COVID-19: Public Health and Scientific Challenges

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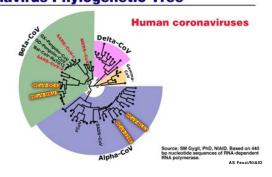
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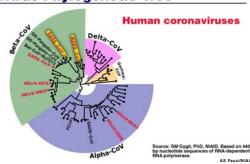
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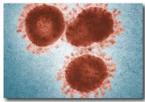
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Severe Human Coronavirus Disease: Past as Prologue

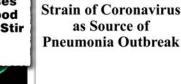
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) (2002–2003)



Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) (2012-present)



Novel Human Virus? Pneumonia Cases Linked to Seafood Market in China Stir Concern By Dennis Normile



The Washington Post

China Identifies New

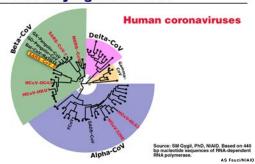
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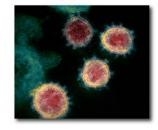
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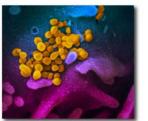
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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

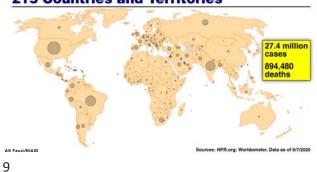
■ COVID-19 is the name of the disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2





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COVID-19 Globally: 27.4 Million Cases in 215 Countries and Territories

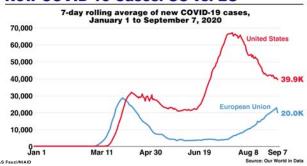


COVID-19 in the United States



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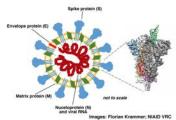
New COVID-19 Cases: US vs. EU



SARS-CoV-2 Virology

- Beta-CoV: same subgenus as SARS CoV-1 and some bat CoVs
 RNA virus: enveloped, positive-sense, single-stranded
- Large genome: ~30,000 Kb
- 4 structural
 proteins: S, E, M, N

 S allows virus to
 attach to and fuse
 with cell membrane
- ACE2 receptor: cell receptor



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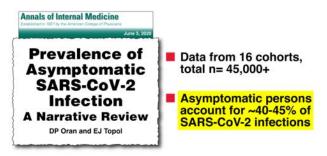
Transmission

SARS-CoV-2 Transmission

- Transmission between people in close contact
- Transmission via particles that remain in the air over time and distance
- Infected surfaces
- Virus found in stool, blood, semen and ocular secretions; role in transmission unknown
- Animals (including domesticated) not major source of human infection

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BRIEF REPORT

The Implications of Silent **Transmission for the Control of COVID-19 Outbreaks**

SM Moghadas, AP Galvani et al.



■ Modeling study estimates that individuals without symptoms account for >50% of transmission

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Clinical Manifestations

COVID-19 Clinical Presentation

■ Fever	83-99%
Cough	59-82
■ Fatigue	44-70
Anorexia	40-84
Shortness of breath	31-40
■ Myalgias	11-35

Other non-specific symptoms reported

Sore throat, nasal congestion, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting. Loss of smell/taste preceding the onset of respiratory symptoms.

urce: WHO, 5/2020 AS Fauci/NIAID

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COVID-19: Wide Spectrum of Disease

Asymptomatic Illness	No symptoms
Mild Illness	Uncomplicated upper respiratory tract infection
Moderate Disease	Pneumonia without the need for supplemental oxygen
Severe Pneumonia	Pneumonia plus one of the following: respiratory rate > 30 breaths/min; severe respiratory distress; or SpO2 < 90% on room air
Critical Illness	ARDS, sepsis, septic shock, multiple organ dysfunction/failure

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China

Mild/Mod

Severe

Critical

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Manifestations of Severe COVID-19 Disease

- Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
- Hyperinflammation
- Acute cardiac injury, arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy
- Acute kidney injury
- Neurological disorders
- Hypercoagulability leading to thromboembolic complications, including pulmonary embolism and acute stroke
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)

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COVID "Long-Haulers"

Spectrum of Disease Among 44,672 Individuals with Confirmed COVID-19,

14%

20%

40%



August 12, 2020 Long After the Fire of a COVID-19 Infection, Mental and Neurological **Effects Can Still Smolder** E Cooney

81%

Case-fatality rate: 2.3%

80%

100%

JAMA 323:1239, 2020. AS Fauci/NIAID

60%

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People at Increased Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness

- Older adults
- People of any age with certain underlying medical conditions



Source: CDC, 6/25/2020 AS Fauci/NIAID

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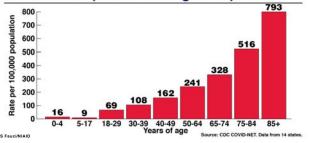
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Cumulative Rates of Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations by Age, United States, March 1 – August 29, 2020



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Underlying Medical Conditions Strongly Associated with Increased Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness

- Serious heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Diabetes, type 2
- Obesity (BMI ≥ 30)
- Cancer

