Fox News
 - The ships and military-run field hospitals can handle Covid-19 patients if needed, Milley says
- **Defense Secretary Mark Esper** said Sunday that all individuals operating on department property worldwide should "wear cloth face coverings" when they can't practice proper social distancing in an effort to prevent the spread of coronavirus.
 - In a memo sent to Defense Department staff and obtained by CNN, Esper said individuals should wear cloth face coverings "when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers," effective immediately. The memo said the directive would not apply to a service member's personal residence on a military installation.
 - The directive applies to all military personnel, department contractors, civilian employees at the department, family members and "all other individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities.

- **Current regulations** can excuse delays beyond a contractor’s control and allow for “equitable adjustment” of schedules or payments to companies for difficulties caused by virus-related schedule slips, acting **Pentagon Pricing and Contracting Director Kim Herrington** said in a March 30
- The **U.S. Army’s Medical Command** is using the Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) to find vendors that can create a National Emergency Telecritical Care Network (NETCCN). The network will be used to create and coordinate virtual critical-care wards wherever they may be needed, including the many ad hoc facilities being set up to deal with the flow of Covid-19 patients who are overwhelming hospitals
- The **Pentagon’s logistics agency** has modified an existing contract and will spend \$84.4 million to buy 8,000 ventilators from four vendors, with delivery of an initial 1,400 by early May. The companies tapped to make the devices are Zoll Medical, Combat Medical Systems, Hamilton Medical, and VyAire Medical, according to a Defense Logistics Agency spokesman
- Employers got assurance from **OSHA** that they will not be cited for violating respiratory protection regulations if they reuse N95 respirators or take other measures so long as they adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The **Defense Department** will accept coronavirus patients at convention center medical facilities the Pentagon helped provide in Manhattan, New Orleans, and Dallas, under a change of policy aimed at relieving the burden on overwhelmed local hospitals. The three locations “will now provide support to COVID-19 positive patients in convalescent care,” as well as low-acuity patients. The change in policy came after a request from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) to expand its use of the Javits Convention Center, which originally was to take only those with medical needs other than Covid-19.
- **FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn** said there’s no evidence that any drug is in short supply because China or another country is blocking critical ingredients from flowing into the U.S. market.
 - “We don’t have any evidence that there is a drug in short supply because of anyone blocking the active pharmaceutical ingredients in the drugs,” Hahn said in an interview with Fox News. “We are monitoring that very closely.”
- **3M**, the world’s largest maker of respirator masks, has said it is willing to comply with **President Trump’s** order to manufacture and supply more critically needed N95 masks to the United States. But also cautioned about being forced to halt global exports.
 - A day after [Trump invoked the Defense Production Act \(DPA\)](#) to order 3M to significantly ramp up production of N95 respirators, 3M said in a statement that “3M and its employees have gone above and beyond to manufacture as many N95 respirators as possible for the US market.”
- **USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand** today announced that USDA is opening a second application window for funding under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program. ([HERE](#))
- **The U.S. Department of Labor** announced more guidance to provide information to workers and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which went into effect April 1, 2020. ([HERE](#))
- **DOT** issued an Enforcement Notice clarifying, in the context of the COVID-19 public health emergency, that U.S. and foreign airlines remain obligated to provide a prompt refund to

passengers for flights to, within, or from the United States when the carrier cancels the passenger's scheduled flight or makes a significant schedule change and the passenger chooses not to accept the alternative offered by the carrier. ([HERE](#))

- At the request of **FEMA**, the Department of Defense will expand its medical support to include COVID-19 positive patients at the Javits Federal Medical Station (FMS) in New York City, the Morial FMS in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Kay Bailey Hutchinson FMS in Dallas, Texas. ([HERE](#))
- The **U.S. Supreme Court** postponed its April argument sitting, bringing its total number of delayed cases to 20 as the coronavirus outbreak continued to scuttle the justices' plans.
 - The court said it will reschedule some of the 20 cases during its current term "if circumstances permit in light of public health and safety guidance at that time."

