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Explainer: Coronavirus reappears in discharged patients, raising questions in containment fight

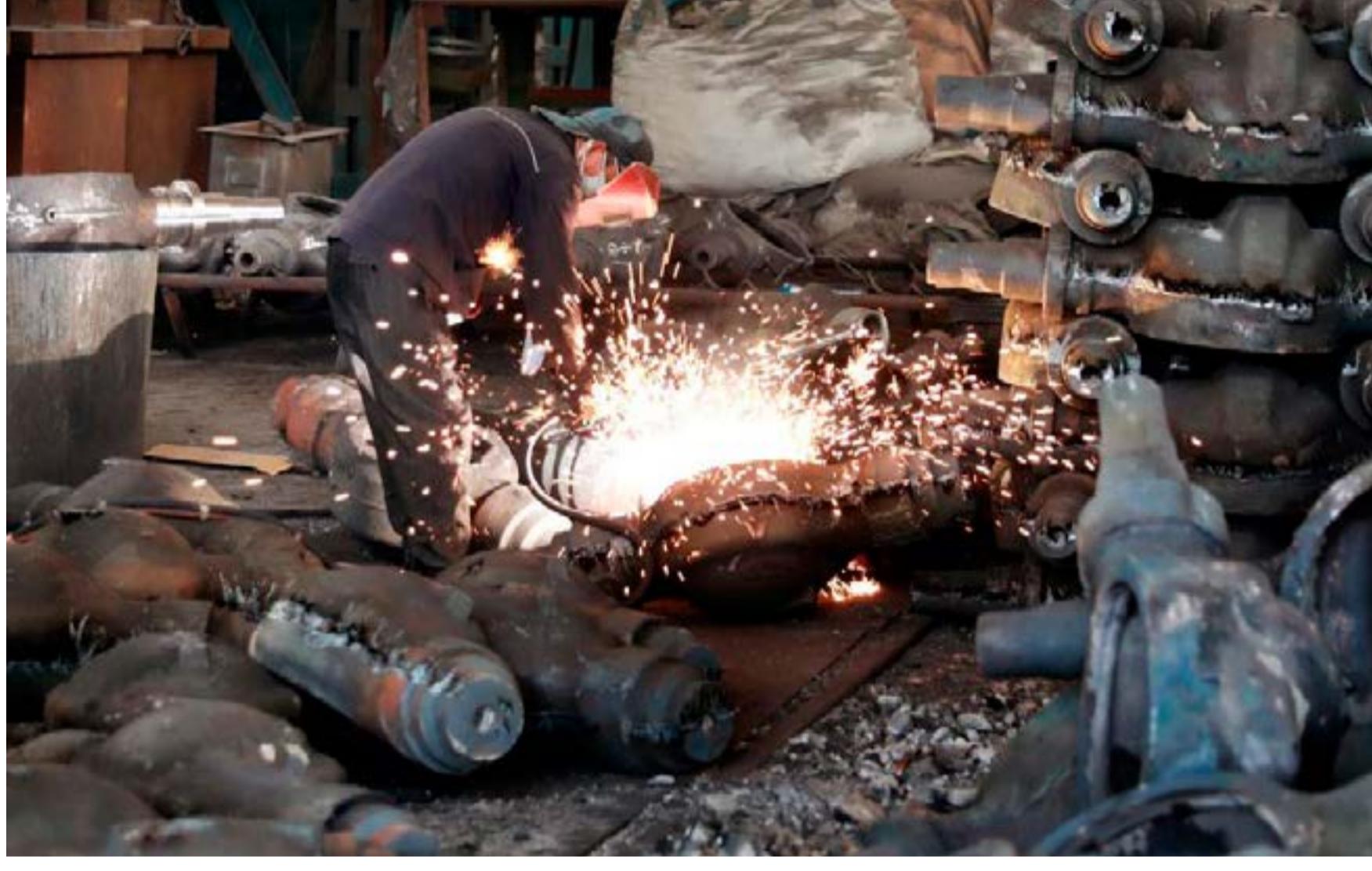
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Shortage of Chinese parts caused \$50 billion fall in February's global exports



FILE PHOTO: A worker welds automobile parts at a workshop manufacturing automobile accessories in Huabei, Anhui province, China June 28, 2019. Picture taken June 28, 2019. REUTERS/Stringer

GENEVA (Reuters) - China's exports of vital parts and components for products ranging from automobiles to cellphones are estimated to have shrunk by an annualized 2% in February, costing other countries and their industries \$50 billion, a United Nations agency said on Wednesday. The world's second-largest economy - and epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak that has spread to 75 nations - accounts for a fifth of global trade in intermediate products. Many countries rely on its manufacturing inputs, it said.