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- Sickle cell disease
- Immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant

Source: CDC, 7/28/2020 AS Fauci/NIAID Underlying Medical Conditions That May Confer Increased Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness

- Asthma
- Other chronic lung diseases
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Diabetes, type 1
- Hypertension
- Immunocompromised state from bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications
- Inherited metabolic disorders
- Neurologic conditions
- Liver disease
- Pregnancy
 Smoking
- Thalassemia

Source: CDC, 7/28/2020

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New England
Journal of Medicine

COVID-19 in Persons Living with HIV — What Do We Know Today

C del Rio

- Analysis of 8 studies in Europe and U.S. show similar rates of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with HIV vs. general population
- HIV does not increase risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection, COVID-19 disease course or outcomes
- Comorbidities major driver of severe COVID-19 in persons with/without HIV coinfection

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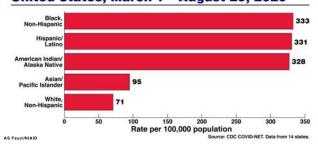


"The most pervasive disparities are observed among African American and Latino individuals, and where data exist, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander populations."

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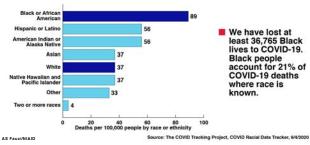
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Age-Adjusted COVID-19-Associated Hospitalization Rates by Race and Ethnicity, United States, March 1 – August 29, 2020



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Nationwide, Black People are Dying at 2.4 Times the Rate of White People



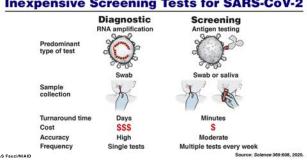
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Diagnostics

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The Potential Important Role of Rapid, Inexpensive Screening Tests for SARS-CoV-2



NEWS In 'Milestone,' FDA OKs 昌昌 Simple, Accurate **Coronavirus Test that Could Cost Just \$5** COVID-19 Ag CARD **RF Service** EUA issued 8/26/2020 for 15-min antigen test Requires no specialized laboratory equipment

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Prevention

COVID-19 Prevention: Personal Preventive Measures

- Diligent hand washing
- Avoiding close contact
 - Avoiding crowds/mass gatherings
 - Physical distancing, >6 feet
- Covering mouth and nose with mask/cloth face cover
- Covering sneezes/coughs
- Avoiding face-touching
- Regular cleaning/disinfecting of frequently touched objects



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COVID-19 Prevention: Public Health

- Social/physical distancing orders
- Stay-at-home orders

Measures

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- School, venue, and nonessential business closure
- Bans on public gatherings
- Travel restriction with exit and/or entry screening
- Aggressive case identification and isolation
- Contact tracing and quarantine



Therapeutics

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National Institutes of Health Tuesday, April 21, 2020 News Release Expert U.S. Panel Develops NIH Treatment Guidelines for COVID-19 "Living document" expected to be

"Living document" expected to be updated often as new clinical data accrue

■ Covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov



Therapeutics for COVID-19

Recommended by the NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel for Certain Patients

- Remdesivir (investigational antiviral)
- Dexamethasone (corticosteroid)
- **Examples of Other Investigational Therapies**
- Antivirals

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- Blood-derived products, e.g., convalescent plasma, hyperimmune globulin
- Monoclonal antibodies against SARS-CoV-2
- Immunomodulators, e.g., cytokine inhibitors, interferons
- Adjunct therapies, e.g., anticoagulants



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Remdesivir for the Treatment of Covid-19 **Preliminary Report**

JH Beigel, HC Lane et al. for the ACTT-1 Study Group Members

- Patients who received remdesivir had a 32% faster time to recovery than those who received placebo (p<0.001)
- Results also suggested a survival benefit
- N=1,063 patients from 10 countries in U.S., Europe, Asia



Effect of Dexamethasone in Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19: Preliminary Report

The RECOVERY Collaborative Group

- RECOVERY trial in UK -- 6,425 patients randomized to receive dexamethasone 6 mg once per day (oral or IV) for up to ten days or usual care alone
- Dexamethasone reduced 28-day mortality by 36% in ventilated patients and by 18% in other patients receiving oxygen
- No benefit for patients not receiving respiratory support

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Vaccines



COVID-19 Vaccine R&D

L Corey, JR Mascola, AS Fauci & FS Collins

Unprecedented collaboration and resources will be required to research and develop safe and effective vaccines for COVID-19 that can be manufactured and delivered in the scale of billions of doses to people globally.

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Selected COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates

Platform	Developer	Phase 1/2	Phase 2/3
Nucleic acid	moderna	Completed	Ongoing
	BIONTECH	Completed	Ongoing
Viral vector	ÖXFÖRD AstraZeneca	Completed	Ongoing
	Janssen J	Ongoing	-
	MERCK	TBD	
Protein subunit	NOVAVAX Creating Tomograms Vaccines Today	Ongoing	-
	SANOFI 🗳	Ongoing	-



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