

The second installment of the UP CIDS PSPC COVID-19 Bulletin features articles from news media, health organizations, and regional organizations. As governments around the world continue to respond to the pandemic, recent reports focus on emphasizing established measures on travel, reminders on public health protocols, policies on taxation, and allocation of budget to address the pandemic. The articles in this bulletin also show how some countries are now looking past the containment of the virus and are now discussing how to address the impending economic impact of COVID-19.

*This bulletin series compiles COVID-19 news updates from different countries and regions that illustrate the COVID-19 situation around the world. Links to the articles are provided in each entry and readers are free to read through the articles for more details on each case.*

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**INTERNATIONAL**

COVID-19 Responses (In the World)<sup>1</sup>

Country	Title	Abstract	Annotated Bibliography
<b>Africa</b>			
Kenya	<i>Kenya extends coronavirus curfew, restricts alcohol sales</i>	As of 28 July 2020, President Uhuru Kenyatta has placed a nationwide curfew in Kenya from 9 PM to 4 AM daily due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, in hopes of restricting the movement of people. He believed that the surge in cases was caused by the ‘recklessness’ of people which also drove him to ban alcoholic beverages and close down eateries and	Al Jazeera. 2020. “Kenya Extends Coronavirus Curfew, Restricts Alcohol Sales.” 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/kenya-extends-coronavirus-curfew-restricts-alcohol-sales-200728052517832.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/kenya-extends-coronavirus-curfew-restricts-alcohol-sales-200728052517832.html</a>

<sup>1</sup> The regionalization presented in this bulletin is based from the United Nations Statistics Division geographical regions (See: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>)

		restaurants temporarily. He advised people to abide by the restrictions put upon them and to not be lulled into 'false hope' just because the country has a relatively low fatality rate.	
<b>Americas</b>			
United States	<i>Coronavirus: Can this California prison save itself from Covid-19?</i>	According to prison authorities in California, the mishandling of the COVID-19 positive patients in prisons in California is deemed to be the 'worst prison screw-up in state history'. This was caused by the transfers of inmates within states during the height of the pandemic that many turned positive. Many inmates are now fearing for their lives and some are trying to conceal their symptoms. California Governor Newsom announced that measures are already being done to isolate the inmates to contain the spread.	Honderich, Holly and Shrai Papat. 2020. "Coronavirus: Can This California Prison Save Itself from Covid-19?" <i>BBC News</i> , 27 July 2020. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53476208">https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53476208</a>
United States	<i>Hoyer says Democrats aren't demanding '\$600 or bust' in unemployment stimulus talks</i>	House Majority Leader Hoyer, stated on Tuesday (28 July 2020) that the Democrats are agreeing to the new coronavirus stimulus package. As the benefits soon expire, Democrats and Republicans are still in conflict on decisions on how to economically support Americans. The 600 USD federal unemployment enhancement is the supposed subsidy proposed to address the issue of unemployment. However partisan politics gets in the way of both parties	Cole, Devan. 2020. "Hoyer Says Democrats Aren't Demanding '\$600 or Bust' in Unemployment Stimulus Talks." <i>CNN Politics</i> , 28 July 2020. <a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/politics/steny-hoyer-coronavirus-stimulus-package-cnntv/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/politics/steny-hoyer-coronavirus-stimulus-package-cnntv/index.html</a>

		agreeing to how much the country can allot for the issue.	
United States	<i>Bernie Sanders introduces bill to provide 'Masks for all'</i>	On Tuesday (28 July 2020), Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders stated that he will be introducing a bill that will supply all Americans with reusable face masks. This was after Donald Trump Jr. tweeted a video of a 'cure' for COVID-19 that Sanders slammed for disseminating misinformation. The bill, according to Sanders, needs the help of the United States Postal Service for distribution which, according to California Rep. Ro Khanna, is doable and can be supplied by the country considering how the country could afford a 740 billion USD defense budget.	Krieg, Gregory. 2020. "Bernie Sanders Introduces Bill to Provide 'Masks for All'" <i>CNN Politics</i> , 28 July 2020 <a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/politics/bernie-sanders-masks-for-all/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/politics/bernie-sanders-masks-for-all/index.html</a>
United States	<i>US Republicans unveil plan for another coronavirus stimulus</i>	As the Democrats of the United States focus on a package that would help ease unemployment of Americans during the pandemic, the Republicans are planning on a one trillion USD aid package that is 'tailored and targeted' for school, employees, and health care. Partisan politics has been hindering the passage of laws like the HEALS Act that is said to provide 1,200 USD and incentives to Americans.	Al Jazeera. 2020. "US Republicans Unveil Plan for Another Coronavirus Stimulus." 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/republicans-unveil-plan-coronavirus-stimulus-200727203740545.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/republicans-unveil-plan-coronavirus-stimulus-200727203740545.html</a>
United States	<i>Trump pushes to reopen schools, says closures will probably cause 'more death'</i>	US President Trump called for the collaboration of Democrats and Republicans in the passage of their latest COVID-19 bill which supports schools to	Feuer, Will. 2020. "Trump Pushes to Reopen Schools, Says Closures Will Probably Cause 'More Death'." <i>CNBC</i> , 30 July 2020.