"There is a ripple effect throughout the global economy to the tune of a \$50 billion fall in exports across the world," Pamela Coke-Hamilton, director of UNCTAD's division of international trade, told a Geneva news briefing.

The figure, which covers only the month of February, is preliminary and may be a "conservative estimate", she said.

It was partly based on China's official Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), issued on Saturday, showing factory activity in China contracted at the fastest pace ever in February, even worse than during the global financial crisis, highlighting the colossal damage from

the coronavirus outbreak.

Countries or regions suffering the highest export losses due to the disruption are the European Union (EU), with nearly \$15.6 billion, the United States (\$5.8 billion), Japan (\$5.2 billion), the Republic of Korea (\$3.8 billion), Taiwan (\$2.7 billion) and Vietnam (\$2.3 billion), according to the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Precision instruments, machinery, automotive and communication equipment are the hardest-hit sectors, it said in its report which does not cover agriculture or services.

The report cited carmaker Honda (7267.T) as saying it would reduce vehicle output at two of its domestic plants in Japan's Saitama Prefecture for a week or so in March due to concerns about parts supply from China.

"The impact on the automotive industry in the European Union is about \$2.5 billion," said Alessandro Nicita, an UNCTAD economist.

Asked whether manufacturers might shift to diversify suppliers, Nicita said: "In the short term, no. Because it takes a while to identify new suppliers. In the long term, probably yes."

China has built a huge logistics transport network including ports, shipping lanes and airplanes to move its goods, he said.

Referring to a gradual resumption in China's industrial production, he said: "If it rebounds it can probably make up for the loss in February. If it stays low those numbers are going to compound and the situation for the global value chain is going to deteriorate even further."

India, the world's main supplier of generic drugs, has restricted the export of 26 pharmaceutical ingredients and the medicines made from them, including paracetamol, a common pain reliever also sold as acetaminophen, as the coronavirus outbreak plays havoc with supply chains.

Coke-Hamilton, asked whether such restrictions indicated the virus was having a 'strangling' effect on the global supply chain, said: "In short, yes. It would seem so."

"Assuming that it is not mitigated in the short term, it is likely that the overall impact on the global economy is going to be significant in terms of a negative downturn," she said.



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U.S. job growth robust before coronavirus outbreak hit shores

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. employers maintained a robust pace of hiring in February, giving the economy a strong boost heading into the coronavirus outbreak, which has stoked fears of a recession and prompted an emergency interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve. The Labor Department's closely watched monthly employment report on Friday also showed solid wage growth and the unemployment rate falling back to near a 50-year low of 3.5%. Employers also increased hours for workers last month.

But the strong report likely does not capture the impact of the coronavirus, which spread in the United States beginning in late February, leaving financial markets and economists to anticipate severe economic disruptions in the months ahead. Financial markets view the virus, which causes a flu-like illness, as the catalyst that could interrupt the longest economic expansion on record, now in its 11th year.

U.S. Treasury prices rallied, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond dropping to a record low of 0.695% US10YT=RR. The dollar fell against a basket of currencies. Stocks on Wall Street tumbled, with the Dow Jones Industrial average diving more than 800 points at one point.

Instant view: U.S. payrolls better than expected, as markets look to coronavirus impact

Rear-view mirror: U.S. hiring boomed in February but coronavirus risks job cuts in future

"Sadly, these job numbers are sure to be eclipsed by response to the spread of the coronavirus," said Michael Hicks an economist at Ball State University. "The supply shocks from quarantined factories in Asia are weeks away from idling U.S. factories, and the demand-side impact on tourism, travel, eating and drinking establishments is already being felt across the world. The March jobs report, will be far less optimistic."

