04/30/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: ANTIVIRAL DRUG SHOWS PROMISE FOR COVID-19
HEADLINE 2: STUDY SHOWED PATIENTS WHO WERE GIVEN REMDESIVIR HAD A SHORTER RECOVERY TIME
PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A STUDY OF THE ANTIVIRAL DRUG INDICATE REMDESIVIR MIGHT WORK IN TREATING THE CORONAVIRUS.
THE FEDERAL STUDY SHOWED PATIENTS WHO WERE GIVEN REMDESIVIR HAD THEIR RECOVERY TIME SHORTENED BY 31 PERCENT. THAT'S 11 DAYS ON AVERAGE COMPARED TO 15 DAYS FOR PATIENTS WHO WERE GIVEN A PLACEBO.
DR. ANTHONY FAUCI SAYS THE DRUG STUDY STILL NEEDS TO BE PEER-REVIEWED. BUT HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT REMDESIVER COULD BECOME THE "STANDARD OF CARE" FOR COVID-19 TREATMENT.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/gilead-drug-study-offers-promising-results-though-fauci-acknowledges-its-not-a-knockout-punch/

HEADLINE: LOS ANGELES OFFERS FREE COVID-19 TESTING
HEADLINE 2: FIRST MAJOR U.S CITY TO OFFER WIDESCALE TESTING TO RESIDENTS
LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS CAN NOW GET FREE CORONAVIRUS TESTING EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS.
TESTING CENTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
PRIORITY WILL STILL BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE SHOWING SYMPTOMS SUCH AS FEVER, COUGH AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH. BUT MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI SAID THE AIM IS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS BY IDENTIFYING PEOPLE WHO HAVE COVID-19 BUT SHOW NO SYMPTOMS.
LOS ANGELES IS THE FIRST MAJOR U.S. CITY TO OFFER FREE TESTING FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/saliva-tests-offer-safer-experience-for-workers-less-painful-one-for-patients/
https://apnews.com/d3ba91274138f2bb168b19ad64ed323c
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04/29/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP ORDERS MEAT PLANTS TO STAY OPEN
HEADLINE 2: ORDER GIVES LIABILITY COVERAGE TO COMPANIES IN CASE WORKERS GET SICK ON THE JOB
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP HAS ORDERED U.S. MEAT PROCESSING PLANTS TO STAY OPEN, CLASSIFYING THEM AS AS "CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE."

THE DESIGNATION PROVIDES THE MEAT COMPANIES SOME LEGAL PROTECTIONS FROM POTENTIAL LAWSUITS.
ADVOCATES HAVE CRITICIZED THE ORDER, SAYING 17 U.S. PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS HAVE DIED FROM THE VIRUS AND NOT ENOUGH PROTECTION IS BEING PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES.
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT IS WORKING TO SUPPLY COMPANIES WITH PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT LIKE FACE SHIELDS AND MASKS AND WILL OFFER GUIDANCE ON MINIMIZING RISKS TO WORKERS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/trump-orders-meat-plants-to-stay-open-even-as-they-emerge-as-virus-hot-spots/

HEADLINE: COVID-19 CANCER PATIENTS AT HIGHER RISK OF DEATH
HEADLINE 2: PATIENTS WITH BLOOD-RELATED, LUNG CANCERS MORE VULNERABLE
COVID-19 PATIENTS WHO HAVE CANCER ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE OR SUFFER SEVERE COMPLICATIONS FROM THE VIRUS THAN COVID-19 PATIENTS WITHOUT CANCER.
THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY OF 14 HOSPITALS IN CHINA'S HUBEI PROVINCE. WHICH FOUND PATIENTS WITH BLOOD-RELATED CANCERS HAD LOWER NATURAL DEFENSES, LEAVING THEM MORE VULNERABLE TO OTHER INFECTIONS.
PATIENTS WITH LUNG CANCER WERE ALSO AT HIGHER RISK DUE TO LOWER LUNG FUNCTION.
AGE, STAGE OF CANCER, AND TREATMENT ALSO PLAYED A ROLE.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/scientists-discover-airborne-virus-droplets-but-its-unclear-if-the-rna-could-actually-cause-infections/
https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/04/28/coronavirus-cancer-deathrates/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:
HEADLINE: SCOTUS RULES INSURERS CAN COLLECT $12B
HEADLINE 2: THE PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE FROM OBAMACARE LOSSES
THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST PAY INSURANCE COMPANIES $12 BILLION FOR LOSSES FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.
CONGRESS HAD TRIED TO RENEGE ON A PROMISE TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY INITIALLY MADE TO GET COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OBAMACARE MARKETPLACES. WRITING FOR THE MAJORITY, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR SAID THE RULING WAS BASED ON "A PRINCIPAL AS OLD AS THE NATION ITSELF: THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS." THE LONE DISSENTER IN THE 8 TO 1 DECISION, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SAMUEL ALITO, SAID THE

PAYMENTS WERE A MASSIVE BAILOUT TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY THAT TOOK RISKS AND LOST.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/supreme-court-sides-with-insurers-in-12b-case-over-promised-risk-corridor-funds-under-aca/
HEADLINE: MA NURSING HOMES TO RECEIVE $130M
HEADLINE 2: STATE EMERGENCY FUNDING WILL PAY FOR STAFF, CLEANING, TESTING

NURSING HOMES IN MASSACHUSETTS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL $130 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
GOV. CHARLIE BAKER SAID MONDAY THE STATE WILL REQUIRE AND PAY FOR THE TESTING OF NURSING HOME STAFF AND RESIDENTS.
THIS COMES AFTER NURSING HOME OPERATORS AND RELATIVES OF RESIDENTS CRITICIZED THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.
THE MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR SAID HOSPITALS, PRIVATE LABS, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND NATIONAL GUARD LAB TECHNICIANS WILL CONDUCT TESTING.
PRIVATELY-RUN ASSISTED LIVING AND SENIOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/massachusetts-devotes-130m-to-better-testing-other-efforts-in-nursing-homes-to-contain-virus/
https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/04/27/metro/state-send-another-130-million-emergency-aid-long-term-care-sites/

