



Current Situation: COVID-19

April 6th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

Hopeful Signs in Europe

On Sunday, [Italy saw the lowest death toll](#) in more than two weeks and a downward slope in its infection curve.

Similarly, the [number of deaths in Spain](#) has declined for the fourth day in a row.

U.K. death toll [surpasses 5,000](#), but growth in [new cases has slowed](#).

Virus Down in China, Surging Elsewhere

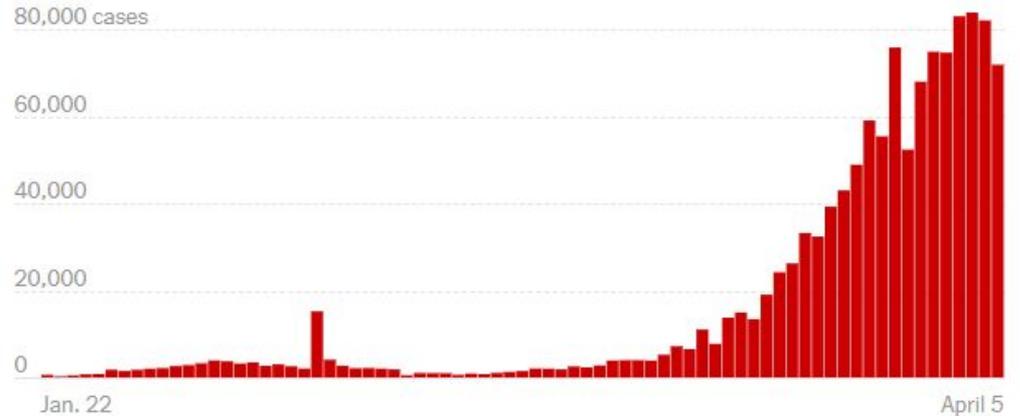
[China reported 39 new infections](#) Monday, almost all of which were among people who recently traveled abroad.

[Japan will declare a state of emergency](#) as the virus on the rise in Tokyo and other cities.

[U.S. officials anticipate](#) most difficult week ahead as death toll passes 10,000.

[Source](#)

New reported cases by day across the world



COVID-19 in the U.S.

U.S. Surgeon General warns of 'hardest, saddest week' ahead for the nation.

Gov. [Cuomo says New York](#) may be hitting apex of crisis.

Supply Shortages

U.S. hospitals are [facing "severe" and widespread shortages](#) of personal protective equipment, ventilators, testing supplies and staff, according to a newly released [watchdog report](#) from the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

