

RESOURCES ON COVID-19 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, CFR Education, and leading experts.

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.
- [Epidemics in World History](#)
 - This podcast episode of *The President's Inbox* discusses how epidemics have shaped world history with **Frank M. Snowden** and host, **James M. Lindsay**.
- [COVID-19 and Considerations for Reopening](#)
 - **Carla Anne Robbins** and **Vin Gupta** discuss COVID-19 and data considerations to safely reopen the economy in this Local Journalists conference call.
- [A Cold War With China Would Be a Mistake](#)
 - **Richard Haass** analyzes the current U.S.- China relationship and adjusting transnational priorities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [The World Health Organization](#)
 - This CFR backgrounder provides a history of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- [Educators Webinar: COVID-19 Implications for Higher Education](#)
 - **Sylvia Mathews Burwell** discusses COVID-19 implications for higher education, including the transition to remote learning, international student enrollment, study abroad programs, and health and financial considerations universities are facing.

II. **Global Perspectives**

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

- [Sweden's Coronavirus Strategy Will Soon Be the World's](#)
 - On ForeignAffairs.com, **Nils Karlson, Daniel B. Klein, and Charlotta Stern** analyze the effects of Sweden's strategy to reduce the coronavirus through voluntary social distancing and herd immunity.
- [Will the Pandemic Weaken Russia's 'Deep State' - or Make It Stronger Still?](#)
 - **Stephen Sestanovich** analyses Russia's response to the coronavirus.
- [Asia's Response to the Coronavirus](#)
 - **Yanzhong Huang, Joshua Kurlantzick, Sheila Smith, Scott Snyder, and Deborah M. Lehr** discuss the effects of the coronavirus across Asia, including lockdowns, economic challenges, and prospects for recovery.
- [Iran's Perplexing Pandemic Response](#)
 - **Ray Takeyh** provides an In-Brief about Iran's severe coronavirus outbreaks due to inconsistent policies and misinformation.
- [Coronavirus: How Are Countries Responding to the Economic Crisis?](#)
 - This CFR backgrounder provides an overview on the world's largest economies and their strategies to counter the 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](#).

- **Amar Bhide and Leif Pagrotsky**, “[Separated by a Common Infection](#),” May 6, 2020.
- **Travis Bias**, “[Public Health is Always Political](#),” May 5, 2020.
- **Viabhav Gupta**, “[Rethinking the Future of Global Health](#),” May 5, 2020.
- **Madeleine Ballard, Carey Westgate, and The Community Health Impact Coalition**, “[COVID-19: It Ain’t Over Until There’s PPE All Over](#),” May 4, 2020.
- **Jill Miller**, “[Coronavirus and Ebola: Hard Lessons. Prudently Applied](#),” May 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](#)
- [Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation COVID-19 Projections](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University & Medicine COVID-19 Interactive Map](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Coronavirus Information](#)

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