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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: CDC EXPANDS CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS LIST
HEADLINE 2: NEW LIST COULD EXPAND ACCESS TO TESTING
THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION HAS ADDED SIX NEW SYMPTOMS OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
IN ADDITION TO FEVER, DRY COUGH AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH...
THE CDC IS ADDING CHILLS, REPEATED SHAKING WITH CHILLS, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT, AND NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL TO THE LIST.
ALL SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR WITHIN TWO TO 14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.
THE EXPANSION MEANS MORE PEOPLE MAY NOW QUALIFY TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19.
https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/27/845321155/cdc-adds-6-symptoms-to-its-covid-19-list
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

HEADLINE: STATES SLOWLY REOPEN DESPITE WARNINGS
HEADLINE 2: DR. DEBORAH BIRX: SOCIAL DISTANCING COULD LAST THROUGH THE SUMMER
SEVERAL STATES ARE EASING SHUTDOWN MEASURES TO SLOWLY REOPEN THEIR ECONOMIES, BUT HEALTH EXPERTS ARE WARY ABOUT THE MOVE.
GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, COLORADO, ALASKA AND OKLAHOMA ARE ALL EASING RESTRICTIONS.
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR STATES TO MEET BEFORE REOPENING, SUCH AS TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING, BUT HEALTH EXPERTS WARN NEITHER ARE AT A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO DROP SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER SAFEGUARDS.
WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE COORDINATOR DR. DEBORAH BIRX TOLD NBC NEWS' 'MEET THE PRESS SUNDAY' THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING COULD BE IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/states-begin-lifting-shutdown-measures-even-as-experts-remain-wary/
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/social-distancing-could-last-months-white-house-coronavirus-coordinator-says/2020/04/26/ad8d2f84-87de-11ea-8ac1-bfb250876b7a_story.html
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04/24/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: ELI LILLY TO START COVID-19 DRUG TESTING
HEADLINE 2: EXPERIMENTAL DRUG COULD DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE VIRAL LOAD IN PATIENTS
DRUGMAKER ELI LILLY WILL START TESTING AN EXPERIMENTAL DRUG ON CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS AS SOON AS NEXT MONTH.
THE DRUG WOULD USE ANTIBODIES FROM PATIENTS WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM THE VIRUS.
ELI LILLY'S CEO DAVID RICKS SAID THE EXPERIMENTAL DRUG HAS THE POTENTIAL TO "DRAMATICALLY" REDUCE THE VIRAL LOAD IN PEOPLE WHO ARE ABOUT TO GET SICK, WHO ARE SICK OR ARE EVEN HOSPITALIZED.
HE SAID IF THE FDA APPROVES THE DRUG BY EARLY FALL IT COULD HELP KNOCK DOWN A POTENTIAL SURGE OF THE DISEASE.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/inadvertently-leaked-report-shows-gileads-promising-antiviral-drug-fails-to-benefit-covid-19-patients/
https://www.wsj.com/articles/lilly-to-start-testing-experimental-drug-in-coronavirus-patients-soon-11587660027

HEADLINE: 1 IN 5 NY RESIDENTS HAVE COVID-19 ANTIBODIES

HEADLINE2: INITIAL RESULTS SHOW RESIDENTS MIGHT NOT KNOW THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED
IN A RECENT TEST, ONE IN FIVE NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS TESTED POSITIVE FOR ANTIBODIES TO THE CORONAVIRUS.
THAT'S ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ANTIBODY TESTING RESULTS, GOV. ANDREW CUOMO SHARED THURSDAY.
HE SAID 3,000 NEW YORKERS WERE RANDOMLY TESTED.
THE RESULTS REVEALED AS MANY AS 2.7 MILLION PEOPLE MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED BY COVID-19 AND SURVIVED.
CUOMO SAID THE WIDE INFECTION MIGHT MEAN THE DEATH RATE IS FAR LOWER THAN BELIEVED.
WHILE EXPERTS QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF THE ANTIBODY TESTS, STATE OFFICIALS BELIEVE ACCURATE ANTIBODY TESTING CAN HELP DETERMINE WHEN AND HOW TO RESTART THE ECONOMY.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/20-of-tested-nyc-residents-have-coronavirus-antibodies-but-experts-say-take-results-with-grain-of-salt/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/23/nyregion/coronavirus-antibodies-test-ny.html
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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: CDC FUNDING TO HELP STATES FIGHT COVID-19
HEADLINE 2: MONEY CAN BE USED ON TESTING, TRACING OF THE CORONAVIRUS
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS THE CDC WILL AWARD $631 MILLION TO STATES TO HELP BOOST TESTING AND TRACING OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
HHS SECRETARY ALEX AZAR SAID THE NEW FUNDING WILL BE CRITICAL AS THE U-S LOOKS TO REOPEN ITS ECONOMY.
THE FUNDING CAN BE USED FOR SEVERAL OPTIONS INCLUDING AGGRESSIVELY IDENTIFYING CASES AND WORKING WITH HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS TO MANAGE DEMAND. THE FUNDING COMES FROM THE CARES ACT STIMULUS EFFORT.
https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/23/hhs-announces-cares-act-funding-distribution-to-states-and-localities-in-support-of-covid-19-response.html

HEADLINE: STATES COULD RAMP UP COVID-19 TESTING
HEADLINE 2: AT-HOME TEST KITS ARE JUST AS EFFECTIVE AS DOCTOR'S OFFICE TESTS, FDA SAYS
STATES COULD INCREASE CORONAVIRUS TESTING CAPABILITIES THROUGH AT-HOME TESTING KITS.
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION THIS WEEK APPROVED THE USE OF THE KITS, WHICH ARE MADE BY LABCORP.