Capitol Hill

- **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi** and **Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer** urged the Treasury Department to move more quickly to help airlines to save industry jobs and refrain from imposing "unreasonable conditions" that might spur some carriers to decline payroll assistance.
 - In a letter Sunday to **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin**, **Pelosi** and **Schumer** stressed that provisions of the \$2.2 trillion stimulus passed by Congress were aimed specifically at bolstering aviation jobs. The lawmakers expressed concern that guidelines released by the department a week ago didn't go far enough to safeguard workers.
- **Communities in the U.S.** "cannot afford to wait" for the next coronavirus stimulus, **Speaker Nancy Pelosi** said in a letter to House lawmakers, adding "it is my hope that we will craft this legislation and bring it to the floor later this month."
 - The next package "must go further in assisting small businesses including farmers, extending and strengthening unemployment benefits and giving families additional direct payments," according to **Pelosi**. She said it would give more resources to state and local governments, health care including hospitals and medical workers, and first responders.
- **Senate Democratic leaders** said that the Labor Department is expected to inform them today on its plan to make sure that people who have lost their jobs due to the outbreak are getting an extra \$600 a week in benefits, while Minority Leader [Chuck Schumer](#) (D-N.Y.) said the stimulus package's direct payments should come "within two weeks." There are three steps to get unemployment insurance to people, **Schumer** said: states have to agree to terms in the last coronavirus package; the federal government needs to send funds to states to provide the extra \$600 per worker each week; and states have to expand staff for increased volume of claims.
 - **Schumer** added that the next coronavirus-related bill should include hazard pay for front-line health workers, possibly more aid for unemployed Americans, and an additional enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act. The latest bill was "not the final say," he said
- **House Democrats** want to inject an emergency \$10 billion into the country's community health-center program, but clinics and hospitals say they need seven times more. Their costs are mounting as health centers, like hospitals, forgo more lucrative services like dental care or cosmetic operations to prioritize coronavirus patients. The National Association for Community Health Centers originally asked Congress for \$3.2 billion but received \$1.3 billion as part of the stimulus. The group now wants \$77.3 billion, which would include a five-year extension of the program.

- **A bipartisan group of members of the House Financial Services Committee** said today in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell that the nation's central bank should include investment-grade securities backed by unsecured consumer loans as collateral eligible in the federal Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility program
- **Seventeen Democratic senators** are calling on the Pentagon's inspector general to investigate "troubling reports" about a coronavirus outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier and the decision to relieve the captain of the ship's command.
 - **Senators** write in [letter](#) to IG they are concerned over the Navy's "stark reversal" regarding Crozier's leadership and the decision's impact on sailors' morale and readiness, especially "given the remarkable show of support for Capt. Crozier by members of his crew."
- **House Armed Services Chairman Adam Smith** (D-Wash.) and ranking member Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) plan to have a draft of the fiscal 2021 defense policy bill ready to go by May 1
- **Direct-to-market farmers and ranchers** who are struggling as their markets dry up deserve a fair share of the \$9.5 billion allocated in the latest stimulus package for agriculture producers affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, a bipartisan group of lawmakers say.
 - **Sixty-seven lawmakers led by House Agriculture-FDA Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Sanford Bishop** (D-Ga.) [appealed to](#) Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, whose office will manage the emergency support under the "phase three" coronavirus response law.
- **Several Democratic senators** asked **Apple** Inc. Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook about the privacy of the company's new Covid-19 screening app and website.
 - **Senators Bob Menendez, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Richard Blumenthal** sent a letter to the company on Friday expressing concern "for the safety and security of Americans' private health data." They want to know about data-sharing practices and safeguards, and whether the app complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The senators are also seeking information on Apple's agreements with federal or state governments for the development of the app, according to the letter, a copy of which was obtained by Bloomberg.
- **House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn** said it's unlikely a congressional panel overseeing coronavirus relief will investigate the Trump administration initial response to the pandemic that's claimed thousands of American lives.
 - "This committee will be forward-looking," Clyburn [told](#) CNN's Jake Tapper on "State of the Union." "We're not going to be looking back on what the president may or may not have done back before this crisis hit. The crisis is with us."
 - **Clyburn** said the panel will instead be looking at how \$2 trillion stimulus package to address the economic fallout of the spread of Covid-19 is administered.
- **Senator Minority Leader Chuck Schumer** is calling for the president to invoke the full Defense Production Act as states struggle with medical supply shortages.
 - "We are not going to overcome this supply problem unless we have someone, a military person in charge," Schumer said today.
- **Sen. Bill Cassidy**, a Republican from Louisiana, wants to create a registry to track who has recovered from the coronavirus.
 - "We strongly suspect that once somebody has been infected they're now immune," Cassidy said.

- He said a registry would be set up similar to the one that is used to document vaccinations. Once a patient has recovered, their name would be added to the registry.
- They could then return to work and help treat people with coronavirus without worrying about getting sick. He said this information would also help protect the rest of the population who do not have the virus.
- **Mario Díaz-Balart**, the first congressman to test positive for the coronavirus, has returned to his family and is feeling well, he announced in a tweet Sunday.