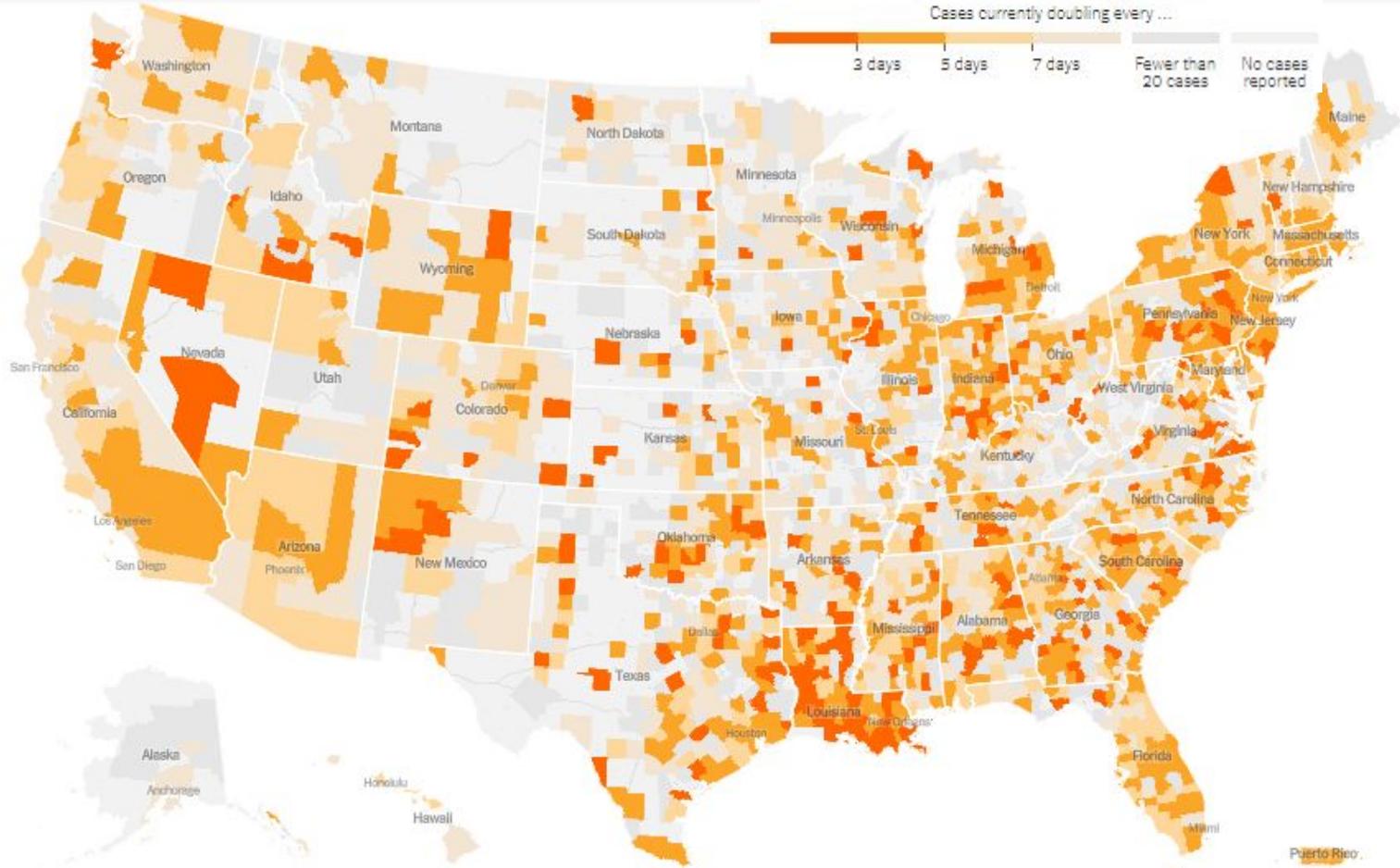
On Thursday, [President Trump invoked the Defense Production Act](#) to help manufacturers make supplies.



"This is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment, our 9/11 moment, only it's not going to be localised," warned U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Jerome Adamson on [Fox News on Sunday](#).

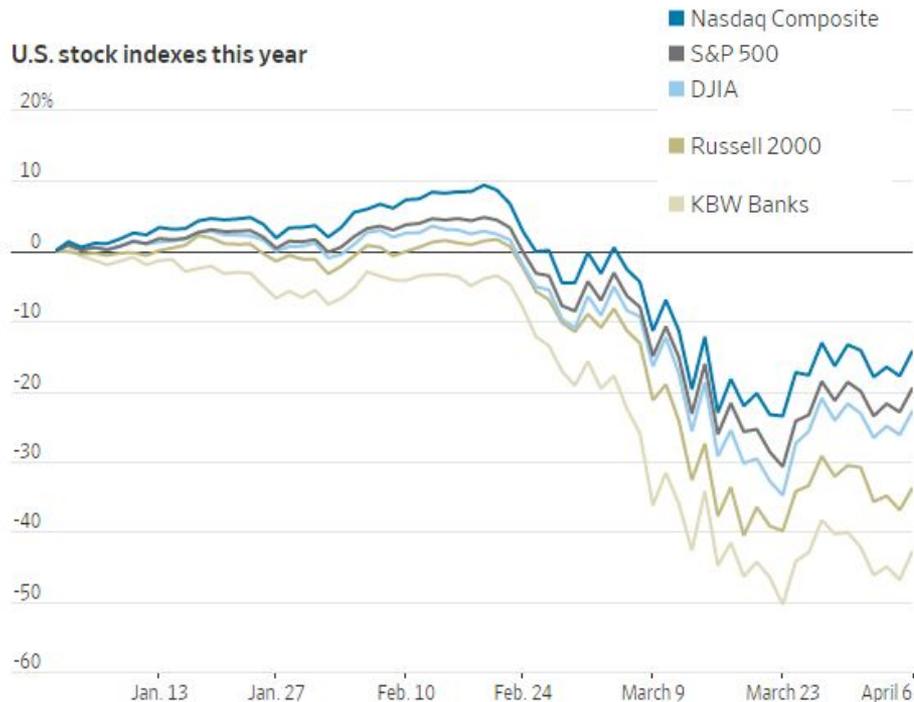
Where cases are rising fastest

Cases currently doubling every ...