FDA COMMISSIONER STEPHEN HAHN TOLD CBS THIS MORNING ON WEDNESDAY THE AT-HOME TEST KITS ARE AS EFFECTIVE AS TESTS ADMINISTERED IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.
LABCORP SAID IT WOULD INITIALLY MAKE THE TEST AVAILABLE TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS WHO ARE SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.
THE TEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER CONSUMERS IN THE COMING WEEKS.
WHILE NEWS OF THE TESTS BRING A GLIMMER OF HOPE, HAHN SAYS A CORONAVIRUS VACCINE PROBABLY WON'T BE READY UNTIL MARCH OF 2021.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/why-is-americas-testing-system-still-not-running-at-full-throttle/
https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/04/22/at-home-test-coronavirus-fda/
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04/22/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:
HEADLINE: FIRST U.S. COVID-19 DEATHS CAME EARLIER
HEADLINE 2: IT WAS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT THE FIRST DEATH OCCURRED IN WASHINGTON STATE
HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE FIRST U.S. CORONAVIRUS DEATHS OCCURRED WEEKS EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN.
THE SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER PERFORMED AUTOPSIES ON TWO PEOPLE WHO DIED AT HOME ON FEBRUARY 6 AND FEBRUARY 17.
TISSUE SAMPLES FROM THE TWO WERE SENT TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, WHICH CONFIRMED THE SAMPLES TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS.
IT WAS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT THAT THE FIRST U.S. COVID-19 DEATH WAS IN WASHINGTON STATE ON FEBRUARY 29. THE CHANGE IN THE TIMELINE COULD HELP RESEARCHERS BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/the-missing-deaths-autopsies-uncover-hidden-victims-from-early-february-year-over-year-data-reveal-uncounted/
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-california/first-u-s-coronavirus-death-occurred-in-early-february-in-california-idUSKCN2240Z6
https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/press-release-04-21-20-early.aspx

HEADLINE: NIH PANEL GIVES WARNING ON COVID-19 DRUGS
HEADLINE 2: HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE HAS DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS, EXPERTS SAY
A NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH PANEL HAS ISSUED ITS FIRST GUIDANCE ON POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS DRUGS.
THE NIH PANEL SAYS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DATA ON SOME OF THE MOST POTENTIAL DRUGS, INCLUDING HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE. BUT THE PANEL DID SAY THE DRUG SHOULD NOT BE USED OUTSIDE OF CLINICAL TRIALS WHEN PAIRED WITH

ANTIBIOTICS LIKE AZITHROMYCIN. THAT MIX PRESENTS AN INCREASED RISK FOR HEALTH PROBLEMS. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS TOUTED HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/much-hyped-malaria-drug-linked-to-higher-rates-of-death-in-va-study/
https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/21/nih-panel-guidance-coronavirus-drugs-198522
https://covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapeutic-options-under-investigation/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: MARYLAND BUYS 500,000 COVID-19 TEST KITS
HEADLINE 2: DEAL WITH SOUTH KOREA HELPED BY GOVERNOR'S WIFE
MARYLAND HAS BOUGHT 500,000 CORONAVIRUS TEST KITS FROM SOUTH KOREA.
GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN MADE THE REQUEST FOR A DEAL NEARLY A MONTH AGO, ON A PHONE CALL WITH SOUTH KOREA'S U.S. AMBASSADOR.
HOGAN'S WIFE YUMI, WHO IS FROM SOUTH KOREA, WAS ON THE LINE.
HOGAN SAYS THE $9 MILLION SHIPMENT INCLUDES ABOUT ONE TEST FOR EVERY 12 MARYLAND RESIDENTS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/everyone-who-wants-a-test-can-get-one-how-a-single-promise-could-weigh-heavily-on-trumps-reelection/
https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/maryland-coronavirus-testing-kits-south-korea/2020/04/20/d5d449a4-8311-11ea-a3eb-e9fc93160703_story.html

HEADLINE: FDA APPROVES AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST
HEADLINE 2: PATIENTS WOULD TAKE NASAL SWAB SAMPLE AND MAIL IT IN FOR TESTING
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED OF THE FIRST AT-HOME CORONAVIRUS TESTING COLLECTION KIT.
THE FDA SAYS PATIENTS WOULD CONDUCT A NASAL SWAB SAMPLE AND MAIL IT TO THE LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, OR LABCORP, FOR TESTING.
ACCORDING TO THE VERGE, THE TEST COSTS $119.
THE FDA SAYS THE TESTING KIT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS WITH A DOCTOR'S ORDER IN MOST STATES IN THE COMING WEEKS.
https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-first-test-patient-home-sample-collection
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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: NY BEGINS COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING
HEADLINE 2: STATE WILL CONDUCT 2,000 ANTIBODY TESTS PER DAY
NEW YORK WILL START CORONAVIRUS ANTIBODY TESTS ON THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS THIS WEEK.

GOV. ANDREW CUOMO SAID HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL CONDUCT 2,000 ANTIBODY TESTS PER DAY, OR 14,000 A WEEK, ON A RANDOM SAMPLE OF RESIDENTS. THAT'S IN ADDITION TO DIAGNOSTIC TESTING.

BUT CUOMO SAYS THE AGGRESSIVE TESTING STILL FALLS SHORT OF NECESSARY SCREENING FOR THE STATE'S NINE-MILLION PERSON WORKFORCE AND 19-MILLION RESIDENTIAL POPULATION.

ACCORDING TO JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 248,000 CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN NEW YORK.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/antibody-testing-rollout-is-also-riddled-with-flaws-inaccurate-results-shortages-and-doctor-mishandling/
https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2020/04/19/cuomo-says-state-to-test-thousands-for-covid-19-antibodies-1277850

HEADLINE: NOVARTIS CONDUCTS DRUG TRIAL
HEADLINE 2: STUDY WILL DETERMINE IF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE CAN EFFECTIVELY TREAT CORONAVIRUS
THE F-D-A IS ALLOWING DRUGMAKER NOVARTIS TO CARRY OUT A TRIAL ON HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AS A POTENTIAL TREATMENT FOR COVID-19.
SO FAR, THERE'S NO SCIENTIFIC PROOF THE DRUG, CREATED TO COMBAT MALARIA, WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON THE CORONAVIRUS. BUT PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS BEEN AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER.
THE DRUGMAKER WILL CONDUCT THE TRIAL ON 450 PATIENTS AT MORE THAN A DOZEN SITES ACROSS THE U.S. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/novartis-to-conduct-malaria-drug-study-even-as-early-data-hint-that-it-doesnt-fully-protect-against-coronavirus/
https://www.statnews.com/2020/04/20/novartis-study-hydroxychloroquine/
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04/17/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP UNVEILS PLAN FOR REOPENING
HEADLINE 2: THE PRESIDENT PRESENTED GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING ECONOMIES
PRESIDENT TRUMP UNVEILED GUIDELINES FOR EASING SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES AND REOPENING THE COUNTRY.