State/Local

- **Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson** has directed vacation rental properties, motels and hotels not to issue occupancy to "out of state recreational travelers" in an executive order issued Saturday.
 - Occupancy should only be issued to health care workers, first responders, airline crew, journalists, Covid-19 patients or work related travelers, Hutchinson says.
 - Hutchinson has not issued a stay-at-home order "primarily because most people are making responsible choices," Hutchinson said in a statement Friday.
- **Two Democratic governors** said in nationally televised interviews Sunday morning that their states are likely to need thousands of additional ventilators in the coming weeks as covid-19 patients flood into hospitals.
 - Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," **Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards** said models had the state exhausting its ventilator supply as soon as Thursday, with ICU beds running out two days later. **Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker** said on the same program that models suggest his state will see a peak in late April — and that he has asked the federal government for as many as 4,000 additional ventilators to handle it.
- **Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine** "urged Ohioans to begin wearing cloth masks while in public, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," he said in a statement to the press Saturday
 - Separately in the same statement, DeWine stressed the importance of mental health care and announced the signing of an executive order that will allow easier access to telehealth services in the state.
- Beginning 5 p.m. Saturday, **Alabama** joined the list of states where residents were under a stay-at-home order in response to the coronavirus outbreak.
 - Gov. Kay Ivey and state Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris announced that the order would be in place until April 30, with a determination before then on whether the order would be extended past that date, AL.com reported.
- **Missouri's governor** announced a statewide stay-at-home coronavirus order Friday, leaving only a handful of states without one.
 - Gov. Mike Parson's order, which takes effect Monday, says Missourians should avoid leaving their homes except for essential activities like work, food or medical care. Restaurants may stay open if they offer takeout or delivery and schools have been ordered to close.
 - The order allows nonessential businesses to stay open as long as they adhere to social distancing requirements, according to the Kansas City Star.
- The **governors of New York and New Jersey** have ordered unused ventilators and other equipment to be commandeered from medical facilities and redistributed to hospitals treating coronavirus patients, aggressive measures highlighting increasingly dire conditions.

- The move came as New York officials began to warn that the health system was possibly just days away from hitting its capacity to handle the waves of patients. New Jersey, which has the second-highest rate of infections, is trying to get ahead of the curve and avoid the dire fate of its neighbor.
- **Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh** announced Sunday new measures on social distancing to combat the spread of coronavirus. These measures include:
 - A [public health advisory](#) for everyone in Boston except essential workers to stay at home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.
 - Encouraging everyone to wear a mask covering over their mouth and nose when in public.
 - Closing city parks with recreational sports areas.
 - Encouraging residents 65 and older and with underlying health conditions to only take trips outside the house when "absolutely necessary" for food or medications.
- **Death Valley National Park**, which runs through **California** and **Nevada**, has closed as of April 4 citing public health concerns aimed at limiting the spread of Covid-19.
 - All park facilities, restrooms, viewpoints, trails, roads, and campgrounds are closed until further notice, a notice on the National Park Service's website said.
- **US Northern Command**, which oversees US military operations in North America, said it was "deploying a combined total of 1,000 Air Force and Navy medical providers to the **New York City** area in next 3 days," according to a press release sent Sunday.
- **West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice** is expanding an executive order he issued Friday limiting gatherings to no more than five people to include three more counties.

International

- **China** won't limit the amount of medical supplies it sends to countries battling outbreaks of the coronavirus, its Inspector of the Department of Foreign Trade Jiang Fan said at a press conference on Sunday.
- **Singapore** has expanded its stay-home notice (SHN) this weekend, to include countries such as France, India, Switzerland and all of the ASEAN region, the ministry of health said in a statement.
- **The British Health Secretary Matt Hancock** has said it is "quite unbelievable" that some people are still breaking the UK's lockdown laws by going outside unnecessarily, threatening to ban exercising outdoors if people keep flouting the rules.
 - Britain has banned people from going outside apart from for four essential reasons, which include one form of exercise a day.
- **Americans** in various Indian cities will be given the chance to board evacuation flights back to the United States from this weekend, according to the US Mission to India.
 - "We are making every effort to accommodate as many passengers as possible and urge US citizens who want to return to the United States to take advantage of the current opportunities," the US Mission said in a statement.
- **British Prime Minister Boris Johnson** was admitted to hospital for tests on Sunday as a precaution, after struggling to recover quickly from the coronavirus infection he contracted 10 days ago.
- Lifting restrictions too quickly could lead to a resurgence of the coronavirus and the economic impact could be even more severe and more prolonged, **World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** said at a press briefing in Switzerland. "We don't want

to end up in a cycle of lockdown followed by release, followed by another lockdown followed by release,” said Mike Ryan, the head of health emergencies at the WHO. Countries must make a massive investment in testing and contact tracing as the only way to get rid of the disease is to hunt it down, he said.