		reopen (face-to-face) in the fall. Dr. Anthony Fauci warns of its risks. Trump stated that not reopening schools would mean more deaths as keeping work and schools closed would mean economic harm and would eventually cause more deaths. He also threatened to withhold federal funding for schools who opt not to reopen.	<a href="https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/30/trump-pushes-to-reopen-schools-says-closures-will-probably-cause-more-death.html">https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/30/trump-pushes-to-reopen-schools-says-closures-will-probably-cause-more-death.html</a>
<b>Asia</b>			
Hong Kong	<i>Not wearing a mask outside could mean a \$645 fine in Hong Kong as city imposes strict Covid measures</i>	Hong Kong Chief Secretary Cheung has emphasized the need for wearing masks in the country due to the increase in coronavirus cases. They have made wearing masks mandatory and imposed a 645 USD fine to anyone who will not follow the measures without 'reasonable excuse'. This restriction has been set up to help curb the spread of the virus due to the onset of the third wave in the country.	Hollingsworth, Julia. 2020. "Hong Kong Makes Masks Compulsory as Covid Cases Rise." <i>CNN World</i> , 27 July 2020. <a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/27/asia/hong-kong-masks-coronavirus-restrictions-intl-hnk/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/27/asia/hong-kong-masks-coronavirus-restrictions-intl-hnk/index.html</a>
India	<i>India Covid-19: Delhi's mask-averse shoppers worry officials</i>	Lately, India has been worrying about the increasing number of COVID-19 cases most especially in their capital - Delhi. This was because the people of Delhi have an adverse reaction towards wearing masks despite knowing the risk of the pandemic. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is urging the people to follow social distancing rules and hygiene rules to lessen the spread of the virus.	Verma, Anshul. 2020. "India Covid-19: Delhi's Mask-Averse Shoppers Worry Officials." 2020. <i>BBC News</i> , July 28 2020, video. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-india-53564031/india-covid-19-delhi-s-mask-averse-shoppers-worry-officials">https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-india-53564031/india-covid-19-delhi-s-mask-averse-shoppers-worry-officials</a>

India	<i>'Tough few months ahead': Experts on India's coronavirus crisis</i>	As 48,000 new cases were reported in India this Tuesday (28 July 2020), Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three facilities in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Noida to increase the testing capacity in the country. They are expecting that there will not be a decline in cases after some time which will eventually peak in November. The Delhi state government was also found to be under-reporting deaths which has caused mistrust from the people.	Ameen, Furquan. 2020. "Tough Few Months Ahead": Experts on India's Coronavirus Crisis." <i>AlJazeera</i> , 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/months-experts-india-coronavirus-crisis-200727091515912.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/months-experts-india-coronavirus-crisis-200727091515912.html</a>
<b>Europe</b>			
United Kingdom	<i>Oldham coronavirus infection spike prompts new measures</i>	The lockdowns caused by the coronavirus outbreak have finally eased in the UK, however, in some areas where there is still an increasing number of cases new measures are introduced to further contain the virus. In cities like Oldham, where there is a rapid increase in cases, it is immediately put in lockdown. However, officials worry about the effectiveness of public health messaging since communication is not as effective to minorities especially those who do not speak English as a primary language.	BBC News. 2020. "Oldham Coronavirus Infection Spike Prompts New Measures." 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-53568956?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus">https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-53568956?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus</a>
United Kingdom	<i>Coronavirus: Safety fears over lack of translated virus advice</i>	In England and Wales, there are approximately 860,000 people who speak little or no English. Because of this, coronavirus public health messages are often misunderstood which the health secretary fears could jeopardize people's	Evans, Alice. 2020. "Coronavirus: Safety Fears over Lack of Translated Virus Advice." <i>BBC News</i> , 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-53537062?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2F">https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-53537062?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2F</a>