HE OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR GOVERNORS TO USE WHEN THEY DECIDE TO SLOWLY REOPEN THEIR STATES' ECONOMIES.
THOSE SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE STATES HAVING A DOCUMENTED DECLINE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES FOR A 14-DAY PERIOD AND A TESTING PROGRAM FOR AT RISK HEALTHCARE WORKERS, BEFORE LOOSENING GUIDELINES.
GOVERNORS ARE FORMING COALITIONS ON THE WEST AND EAST COASTS-- AS WELL AS IN THE MIDWEST -- TO COLLABORATE ON PLANS TO REOPEN THEIR ECONOMIES WHEN THE PANDEMIC EASES.
IN THE MEANTIME, BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ARE URGING AMERICANS TO CONTINUE STAYING AT HOME AND PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/trump-releases-3-phase-plan-to-reopen-country-but-admits-governors-are-at-the-wheel/
https://apnews.com/ca1e2ba5046f07258cfb8fb3933ebb34
https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidelines-for-Opening-Up-America-Again.pdf?mod=article_inline

HEADLINE: N95 MASKS CAN BE USED MORE THAN ONCE
HEADLINE 2: NEW RESEARCH SHOWS METHODS THAT CAN DECONTAMINATE N95 MASKS
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SAYS RESEARCHERS CONFIRMED DISPOSABLE N95 MASKS CAN BE DECONTAMINATED AND REUSED.
THE CDC AUTHORIZED THE RE-USE OF N95 MASKS LAST MONTH DUE TO THE SHORTAGE CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
NOW NEW RESEARCH SHOWS U-V LIGHT, DRY HEAT, ETHYL ALCOHOL AND VAPORIZED HYDROGEN PEROXIDE CAN KILL THE VIRUS IN THE N95 MASK.
BUT RESEARCHERS DON'T RECOMMEND USING ETHYL ALCOHOL BECAUSE IT CAN DEGRADE THE MASK MATERIAL.
DECONTAMINATION DOES NOT APPLY TO CLOTH OR HOMEMADE FABRIC MASKS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/demand-sends-costs-of-protective-gear-skyrocketing-theres-no-end-in-sight/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/16/health/n95-masks-decontaminated-coronavirus.html
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04/16/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: NY ORDERS RESIDENTS TO WEAR FACE MASKS
HEADLINE 2: ORDER APPLIES TO SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
NEW YORK RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN OUT IN PUBLIC UNDER ORDERS ISSUED BY GOV. ANDREW CUOMO.

PUBLIC AREAS INCLUDE MASS TRANSIT…CROWDED SIDEWALKS…GROCERY STORES OR ANY SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT STAY AT LEAST SIX FEET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.
CUOMO SAID THE STATE WOULD CONSIDER CIVIL PENALTIES IF PEOPLE DO NOT FOLLOW THE ORDER, BUT NOT CRIMINAL PENALTIES.
STATES INCLUDING NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA HAVE ISSUED SIMILAR MEASURES.
NEW YORK'S ORDER TAKES EFFECT FRIDAY.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/new-york-residents-ordered-to-wear-face-masks-in-public-when-unable-to-practice-social-distancing/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/nyregion/coronavirus-face-masks-andrew-cuomo.html

HEADLINE: NY NURSES UNION TO SUE STATE HEALTH DEPT
HEADLINE 2: MEMBERS SAY THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE ADEQUATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
A NURSES UNION IN NEW YORK IS PLANNING TO FILE THREE LAWSUITS MONDAY AGAINST THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TWO HOSPITALS OVER EQUIPMENT SHORTAGES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION TOLD POLITICO THE MONTEFIORE HEALTH SYSTEM AND WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER DID NOT PROVIDE NURSES WITH "ADEQUATE" PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.
THE UNION SAID MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO WEAR THE SAME MASKS AND GOWNS FOR DAYS.
MONTEFIORE SAID IT WAS FOLLOWING STATE GUIDELINES. A NEW YORK HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATE WAS TAKING EVERY STEP NECESSARY TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/new-york-nurses-association-to-sue-over-lack-of-protective-gear-in-first-legal-action-of-its-kind-in-outbreak/
https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2020/04/15/new-york-nurses-union-to-sue-state-health-department-hospitals-over-equipment-shortages-1276580
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04/15/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP CRITICIZED FOR ENDING U.S. AID TO WHO
HEADLINE 2: PRESIDENT TRUMP SAYS THE ORGANIZATION DIDN'T DO ENOUGH TO STOP COVID-19 SPREAD
WORLD LEADERS SAY PRESIDENT TRUMP MUST RESTORE U.S. FUNDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

THESE CALLS COME AFTER THE PRESIDENT ON TUESDAY ANNOUNCED HE WAS SUSPENDING PAYMENTS TO THE W-H-O…AND A QUOTE “THOROUGH INVESTIGATION” OF THE AGENCY’S HANDLING OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS FREQUENTLY CRITICIZED THE W-H-O, SAYING THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DID NOT DO ENOUGH TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS WHEN IT FIRST SURFACED IN CHINA.
UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO GUTERRES DEFENDED THE W-H-O AS “CRITICAL” TO WINNING THE WAR AGAINST COVID-19.
PRESIDENT TRUMP SAID THE SUSPENSION OF AID COULD LAST ANYWHERE FROM 60 TO 90 DAYS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/trumps-decision-to-cut-off-who-funding-draws-swift-push-back-from-medical-community-democrats/
https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-will-halt-funding-to-world-health-organization-over-coronavirus-response-11586905300