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 273,000 jobs last month as unreasonably mild weather continued to boost hiring in weather-sensitive sectors, matching January's tally, which was the largest gain since May 2018.



FILE PHOTO: Veterans and military personnel discuss job opportunities at a military job fair in Sandy, Utah, U.S., March 26, 2019. REUTERS/George Frey

While transportation and warehousing payrolls fell by 4,000 jobs in February, suggesting some early impact from the coronavirus, that was erased by strong gains nearly across all sectors, including government. The economy created 85,000 more jobs in December and January than previously reported.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast payrolls increasing by 175,000 jobs in February. Employment gains averaged 243,000 per month in the last three months. The economy needs to create roughly 100,000 jobs

per month to keep up with growth in the working-age population

The government canvassed business in mid-February, before the country reported deaths from the virus and rising infections starting in the final week of the month.

At least 14 people have died in the United States from the respiratory disease called COVID-19 caused by the coronavirus and more than 200 have been infected.

The disease has spread across 20 states. Overall, the fast-spreading disease has killed over 3,000 people and sickened nearly 100,000, mostly in China.

The highly contagious virus has rattled investors, resulting in the Fed on Tuesday slashing its benchmark overnight interest rate by a half percentage point to a target range of 1.00% to 1.25%. It was the U.S. central bank's first emergency rate cut since 2008 at the height of the financial crisis.

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了幾天班，接觸了一些人。官員們正在努力確定還有誰與這五名患者一起旅行。截至目前，萊斯大學社區的17名成員正在接受自我檢疫。

與福遍郡的患者直接接觸的10個人也在接受自我檢疫。哈里斯郡郡長Lina Hidalgo在一次新聞發佈會上說：“我們一直在繪製他們的網絡圖，他們去過的地方，並與他們可能接觸過的人們接觸。”

官員在新聞稿中寫道：“這些案件與旅行有關，目前尚無社區擴散的證據。”

哈里斯郡公共衛生局的Umair Shah博士說：“我們將竭盡所能，確定還有哪些人可能與這些人接觸……這是我們的首要任務。”

賴斯大學官員說，哈里斯郡公共衛生部門週四通知他們，該僱員的冠狀病毒檢測呈陽性。

大學官員在寫給KPRC 2電視台的一份聲明中說：“其他正在檢測的萊斯大學博士生、教職員工已收到通知，”他們仍在自檢中，迄今為止沒有人報告症狀。

萊斯大學官員說，萊斯大學的員工於2月24日至25日在校園裡，萊斯大學公共安全人員於2月29日獲悉此案。

受影響的員工在校園內的存在僅限於一棟建築物，該建築物已與校園的其餘部分一起進



行了廣泛、持續的消毒。”學校官員寫道。

根據我們的調查，自2月20日返回休斯頓以來，該工作人員與我們的本科生沒有直接聯繫，也從未在任何住宿學院或教室裡就讀過。”

這名婦女與賴斯大學社區的聯繫導致了17人正在自我檢疫中，並受到衛生官員的監視。

“萊斯大學的員工、博士生和與員工進行了短暫接觸的人員仍處於自我檢疫狀態，我們很高興知道他們沒有報告該病毒的症狀。賴斯

大學校長戴維·裡伯倫(David Leebron)在星期四晚上給學校的一封電子郵件中寫道：“我們正在盡一切努力為他們提供隔離，以支持他們，如果沒有任何症狀的話，下週將結束。”

Leebron寫道：“我們的校園健康保護人員已經徹底清理了受影響員工接觸的區域，並將這些額外措施擴展到了整個校園的主要接觸點。”

國會議員艾爾·格林宣布通過83億美元緊急救援資金以解決全球冠狀病毒的緊急情況



【美南新聞記者泉深報導】華盛頓特區消息：2020年3月4日星期三，美國國會議員艾爾·格林(AI Green)發表了以下聲明，內容涉及緊急救援資金的通過，這將有助於保護美國人免受冠狀病毒的傳播。

“在與休斯頓衛生局戴維·珀斯博士密切合作以詳細了解休斯頓的衛生需求之後，我很高興地宣布，HR 6074在準備應對潛在冠狀病毒爆發時為州和地方機構提供了大量資金，”格林說。