		health. To address this, public health information has been translated into 25 different languages to accommodate the 88 languages spoken in the UK aside from English to ensure that "public health information gets to everybody".	<a href="#">coronavirus</a>
Germany	<i>Coronavirus: German officials 'very concerned' by rising cases</i>	As Germany recorded 3,611 new coronavirus cases for the past week, the country announced that testing shall now be mandatory and free for returning people who came from a list of high-risk countries. For the first time, on Tuesday (28 July 2020), Lothar Wieler, head of the Robert Koch Institute, asked people to wear masks outdoors if they cannot comply with the 1.5 meter social distancing.	BBC News. 2020. "Coronavirus: German Officials 'Very Concerned' by Rising Cases." 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53566880">https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53566880</a>
<b>Oceania</b>			
New Zealand	<i>New opportunities for education</i>	As the whole world struggles to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, education is one of the issues that countries have to face. In New Zealand, being one of the few fortunate countries to have no community transmission, there is a high possibility that schools can open sooner. Despite this, parents are still skeptical about the schools reopening and the government is still finding ways to implement distanced learning.	New Zealand Herald. 2020. "New Opportunities for Education." 27 July 2020. <a href="https://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/midweek/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503658&amp;objectid=12351331">https://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/midweek/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503658&amp;objectid=12351331</a>

## REGIONAL

### COVID-19 Responses (In the World)

Title	Abstract	Annotated Bibliography
<b>Africa</b>		
<i>WHO, Africa CDC in joint push for COVID-19 traditional medicine research in Africa</i>	The World Health Organization (WHO), in partnership with Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has launched a committee that will support and provide scientific evidence to the effectiveness and efficiency of traditional medicine in Africa. They have created a 25-member council (Regional Expert Committee on Traditional Medicine for COVID-19) which aims to provide aid and support in collaboration for the trial period testing the effectiveness of traditional medicine in different countries.	Africa CDC. 2020. "WHO, Africa CDC in Joint Push for COVID-19 Traditional Medicine Research in Africa." 22 July 2020. <a href="https://africacdc.org/news-item/who-africa-cdc-in-joint-push-for-covid-19-traditional-medicine-research-in-africa/">https://africacdc.org/news-item/who-africa-cdc-in-joint-push-for-covid-19-traditional-medicine-research-in-africa/</a>
<b>Americas</b>		
<i>Politics and poverty hinder Covid-19 response in Latin America</i>	Majority of South American Nations have taken to politicizing the pandemic. An example is Mexico's president who has released a statement to not restrict travel and with that to resume the construction of infrastructural projects. On the other hand, Brazil's government is participating in rallies against critics and the opposition thus promoting mass gatherings against medical experts' advice. Another example of which is the suggestion of the Nicaraguan president that the lockdown, which has been recommended by the opposition, is a means to create a financial crisis by keeping the people from work and trade.	Romo, Rafael. 2020. "The Latin American Country That Got Its Covid-19 Response Right." <i>CNN World</i> , 29 May 2020. <a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/29/americas/coronavirus-costa-rica-brazil-analysis-intl/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/29/americas/coronavirus-costa-rica-brazil-analysis-intl/index.html</a>
<b>Asia</b>		

<p><i>Coronavirus in South Asia: Is low testing hiding scale of the outbreak?</i></p>	<p>South Asia holds a fourth of the world population yet only have 12% of the total cases of COVID-19 around the world. However, the WHO states that these numbers are low due to the low testing capacity of South Asian countries. Compared to countries like Japan and Russia, whose population is similar to Bangladesh, they are simply lagging which explains the very low positive results. However, when it comes to the death rate, one reason why COVID-19 patients in Asia survive more than those in Europe and the Americas is that the latter countries are dominated by younger populations.</p>	<p>Menon, Shruti. 2020. "Coronavirus in South Asia: Is Low Testing Hiding Scale of the Outbreak?" <i>BBC News</i>, 28 July 2020. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-53420537?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus">https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-53420537?intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus</a></p>
<p><b>Europe</b></p>		
<p><i>COVID-19 Response: Safe collective cross-border travel in the COVID-19 area</i></p>	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Council or the Council of the European Union has passed and implemented rules and regulations to ensure the safety of passengers in different transport systems. They have been promoting proper hygiene, the use of masks, physical distancing, digital ticketing, and keeping standards in proper ventilation and cleanliness in transport.</p>	<p>Council of the EU. 2020. "COVID-19 Response: Safe Collective Cross-Border Travel in the COVID-19 Era." 24 July 2020. <a href="https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/07/24/covid-19-response-safe-collective-cross-border-travel-in-the-covid-19-era/">https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/07/24/covid-19-response-safe-collective-cross-border-travel-in-the-covid-19-era/</a></p>
<p><b>Oceania</b></p>		
<p><i>Australia deports New Zealanders despite virus travel ban</i></p>	<p>Since 2014, Australia has been deporting New Zealanders and have had their visas canceled on unknown grounds. New Zealand stated that over 3,000 of them have been deported back despite having no legal offense. The government of New Zealand is enraged by this since the world is in the middle of a pandemic. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern complained saying, "Do not deport your people and your problems."</p>	<p>Agence France-Presse. 2020. "Australia Deports New Zealanders despite Virus Travel Ban." <i>The Asian Age</i>, 16 July 2020. <a href="https://www.asianage.com/world/oceania/160720/australia-deports-new-zealanders-despite-virus-travel-ban.html">https://www.asianage.com/world/oceania/160720/australia-deports-new-zealanders-despite-virus-travel-ban.html</a></p>