HEADLINE: FEDS LAUNCH VENTILATOR SHARING PROGRAM
HEADLINE 2: PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW PROVIDERS TO LEND UNUSED VENTILATORS TO HOSPITALS IN NEED
PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS LAUNCHED A NATIONAL VENTILATOR SHARING PROGRAM THAT COULD MAKE THE DEVICES AVAILABLE TO TREAT CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS.
THE VENTILATOR RESERVE PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW LARGER HEALTH PROVIDERS TO LEND UNUSED VENTILATORS TO HOSPITALS IN HOTSPOTS THAT NEED THEM.
THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER SUPPLIERS TOLD THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION THERE ARE OVER 60,000 UNUSED VENTILATORS IN HOSPITALS ACROSS THE U.S.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/federal-ventilator-program-would-allow-hospitals-to-send-unused-machines-to-help-hot-spots/
https://www.modernhealthcare.com/supply-chain/trump-announces-ventilator-loan-program-providers
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04/14/2020
HI I’M NEWSY’S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: FDA APPROVES SALIVA-BASED COVID-19 TEST
HEADLINE 2: TEST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NJ HOSPITALS AND DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED A CORONAVIRUS TEST THAT USES SALIVA SAMPLES INSTEAD OF UNCOMFORTABLE NASAL AND THROAT SWABS.
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY DEVELOPED THE TEST AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH NEW JERSEY’S RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH NETWORK.

STARTING WEDNESDAY, RUTGERS WILL ALSO MAKE THE TEST AVAILABLE AT A DRIVE-THRU TESTING FACILITY IN EDISON, NEW JERSEY.
https://www.rutgers.edu/news/new-rutgers-saliva-test-coronavirus-gets-fda-approval
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/antibody-tests-touted-as-lynch-pin-to-reopening-economy-come-with-serious-flaws/
https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/public-global-health/492623-fda-approves-first-saliva-based-coronavirus-test

HEADLINE: 100M CHILDREN ARE AT RISK FOR MEASLES
HEADLINE 2: COUNTRIES CLOSED VACCINATION PROGRAMS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS
MORE THAN 100 MILLION CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF CONTRACTING MEASLES. INTERNATIONAL HEALTH LEADERS SAY THAT'S BECAUSE ABOUT 24 LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES…LIKE MEXICO AND CAMBODIA... HAVE PAUSED VACCINATION PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
BUT UNICEF SAYS COUNTRIES MUST HAVE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRIES AND PRIORITIZE REGIONS WHERE OUTBREAKS ARE MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR.
ACCORDING TO THE W-H-O., THERE WERE MORE THAN 9.7 MILLION CASES OF MEASLES GLOBALLY IN 2018.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/old-vaccines-being-dusted-off-to-potentially-provide-stopgap-during-months-long-development-of-a-new-one/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/13/health/coronavirus-measles-vaccines.html
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04/13/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: FEDERAL JUDGE BLOCKS ALABAMA ABORTION BAN
HEADLINE 2: ABORTION PROVIDERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER A PROCEDURE SHOULD WAIT
ALABAMA CANNOT BAN ABORTION AS PART OF THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS. A FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUED A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION SUNDAY ON THE BAN.
NOW ABORTION PROVIDERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER A PROCEDURE CAN WAIT.
THE STATE POSTPONED MEDICAL PROCEDURES EXCEPT IN CASES OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY…AND A PATIENT'S' ONGOING TREATMENT.
STATES ACROSS THE U.S. HAVE ARGUED THEY NEED TO RESERVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND POTENTIAL HOSPITAL BEDS TO TREAT COVID-19 PATIENTS.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/federal-judge-rules-alabama-cant-block-abortions-during-coronavirus-crisis/
https://apnews.com/9c3043dea1c127b904f495c32e90fd56

HEADLINE: SOUTH KOREA TO SHIP TESTING KITS TO THE U.S.
HEADLINE 2: ADDITIONAL 150,000 KITS TO BE EXPORTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE
SOUTH KOREA IS PLANNING TO SEND THE U.S. 600,000 CORONAVIRUS TESTING KITS.
PRESIDENT TRUMP MADE THE REQUEST IN A PHONE CALL WITH SOUTH KOREA'S PRESIDENT MOON JAE-IN LAST MONTH.
THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORDERED AND PAID FOR A BULK SHIPMENT OF TESTING KITS FROM SOUTH KOREA.
A SEOUL OFFICIAL SAYS 150,000 ADDITIONAL KITS ARE EXPECTED TO BE EXPORTED AND SOLD IN THE NEAR FUTURE THROUGH AN UNSPECIFIED LOCAL RETAILER.
FEMA IS SET TO FLY THE TESTING KITS TO THE U.S. TUESDAY NIGHT.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/its-a-wild-west-show-out-there-lack-of-fda-oversight-creates-chaotic-marketplace-for-blood-tests/
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-southkorea-usa-exc/exclusive-south-korea-to-ship-600000-coronavirus-testing-kits-to-u-s-on-tuesday-source-idUSKCN21V0F6
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04/10/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: FEDS CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR DRIVE-THRU TESTING
HEADLINE 2: STATES CAN OPERATE SITES ON THEIR OWN OR CONTINUE FEDERAL OVERSIGHT
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR DRIVE-THRU CORONAVIRUS TESTING SITES.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO OPERATE THE COMMUNITY-BASED SITES ON THEIR OWN OR CONTINUE WITH FEDERAL OVERSIGHT.
FEDERAL OFFICIALS WERE PLANNING TO PULL BACK FUNDING FOR THE TESTING SITES BEFORE THE PANDEMIC PEAKS, BUT LOCAL OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE WORRIED THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN TESTING.
UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES EXPERTISE, TESTING MATERIALS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND LAB CONTRACTS IN 41 SITES.
THE PROGRAM HAS TESTED MORE THAN 77,000 PEOPLE WITH ABOUT 20 PERCENT TESTING POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/hhs-had-planned-to-end-support-for-community-based-testing-programs-but-reversed-course-amid-criticism/
https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/09/830805038/in-reversal-federal-support-for-coronavirus-testing-sites-continues

