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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

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Introduction

This Special Report on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic published in 2020 by the non-profit National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is a collection of referenced news analyses and opinion essays written by NVIC Co-founder and President Barbara Loe Fisher and published in NVIC's weekly journal newspaper *The Vaccine Reaction*.

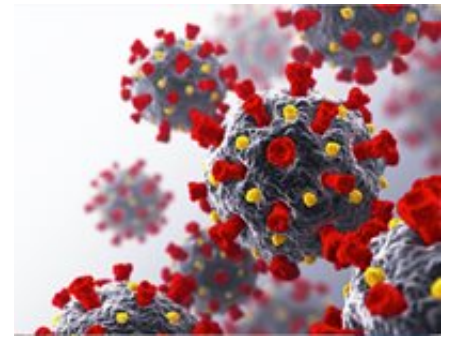
In chronological order, it summarizes information about major events and articles published in the medical literature and by the media after Chinese government officials announced on Dec. 31, 2019 that 44 patients with pneumonia of “unknown etiology” (unknown cause) had been identified in Wuhan, China.¹ By Jan. 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” after confirming that a mutated coronavirus (COVID-19) was circulating in certain regions of China for which human populations reportedly have no natural immunity.²

On Jan. 31, 2020, the U.S. government declared a public health emergency.³ By the end of March 2020, all 50 states had declared a public health emergency that led to orders by most state Governors for citizens to self-quarantine at home and close businesses, schools, restaurants, shops and malls, churches, parks, beaches, gyms, sports arenas and other public spaces for at least four weeks, although some states extended the “lockdown” to up to 10 weeks.⁴

Below are the topics covered by this special report:

The Science: Coronaviruses and COVID-19

- History of Coronaviruses
- COVID-19 Symptoms and Complications



- High Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19
- COVID-19 Mortality Statistics for Different Countries
- Worst-Case Scenario Estimates for Mortality

U.S. Government Response

- Declaration of Public Health Emergency by CDC
- Recommended Precautions for Limiting Exposures
- Social Distancing and Quarantine Measures
- U.S. Federal and State Public Health Emergency Laws
- U.S. Military Preparations to Execute Pandemic Plan
- Infection and Antibody Testing for COVID-19
- Delay in Testing for COVID-19 in U.S.
- Shortage of U.S. Pandemic Preparedness Supplies

Fast Tracking of COVID-19 Vaccines Other Related Topics

- Origin of New Mutated Coronavirus
- Response of Chinese Government to COVID-19 Outbreak
- COVID-19 Outbreaks on Cruise Ships
- Oct. 19, 2019 Coronavirus Pandemic Simulation Exercise
- Coronavirus Research in Biohazard Labs
- Impact of COVID-19 Quarantines on U.S. & World Economy
- Loss of Civil Liberties, Challenges to Ethical Principles

PART 1

Coronavirus Vaccines on Fast Track As WHO Declares Global Public Health Emergency

(<https://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Fast-Tracked.aspx>) Feb. 5, 2020.

PART 2

Chinese Taken From Homes by Police to Coronavirus Quarantine Camps (<https://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/COVID-19-Quarantine-Measures.aspx>) Feb. 12, 2020.

PART 3

U.S. Marines and Navy Prepare to Execute Pandemic Plan As Questions Resurface About Coronavirus Origin (<https://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/U-S--Military-Prepare-to-Execute-Pandemic-Plan.aspx>) Feb. 20, 2020.

PART 4

[Unprecedented Response to COVID-19 by Governments Prohibits Physical Contact and Cripples World Economy](https://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/Unprecedented-COVID-19-Response-Cripples-World-Eco.aspx) (<https://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/Unprecedented-COVID-19-Response-Cripples-World-Eco.aspx>) Mar. 29, 2020.

PART 5

[COVID-19 Meltdown and Pharma's Big Money Win](http://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/covid-19-meltdown-pharmas-big-money-win.aspx). (<http://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Reports/covid-19/covid-19-meltdown-pharmas-big-money-win.aspx>) Apr. 13, 2020.

As new developments and broader public conversations about U.S. and global responses to COVID-19 take place, periodically, additional news analyses will be added to this referenced special report on COVID-19. To learn more about this subject, readers are encouraged to click on references anchoring this report, which contain substantive information from many different sources.

PART 6

[How Fear of a Virus Changed Our World](https://www.nvic.org/NVIC-Vaccine-News/June-2020/How-Fear-of-a-Virus-Changed-Our-World.aspx) (<https://www.nvic.org/NVIC-Vaccine-News/June-2020/How-Fear-of-a-Virus-Changed-Our-World.aspx>). June 4, 2020.

America is slowly coming out of shock five months after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control declared a public health emergency on January 31, which escalated six weeks later into a social distancing lockdown when the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic. There are many questions being asked now about whether the lockdown response to the new coronavirus has matched the threat as people give up Constitutional Rights for the illusion of security.

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