- The WHO also conceded slightly on guidelines for wearing masks, saying there’s been a healthy debate on the matter. Homemade mouth coverings may help to slow transmission in some places, and the WHO would support governments if they decide to require that they be worn, Ryan said.
- **The European Union** let its member countries [suspend](#) import duties on medical equipment needed to fight the pandemic. The European Commission approved requests by all EU governments to waive the bloc’s tariffs on goods such as masks, testing kits and ventilators.
- **Switzerland** [doubled](#) the amount of state credit guarantees for businesses to 40 billion francs (\$41 billion). The initial tranche of government-backed loans, made available last month, met with strong demand and government ministers pledged to increase liquidity to firms grappling with a fall off in demand.
- **Italy** saw the number of new coronavirus cases and deaths stabilizing on Friday, as officials express optimism that a four-week lockdown is beginning to check Europe’s worst outbreak
- **Italy** is finalizing new measures aimed at providing liquidity to companies, Treasury Minister Roberto Gualtieri said.
 - The government will 100% guarantee loans of up to 800,000 euros and boost guarantees to 90% on another 200 billion euros (\$216 billion) in loans, Gualtieri said on Rai TG1. Companies will be able to seek bank loans for as much as 25% of their revenue, and those new benefits could be combined with other measures the government is studying to help Italian businesses.
- **Italian** authorities in the northern Italian region of Lombardy are ordering all citizens to wear masks when outside.
 - According to a statement issued by the region's president, Attilio Fontana, members of the public are now obligated to cover "their nose and mouth with masks, or even through simple scarves" when leaving the house, until April 13.
 - "The already authorized retail businesses also have the obligation to provide their customers with disposable gloves and hydro-alcoholic solutions for hand hygiene," Fontana added.
- **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** said he will speak to **Donald Trump** soon as the U.S. president escalates a battle with allies and **3M** Co. over exports of medical equipment and N95 masks. Trudeau said he wasn’t looking to retaliate or limit exports to the U.S. but will note that Canada also sends key equipment across the border.
- **Spain’s** target of seeing the coronavirus epidemic slow by April 5 is “within reach,” according to Health Minister Salvador Illa.
 - The Spanish government is set to extend the nationwide "state of alarm" introduced on March 14 for a second time, **until April 26.**
- **Dubai** imposed further restrictions on the movement of people and halted metro services as the Middle East’s business hub seeks to limit the spread of the coronavirus.
 - A program to clear the streets will be extended to 24 hours for two weeks from Saturday, Dubai’s media office said by tweet. Supermarkets, pharmacies and food delivery services will operate, it said. Violators could face legal action, it said.

- Dubai will suspend metro and tram services from Sunday until further notice, Gulf News reported earlier.
- **Greece** is extending its national lockdown, with restrictions on movement, until early April 27, Deputy Citizen Protection Minister Nikos Chardalias said. The country introduced a total lockdown on March 22 after moving quickly to put in place restrictions following the first confirmed case on Feb. 26. Greece so far has 1,673 cases and 68 deaths.
- **French Labor Minister Muriel Penicaud** said on BFM TV that 5 million workers, about a quarter of the nation's people on payrolls, have been granted temporary unemployment benefits, a system put in place to help companies reduce operations without laying off staff.
- **Egypt** delayed the start of large national projects including the Grand Egyptian Museum and Museum of Egyptian Civilization, and postponed to 2021 moving the country's administrative capital city due to the pandemic.
- **Poland** is considering further restrictions ahead of the Easter holiday to keep the coronavirus from spreading via traditional [family visits](#), Health Minister Lukasz Szumowski said.

Private Sector

- **Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden** said the party should consider a virtual nominating convention this summer because the coronavirus has led to limits on public gatherings.
- **Google** is working with researchers in Europe to track the virus's spread using troves of location data gathered from smartphones, according to several people involved in the project. The data can't be used to track an individual person; rather, it shows broad patterns of movement across entire countries over periods of time, the people said.
 - The data is helping researchers analyze the relationship between travel patterns and transmission rates of the virus within different countries, according to the people, while also providing insight into the effectiveness of lockdowns in European countries.
- A **4-year-old Malayan tiger** at the **Bronx Zoo in New York** tested positive for coronavirus, which causes Covid-19 in humans. This is the first instance of a tiger being infected, according to the [US Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories](#).
- More than one million face shields were made over the past week at the **Ford** subsidiary **Troy Design and Manufacturing's** facility in Plymouth, Michigan, **Ford** spokesman Dan Barbossa told CNN.
 - Ford is now making a face shield every 10 seconds at its facility outside Detroit, Barbossa added.
- **Joe Tsai**, the billionaire co-founder of Chinese ecommerce giant Alibaba, and his wife Clara Wu Tsai, have donated 2.6 million masks, 170,000 goggles and 2,000 ventilators to New York — the US epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Apple Inc.** is designing face shields for medical workers and separately has sourced over 20 million masks through its global supply chain, Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook said.
 - Cook made the announcement Sunday on Twitter, saying that its design, engineering, packaging and operations teams are working with suppliers to get the shield made and shipped.
 - The first shipment was delivered to a Santa Clara, California, hospital last week. The shields are fully adjustable and assemble in under two minutes, he said, adding that Apple plans to ship over a million this week and another million weekly after that.