HEADLINE: SMOKING MAY INCREASE COVID-19 RISK

HEADLINE 2: PEOPLE WHO SMOKE OR VAPE ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO HAVE SEVERE COVID-19 INFECTIONS
HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WARNING THAT PEOPLE WHO SMOKE OR VAPE MAY BE AT A GREATER RISK OF GETTING A SEVERE CASE OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
A RECENT STUDY SHOWS PEOPLE WHO SMOKE WERE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY THAN THOSE WHO DO NOT SMOKE TO HAVE SEVERE COVID-19 INFECTIONS.
ABOUT 34 MILLION AMERICAN ADULTS SMOKE CIGARETTES, WHILE SOME FIVE MILLION ADOLESCENTS HAVE REPORTED USING VAPING PRODUCTS.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/time-to-quit-health-officials-sound-new-alarms-about-risky-habits-of-smoking-vaping/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/09/health/coronavirus-smoking-vaping-risks.html

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04/09/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: CDC ISSUES NEW CRITERIA FOR CRITICAL WORKERS
HEADLINE 2: EMPLOYEES CAN RETURN TO WORK IF THEY HAVE NO SYMPTOMS
THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CORONAVIRUS.

WORKERS CAN IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO THEIR JOBS IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS. THE CDC RECOMMENDS WORKERS TAKE THEIR TEMPERATURE BEFORE GOING TO WORK, WEAR A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

UNDER THE PREVIOUS CRITERIA, WORKERS WERE TOLD TO STAY AT HOME FOR 14 DAYS IF THEY WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAD TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19.

THE CDC SAID WORKERS SHOULD NOT COME TO WORK IF THEY ARE ILL. THEY'RE ADVISED NOT TO SHARE HEADSETS OR OTHER ITEMS USED NEAR THEIR FACE, AND THEY SHOULD AVOID GATHERING IN CROWDED ROOMS.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/cdc-shifts-guidance-for-workers-in-critical-fields-who-have-been-exposed-to-the-coronavirus/
https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/08/830310903/white-house-announces-new-guidance-for-how-critical-employees-can-return-to-work?utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=nprblogscoronavirusliveupdates

HEADLINE: FEDS TO RESTRICT FACE MASK, GLOVE EXPORTS
HEADLINE 2: U.S. WANTS TO KEEP PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING TO RESTRICT EXPORTS OF FACE MASKS AND GLOVES FOR FOUR MONTHS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

THE NEW TEMPORARY REGULATION MEANS THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WOULD HAVE TO GRANT EXPLICIT APPROVAL FOR THESE EXPORTS, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

THE U.S. IS TRYING TO KEEP PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS, DESPITE CURRENT PRIVATE CONTRACTS OR INTERNATIONAL TRADE RULES THAT PROTECT GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS.

THE REGULATION IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/federal-governments-n95-mask-stockpile-is-nearly-depleted-critics-see-trumps-colo-ventilator-decision-influenced-by-political-tensions/

https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-to-restrict-mask-glove-exports-for-four-months-during-coronavirus-pandemic-11586381392

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04/08/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: WALGREENS EXPANDS COVID-19 TESTING
HEADLINE 2: DRIVE-THRU SITES WILL PROVIDE RAPID TEST RESULTS
WALGREENS IS EXPANDING DRIVE-THROUGH CORONAVIRUS TESTING.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL OFFER TESTING IN SEVEN STATES AND USE ABBOTT LABS' QUICK TESTS AT ITS SITES.
THE RAPID-TESTING KIT CALLED I-D NOW WILL PROVIDE A POSITIVE RESULT IN JUST FIVE MINUTES AND A NEGATIVE RESULT IN 13 MINUTES.
TESTING IS FREE FOR PEOPLE WHO MEET THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES.
THE COMPANY SELECTED CHICAGO AS ITS FIRST TESTING LOCATION LAST MONTH MOSTLY FOR HEALTH CARE AND FRONTLINE WORKERS. THE SITE HAS CONDUCTED ABOUT 150 TESTS A DAY.
WALGREENS WILL EXPAND THE DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING TO ARIZONA, FLORIDA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
THE COMPANY PLANS TO START TESTING THIS WEEK AT THE NEW SITES AND HOPES TO TEST 3,000 PEOPLE PER DAY.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/widespread-testing-remains-elusive-u-s-achilles-heel-is-lynchpin-to-re-opening-country/

https://www.modernhealthcare.com/providers/walgreens-expanding-drive-through-covid-19-testing

HEADLINE: ELI LILLY CAPS INSULIN COSTS AT $35 PER MONTH
HEADLINE 2: CO-PAY CAP WILL HELP DIABETES PATIENTS DURING COVID-19

DRUGMAKER ELI LILLY WILL LOWER INSULIN COSTS TO $35 PER MONTH TO HELP DIABETES PATIENTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. THE CO-PAY CAP WILL COVER THE MAJORITY OF THE COMPANY'S INSULIN, INCLUDING THE HUMALOG INJECTION. THE CAP APPLIES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE UNINSURED AND THOSE WHO HAVE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE BUT NOT TO MEDICAID, MEDICARE, OR MEDICARE PART D PATIENTS.

THE COMPANY SAID IN A STATEMENT TUESDAY THAT IT WANTS TO HELP AMERICANS WHO HAVE LOST JOBS BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE GOES WITHOUT THEIR INSULIN. THE COST OF INSULIN DOUBLED BETWEEN 2012 AND 2016, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS OFTEN FACE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS BEFORE THEIR INSURANCE STARTS PAYING.

INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE FEDERAL HEALTHCARE PROGRAM PAY ON AVERAGE ABOUT $675 PER YEAR FOR INSULIN.

