RESOURCES ON COVID-19 FROM CFR AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS


I. Background
The resources below provide context and basic information on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus Outbreak**
  - This CFR backgrounder analyzes what to know about the coronavirus outbreak, worldwide responses, and economic consequences.

- **Why It Matters: Coronavirus**
  - This podcast episode of Why It Matters covers organizations that tackle public health emergencies, and the effects the coronavirus is having on our globalized economy with Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Rana Foroohar, Tom Frieden, Shannon K. O’Neil, and host Gabrielle Sierra.

- **The COVID-19 Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness in the United States**
  - Larry Brilliant, Tara O’Toole, and Mark Smolinski discuss the COVID-19 epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the United States and worldwide, as well as the importance of health to our economic and national security in this CFR Conference Call.

- **What the World Can Learn From China’s Experience With Coronavirus**
  - On ForeignAffairs.com, Thomas J. Bollyky and Vin Gupta write how national governments must consider carefully which parts of China’s experience on the coronavirus will be generalizable to their countries.

- **The World Health Organization**
  - This CFR backgrounder provides a history of the World Health Organization (WHO).

- **Examining the Coronavirus Outbreak: China, Markets, and Global Health Governance**
  - Tom Frieden, Yanzhong Huang, Jennifer Nuzzo, Brad Setzer, and Robyn Meredith discuss how the coronavirus outbreak is testing global health governance, its broader economic consequences, and its implications for the Chinese political system at this CFR event.

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II. Global Perspectives
Read commentary and analysis of how countries around the world are working to manage the pandemic.

- **How Civic Technology Can Help Stop a Pandemic**
  - On ForeignAffairs.com, [Jaron Lanier](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) and [E. Glen Weyl](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) outline Taiwan’s success in communicating about the virus through civic technology.

- **The Coronavirus Is Iran’s Perfect Storm**
  - On ForeignAffairs.com, [Djavad Salehi-Isfahani](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) analyzes Iran’s response to the outbreak and its effect on public mistrust of the government.

- **Can the U.S. Emulate Asia’s Coronavirus Response?**
  - [Joshua Kurlantzick](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) provides a CFR In Brief on what the U.S government can learn from responses in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan.

- **The Coming Coronavirus Recession**
  - On ForeignAffairs.com, [Mohamed A. El-Erian](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) writes that a global economic recession may result from the coronavirus pandemic.

- **What the COVID-19 Pandemic May Mean for China’s Belt and Road Initiative**
  - The CFR Asia Unbound blog post authored by [Mira Rapp-Hooper](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) describes the effects that COVID-19 will have on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

- **The Coronavirus Outbreak Could Disrupt the U.S. Drug Supply**
  - [Yanzhong Huang](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) provides a CFR In Brief on the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on the U.S. drug supply.

- **Can North Korea Cope With the Coronavirus?**
  - On ForeignAffairs.com, [Sue Mi Terry](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) analyzes the severe consequences for North Korea if there is a positive case of the outbreak.

- **Coronavirus Crises Loom in Africa as Cases Spread**
  - [John Campbell](http://www.foreignaffairs.com) provides an overview of the response to the coronavirus from African countries.

III. CFR Experts
Follow CFR’s experts for the latest on public health policy.

- **Thomas J. Bollyky**
  - Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development and Director of the Global Health Program
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- **Tom Frieden**
  - Senior Fellow for Global Health
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- **Yanzhong Huang**
  - Senior Fellow for Global Health
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IV. Think Global Health

*Think Global Health* is a multi-contributor website that examines the ways changes in health are reshaping economies, societies, and the everyday lives of people around the globe. For the latest stories and reporting on the coronavirus outbreak, click [here](#).


- **Yanzhong Huang**, “Panicky Responses to the Coronavirus are Dangerous—Here’s Why,” February 4, 2020.

V. Additional Resources

See below for quick links to useful resources.

- [Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Information for Travel](#)
- [U.S Department of State Travel Advisories](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University & Medicine COVID-19 Interactive Map](#)
- [World Health Organization (WHO) Coronavirus Information](#)

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