

COVID-19 RESOURCES FROM CFR AND *FOREIGN AFFAIRS*

The [Council on Foreign Relations](#) (CFR), [Foreign Affairs](#), and CFR's [Think Global Health](#) website bring you background and analysis on the COVID-19 pandemic, written by CFR fellows, CFR.org and ForeignAffairs.com editorial staffs, and leading experts.

I. **Background**

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

- [What Is the World Doing to Create a COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)
 - The race to find a vaccine for the new coronavirus is well underway. Governments and researchers are aiming to provide billions of people with immunity in eighteen months or less, which would be unprecedented.
- [Protecting Gender Equality During COVID-19](#)
 - In this CFR virtual roundtable, **Elissa Golberg**, **Theo Sowa**, and **Jamille Bigio** discuss the disproportionate effects of the pandemic on women and girls, which risk exacerbating gender inequities and posing additional social and economic costs around the world.
- [Racial Inequities of COVID-19](#)
 - Drs. **Lisa Cooper** and **Leana Wen** discuss the racial inequities that exist in the health care field today and how that impacts the course of the COVID-19 pandemic with **Thomas J. Bollyky** in this CFR virtual roundtable.
- [Peace, Conflict, and COVID-19](#)
 - The Center for Preventive Action's resource page for the effects of COVID-19 on peace and conflict.
- [The State of U.S Strategic Stockpiles](#)
 - This CFR backgrounder provides the history and importance of the Strategic National Stockpile, the nation's emergency reserve of medical supplies.
- [The World Waits for No Country](#)
 - While the United States has turned inward to primarily focus on domestic challenges, world events have not stopped, writes **Richard N. Haass**.
- [What Does the World Health Organization Do?](#)
 - This CFR backgrounder outlines the work of the World Health Organization (WHO), how it is governed, and responses to the novel coronavirus outbreak.
- [Lessons From History Series: Learning From Past Pandemics](#)
 - In this CFR virtual meeting, **Laurie Garrett**, **Julie L. Gerberding**, and **Jeremy Greene** discuss lessons medical professionals and policymakers learned in combating past pandemics and how such lessons can be applied in the fight against COVID-19, moderated by **Sheri L. Fink**.

II. Global Perspectives

Read commentary and analysis on how countries around the world are coping with the pandemic.

- [Will COVID-19 Make This Year's Election Different for Singapore's Ruling Party?](#)
 - **Joshua Kurlantzick** evaluates the short presidential election cycle and holding an election safely and effectively in Singapore.
- [U.S. Retrenchment Will Intensify Crisis in Idlib](#)
 - **Amir Asmar** and **Jacob Ware** advise that the United States should make the fight for Idlib a national security concern at a time when the pandemic could magnify humanitarian issues in this *Strength Through Peace* blog post.
- [Could the Coronavirus Pandemic Revive International Cooperation?](#)
 - In this *Internationalist* blog post, **Stewart M. Patrick** writes that new thinking, enlightened leadership, and a favorable distribution of power are necessary for a more cooperative world to emerge in the aftermath.
- [World Order After COVID-19: Perspectives From China and India](#)
 - **Dhruva Jaishankar**, **Qingguo Jia**, and **Paul B. Stares** discuss what the post-pandemic world may look like in this CFR virtual roundtable.
- [A Conversation With Brian Hook](#)
 - **Brian H. Hook** discusses the future of U.S.-Iran relations and the current state of the Iranian economy during the coronavirus pandemic in this CFR virtual meeting moderated by **Jerry Seib**.
- [The Authoritarian Politics of COVID-19 in Zimbabwe](#)
 - **Michelle Gavin** analyzes Zimbabwe's political response to the COVID-19 pandemic in her *Africa in Transition* blog post.
- [Coronavirus in South Asia](#)
 - In *Asia Unbound*, **Alyssa Ayres** provides an update on COVID-19 cases in South Asia, where health-care systems in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are struggling to treat hundreds of thousands of ill patients.
- [European Economic Recovery - A Conversation With EU Ambassadors](#)
 - **Philippe Étienne**, **Emily Haber**, **Stavros Lambrinidis**, and **Serge Schmemann** discuss the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the European economy and the European Commission's proposed recovery plan in this CFR virtual meeting.
- [Where is Russia's Strongman in the Coronavirus Crisis?](#)
 - Reluctant to respond to the pandemic, Putin has lost political advantage and seeded future problems for his rule, writes **Alexander Baunov** on ForeignAffairs.com.
- [Coronavirus: How Are Countries Responding to the Economic Crisis?](#)
 - This CFR backgrounder provides an overview on the world's largest economies and strategies to counter consequences from the coronavirus.

III. CFR Experts

Follow CFR's experts for the latest on public health policy.

- **[Thomas J. Bollyky](#)**
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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](#).

- **Steve Davis and Precious Matsoso**, "[COVID-19 as a Digital Pandemic](#)," July 7, 2020
- **Joseph L. Dieleman, Angela E. Micah, and Hayley Stutzman**, "[Which Governments Prioritize Health Spending?](#)," July 7, 2020
- **Sawyer Crosby, et al.**, "[All Bets Are Off for Measuring Pandemic Preparedness](#)," June 30, 2020
- **Ali H. Mokdad and Katherine Leach-Kemon**, "[Masks: The Easiest Way to Save Lives and Spare Jobs](#)," June 25, 2020
- **Morine Amutorine and Elaine O. Nsoesie**, "[What We Ask About Coronavirus in Africa](#)," June 24, 2020
- **Adnan Hyder, Meghan Werbeck, Paul Ndebele and Nino Paichadze**, "[Commercial Determinants of Health in COVID-19](#)," June 17, 2020.
- **Ravensara S. Travillian**, "[Pigs, Pandemics, and Other 'Epizootic' Threats](#)," June 16, 2020.

- **Thoai Ngo**, “[We Need a Pro-Poor and Pro-Black Response to COVID-19](#),” June 10, 2020.

V. **Additional Resources**

See below for quick links to useful resources.

- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Prevention Information for Travel](#)
- [U.S Department of State Travel Advisories](#)
- [Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation \(IHME\) COVID-19 Projections](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University & Medicine COVID-19 Interactive Maps and Critical Trends](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Coronavirus Information](#)

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