CVS HEALTH, CIGNA, AND UNITEDHEALTH ALREADY OFFER COVERAGE PLANS IN WHICH PATIENTS PAY DISCOUNTED OR ZERO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR INSULIN AND OTHER EXPENSIVE DIABETES TREATMENT.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION RELEASED A PLAN TO LOWER THE OUT-OF-POCKET COST FOR INSULIN TO $35 PER MONTH FOR PEOPLE ENROLLED IN MEDICARE AND WILL TEST THE NEW PRICING IN 2021.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/as-eli-lilly-lowers-insulin-costs-to-35-a-month-some-wonder-why-drugmaker-didnt-do-it-earlier/
https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/medical-devices-and-prescription-drug-policy/491685-drugmaker-caps-insulin-costs
https://www.cnbc.com/2020/04/07/eli-lilly-lowers-insulin-costs-as-coronavirus-crisis-deepens.html

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04/07/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP ADMIN. REACHES AGREEMENT WITH 3M
HEADLINE 2: 3M WILL PRODUCE ABOUT 55.5M MASKS PER MONTH

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT HAS REACHED AN “AMICABLE” AGREEMENT WITH 3M TO PRODUCE MASKS FOR MEDICAL WORKERS.
FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY 3M HAS AGREED TO MAKE 55.5 MILLION FACE MASKS PER MONTH.
THE COMPANY WOULD PRODUCE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 167 MILLION MASKS. MOST OF THEM WOULD BE N95 MASKS NEEDED FOR FRONTLINE MEDICAL PERSONNEL.
PRESIDENT TRUMP SAID HE USED THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT LAST WEEK TO PUSH 3M TO MAKE MORE MASKS BECAUSE HE FELT THE COMPANY WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH. 3M’S CEO HAD CALLED THE PRESIDENT’S ACCUSATIONS “ABSURD.”
THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED TUESDAY WILL ALLOW 3M TO CONTINUE TO EXPORT N95 MASKS TO CANADA AND LATIN AMERICA.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/government-to-buy-167m-masks-from-3m-for-front-line-workers-following-contentious-negotiations/
https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/06/politics/trump-3m-defense-production-act-masks/index.html
https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/490987-3m-ceo-defends-company-after-trump-tweet-we-are-doing-everything-we

HEADLINE: CHILDREN LESS LIKELY TO BE ILL FROM COVID-19
HEADLINE 2: REASON UNCLEAR BUT EXPERTS WARN KIDS ARE STILL CARRIERS
CHILDREN ARE LESS LIKELY THAN ADULTS TO BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL FROM THE CORONAVIRUS.
A NEW STUDY FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS CHILDREN WHO GET COVID-19 SHOW MILDER SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS, THOUGH SEVERE CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
THE REPORT ANALYZED NEARLY 150-THOUSAND CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN THE U.S.
PEDIATRIC CASES ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN 2 PERCENT.
KIDS DEVELOPED FEVERS, COUGHS AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH LESS OFTEN THAN ADULTS... ABOUT 73 PERCENT IN CHILDREN VERSUS 93 PERCENT IN ADULTS.
RESEARCHERS SAY IT IS UNCLEAR WHY KIDS SEEM TO EXHIBIT LESS SERIOUS SYMPTOMS. BUT THEY WARN THAT THAT CHILDREN CAN STILL SPREAD THE VIRUS AND RECOMMEND SOCIAL DISTANCING.

https://khn.org/morning-breakout/how-covid-19-affects-u-s-kids-cdc-data-confirms-that-children-are-less-likely-to-fall-seriously-ill/
https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/07/health/children-coronavirus-cases-mild/index.html

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04/06/2020
HI I’M NEWSY’S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: FEDS SEND MORE VENTILATORS TO U.S. HOTSPOTS
HEADLINE 2: STATES FACE A SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WILL SEND MORE VENTILATORS TO CORONAVIRUS HOTSPOTS AROUND THE U.S.
FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE DISTRIBUTED SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE VENTILATORS TO MULTIPLE STATES OVER THE WEEKEND.
NEW JERSEY RECEIVED 500 VENTILATORS WHILE LOUISIANA RECEIVED 200, AND ILLINOIS RECEIVED ANOTHER 600 OF THE BREATHING DEVICES.
GOVERNORS HAVE ASKED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MORE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO TEST AND TREAT COVID-19 PATIENTS, AND SOME STATE LEADERS SAY THEY ARE FACING A SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES AND COULD RUN OUT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
THE U.S. IS EXPECTING A SERIOUS SPIKE IN COVID-19 DEATHS THIS WEEK.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/this-is-ludicrous-governors-frustrated-with-lack-of-national-ventilator-distribution-strategy/
https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/491274-feds-send-ventilators-to-coronavirus-hot-spots-around-country
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/05/us/coronavirus-aid-governors-pearl-harbor.html

HEADLINE: PATIENTS PARTICIPATE IN COVID-19 DRUG TRIALS
HEADLINE 2: SCIENTISTS TEST REMDESIVIR TO SEE IF IT TREATS COVID-19 PATIENTS
MEDICAL RESEARCHERS ARE CONDUCTING A CLINICAL STUDY ON A DRUG THAT HAS SHOWN PROMISE FOR A NUMBER OF CORONAVIRUSES.
SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN TESTING THE EXPERIMENTAL DRUG REMDESIVIR IN U.S. HOSPITALS AND ELSEWHERE AT NO COST TO THE PATIENTS.
REMDESIVIR IS GIVEN THROUGH AN I-V AND THE DRUG IS DESIGNED TO INTERFERE WITH AN ENZYME THAT REPRODUCES VIRAL GENETIC MATERIALS.
GILEAD SCIENCES, WHICH MAKES REMDESIVIR, SAYS IT HAS USED THE DRUG ON MORE THAN 1,700 COVID-19 PATIENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO STUDY ITS SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT CURRENTLY HAS ENOUGH REMDESIVIR FOR 140,000 TREATMENT COURSES AND ITS GOAL IS TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE MILLION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/flouting-advice-from-experts-in-his-own-administration-trump-again-touts-malaria-drugs-potential/
https://apnews.com/ca7ba01f0a7d5c55d503ae46cc876969
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04/03/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP. ADMIN TO RECOMMEND AMERICANS WEAR CLOTH MASKS

HEADLINE 2: CLOTH MASKS COULD PREVENT CORONAVIRUS SPREAD
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION REPORTEDLY WILL SOON RECOMMEND THAT ALL AMERICANS WEAR CLOTH MASKS IF THEY GO OUT IN PUBLIC.
WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL FOLLOW THE RECENT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CDC IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.
UNDER THE NEW RECOMMENDATION, AMERICANS SHOULD USE HOMEMADE FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC AND RESERVE THE N95 AND SURGICAL MASKS FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.
PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY BREATHING AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWO ARE EXEMPT.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/after-much-debate-white-house-will-recommend-americans-wear-cloth-masks-if-they-go-out-in-public/
https://www.statnews.com/2020/04/02/coronavirus-cloth-masks-recommendation/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/02/health/masks-coronavirus-cdc.html
https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-expected-to-recommend-cloth-face-masks-for-americans-in-coronavirus-hot-spots-11585871349