[Source](#)

Economic Impact



Source: FactSet

Optimistic Start

[Stocks open higher on Monday](#) after encouraging coronavirus data.

Long-Term Effect & Concerns

France is heading for [worst economic downturn](#) since WWII.

[JPMorgan Chase CEO predicts a major recession](#) is coming.

South Korea tamps down Coronavirus, but its [economy remains paralyzed](#).

Historic Response from Queen Elizabeth

[Queen Elizabeth makes rare speech](#) offering message of unity marking the [fifth time the monarch has given such an address](#) in her 68 year reign.



"This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavor, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal. We will succeed -- and that success will belong to every one of us."

Responses Around the Globe

Precautionary Measures

UN Biodiversity Chief calls for [a ban on wildlife markets](#) to prevent future pandemics from happening.

Rights groups voice concerns about [Myanmar's capacity for dealing with COVID-19](#) especially after an internet blackout in the state with over 100,000 displaced people.

[Iran's paramilitary women turn mosque](#) into factory to make protective gear.

[Pakistan quarantines 20,000](#) following Tabligh gathering in Lahore.

Loosening Restrictions

Austria set to be [first European country to ease lockdown](#).

[Iran's Rouhani](#) says low-risk economic activities to resume from April 11 amid coronavirus.

In Italy, [returning to work](#) may depend on having the right antibodies.



Impacts on International Relations

Effects on Cooperation

[U.S. to stop sending masks to Canada & Latin America](#), sparking concerns over humanitarian implications.

[Iran says virus coordination has improved its ties with U.A.E.](#)

Concerns over [Islamophobia after mosque outbreak in India](#) as some blame religious group for spreading the virus.

Potential Long-Term Impacts

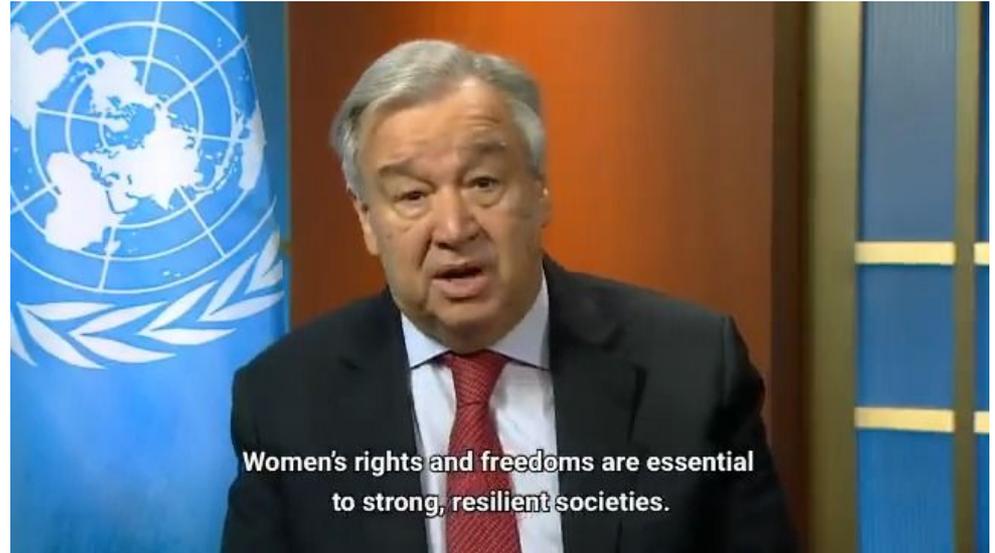
The [COVID-19 outbreak is expected to cause a drastic decrease in remittances to Latin America and the Caribbean](#) but could play a role in increasing digitization of money transfer and banking services in the region.

Consequences

Lockdown Consequences

[U.N. details “horrifying global surge” in domestic abuse amid lockdowns](#) around the world.

[Concerns over school absenteeism in U.S.](#) as absence rates higher in schools with many low-income students.



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