## GLOBAL

### COVID-19 Responses (In the World)

Title	Abstract	Annotated Bibliography
<p><i>Even countries that got coronavirus under control are now struggling. That's deeply concerning for the rest of the world</i></p>	<p>As the countries in the Asia-Pacific region are among the first to get hit by the virus and are the first to contain it, a lot of countries like the US and Brazil have become disaster zones and are still on their first wave of handling the pandemic. Many epidemiologists believe that once winter season comes along, more cases will be reported because people are driven to enclosed unventilated spaces during this season. Experts are concerned with the need for a 'well-concerted' national response now more than ever. But governments are waiting for the creation of vaccines as the ultimate solution to get back to normal.</p>	<p>Griffiths, James. 2020. "Even Countries That Got Coronavirus under Control Are Now Struggling, That's Deeply Concerning for the Rest of the World." <i>CNN World</i>, 28 July 2020. <a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/asia/coronavirus-hong-kong-vietnam-china-intl-hnk/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/28/asia/coronavirus-hong-kong-vietnam-china-intl-hnk/index.html</a></p>
<p><i>Pandemic cost tourism industry 'at least \$320bn'</i></p>	<p>As countries from all over the world try to restrict travel, implement high social restrictions, make mask-wearing compulsory, and spend billions to address the pandemic, the global tourism industry has lost 320 billion USD just from January to May 2020, according to the World Tourism Organization. As cases continue to surge and while some countries ready themselves for the possibility of a second wave, tourism in countries remain to be another issue yet to be addressed in the middle of the pandemic.</p>	<p>Cheetham, Joshua et al. 2020. "As It Happened: Pandemic Cost Tourism Industry 'at Least \$320bn'." <i>BBC News</i>, 28 July 2020, video. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/live/world-53550540">https://www.bbc.com/news/live/world-53550540</a></p>
<p><i>WHO: Travel bans cannot be indefinite; countries must fight virus</i></p>	<p>According to the WHO, countries should not stick to travel bans as the only means of controlling the COVID-19 spread. They advised for a more proactive approach for governments most especially on implementing stricter measures on mask-wearing and social distancing. They stated that people can't just be kept shut in their homes and inside their borders.</p>	<p>AlJazeera. 2020. "WHO: Travel Bans Cannot Be Indefinite, Countries Must Fight Virus." 27 July 2020. <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/travel-bans-indefinite-countries-fight-virus-200727143041292.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/travel-bans-indefinite-countries-fight-virus-200727143041292.html</a></p>

<p><i>WHO: Young people appear to be causing coronavirus cases to surge in some countries</i></p>	<p>The WHO warned some countries that their surge in coronavirus cases is caused by people of younger ages. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stated that younger ages despite having relatively low risks have a high possibility of suffering long-term symptoms after they have contracted the virus. With this, the WHO stated that younger people should take the same precautions as everyone else in the world to lower the risk of exposure.</p>	<p>CNBC. 2020. "WHO: Young People Appear to Be Causing Coronavirus Cases to Surge in Some Countries." 30 July 2020, video. <a href="https://www.cnn.com/video/2020/07/30/who-young-people-appear-to-be-causing-coronavirus-cases-to-surge-in-some-countries.html">https://www.cnn.com/video/2020/07/30/who-young-people-appear-to-be-causing-coronavirus-cases-to-surge-in-some-countries.html</a></p>
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