HEADLINE: FDA APPROVES CORONAVIRUS ANTIBODY TEST
HEADLINE 2: BLOOD TEST SHOWS IF A PATIENT HAS EVER BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19
THE FDA HAS APPROVED THE FIRST CORONAVIRUS ANTIBODY TEST IN THE U.S.
HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE TEST CHECKS FOR PROTECTIVE ANTIBODIES IN A BLOOD SAMPLE TO SEE IF A PATIENT HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19 AND COULD PROVIDE IMMUNITY.
THE TEST COULD GIVE SCIENTISTS A BETTER WAY TO KNOW HOW WIDESPREAD THE INFECTION IN THE U.S. POPULATION IS AND TO ACCURATELY CALCULATE THE DEATH RATE.
RESULTS OF THE TEST ARE DELIVERED IN 15 MINUTES, BUT HAVING ANTIBODIES DOESN'T MEAN A PERSON IS GUARANTEED IMMUNITY FROM THE VIRUS.
ANTIBODY TESTS ARE ALREADY USED IN CHINA, SINGAPORE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/pinprick-blood-test-to-identify-antibodies-in-patients-approved-by-fda/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/02/health/coronavirus-antibody-test.html
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04/02/2020
HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: NEW YORK STATE'S CORONAVIRUS DEATHS DOUBLES
HEADLINE 2: TOTAL NOW TOPS 2,200 FATALITIES

OFFICIALS SAID WEDNESDAY THAT CORONAVIRUS DEATHS IN NEW YORK STATE DOUBLED IN A 72-HOUR TIME SPAN.
THE STATE'S TOTAL DEATH TOLL FROM THE VIRUS IS NOW OVER 22-HUNDRED AND NEARLY 14-HUNDRED FATALITIES HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN NEW YORK CITY ALONE SINCE THE OUTBREAK BEGAN.
GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO PROJECTS THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS WILL CONTINUE IN THE STATE FOR ANOTHER MONTH.
IN AN EFFORT TO SLOW THE SPREAD, NEW YORK HAS CLOSED PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, SET UP FIELD HOSPITALS IN CENTRAL PARK, AND THE 1,000-BED U-S NAVY HOSPITAL SHIP "COMFORT" HAS DOCKED TO CARE FOR NON-COVID-19 PATIENTS TO RELIEVE STRAIN ON NEW YORK HOSPITALS.
IN ALL, NEW YORK STATE HAS SEEN ABOUT 84,000 CONFIRMED CASES OF THE CORONAVIRUS, ACCORDING TO JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/new-yorks-death-count-doubles-in-72-hours-to-nearly-2000/
https://apnews.com/f94374a37e39fd2164307cda57271c64
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HEADLINE: U.S. NAVY TO REMOVE 3,000 SAILORS OVER COVID-19
HEADLINE 2: ABOUT 100 HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR VIRUS
NAVY OFFICIALS SAY 100 OF OUT OF NEARLY 5,000 SAILORS ASSIGNED TO THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS.
NAVY OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD DIFFICULTY QUARANTINING CREW MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE SHIP'S CLOSE QUARTERS.
3,000 SAILORS WILL BE OFF THE SHIP BY FRIDAY.
SOME SAILORS WHO ARE NOT INFECTED WITH COVID-19 WILL STAY ON BOARD TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN OPERATION OF THE SHIP.
NAVY OFFICIALS SAID IT IS UNCLEAR HOW THE SHIP BECAME INFECTED.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/nearly-3000-sailors-to-leave-aircraft-carrier-medical-specialists-en-route-to-guam/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S LAUREN MAGARINO BRINGING YOU THE LATEST HEALTH HEADLINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER HEALTH NEWS:

HEADLINE: TRUMP ADMIN. WON'T REOPEN ACA ENROLLMENT
HEADLINE 2: OFFICIALS CONSIDERED SPECIAL ENROLLMENT FOR THE UNINSURED

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT REOPEN OBAMACARE ENROLLMENT TO MEET NEEDS CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY THEY WERE CONSIDERING REOPENING HEALTHCARE.GOV FOR A SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE DURING THE OUTBREAK.
BUT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TOLD POLITICO IT WILL EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS INSTEAD.
TYPICALLY, DURING THE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD, PEOPLE ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BUY COVERAGE WHEN THEY HAVE A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT SUCH AS HAVING A BABY, GETTING MARRIED, OR AGING OUT OF THEIR PARENT'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.
SOME U.S. STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE LAUNCHED THEIR OWN TEMPORARY SPECIAL OBAMACARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD TO HELP RESIDENTS OBTAIN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/trump-administration-decides-against-re-opening-health-law-enrollment-in-midst-of-crisis/
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HEADLINE: U.S. STATES STILL SEEKS MORE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
HEADLINE 2: SUPPLIES LIKE VENTILATORS AND TESTING KITS AREN'T ENOUGH
STATES CONTINUE TO ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MORE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT THE CORONAVIRUS.
SOME GOVERNORS SAY THE SUPPLIES THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIKE VENTILATORS AND RESPIRATORS, ARE NOT ENOUGH TO COVER WHAT THE STATES NEED.
THE GOVERNORS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEY MUST OUTBID OTHER STATES TO OBTAIN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND TESTING KITS WHICH ARE IN LIMITED SUPPLY IN SOME AREAS.
ILLINOIS SAID IT RECEIVED ONLY 10 PERCENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES IT ASKED FOR FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHILE CALIFORNIA SAID IT RECEIVED 170 VENTILATORS THAT DIDN'T WORK.
NEARLY 200,000 COVID-19 CASES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE U.S.
https://khn.org/morning-breakout/its-like-being-on-ebay-governors-decry-federal-governments-approach-to-distributing-ventilators-supplies/
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/31/us/governors-trump-coronavirus.html
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