根據國會議員格林的說法，《冠狀病毒準備和響應救援撥款法》包括22億美元的資金，這些資金對於珀斯博士和其他地方衛

生當局在確診病例時預防，準備和應對冠狀病毒至關重要。該法案還提供了將近10億美元的必要藥品和醫療用品，以幫助確保備災和提高醫療護理能力。最後，該法案包括一項緊急遠程醫療豁免，允許衛生和公共服務大臣(HHS)放棄某些Medicare遠程醫療限制，以便Medicare提供商可以向受益人提供與冠狀病毒相關的遠程醫療服務，無論他們身在何處。”

“我必須感謝眾議院撥款委員會主席尼塔·洛伊(Nita M. Lowey)先生在起草HR 6074時考慮了休斯敦衛生部等地方機構的需求。”格林議員表示信心十足，“如果休

斯敦若遇到冠狀病毒病例，這筆資金將更好地幫助醫療保健專業人員和公共衛生當局做好治療患者的準備，幫助他們康復，同時幫助確保該病毒不會傳播給其他人。”

休斯敦衛生管理局David Persse博士補充說：“在休斯敦準備其COVID-19應急計劃時，緊急救援資金對於確保我們在當地擁有足夠的人員，測試和監視資源以及基礎設施至關重要。我很高興有機會在這個重要問題上與國會議員合作，並期待繼續與他合作。”

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Editor's Choice



A man wearing a mask rides a bike in a street following a nationwide outbreak of the novel coronavirus, in Beijing, China. . REUTERS/Thomas Peter



A “no entry” sign is seen on the entrance of Vysocina Arena in Nove Mesto na Morave



Employees from a disinfection service company sanitize the floor of a shopping center in Daejeon



A steward stands next to a fence surrounding Vysocina Arena in Nove Mesto na Morave



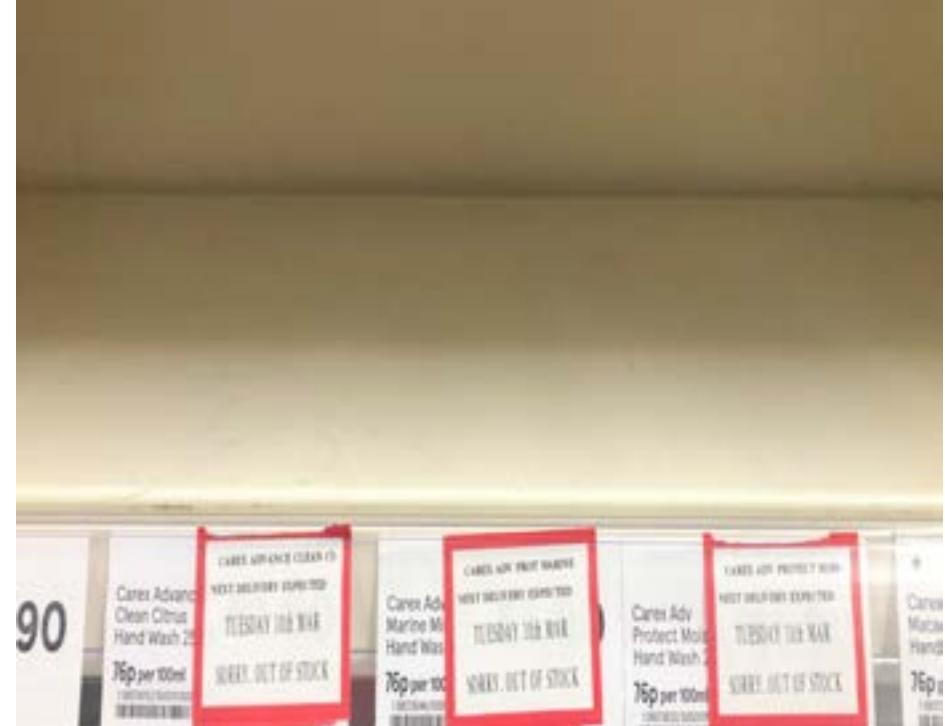
Buddhist devotees wearing protective face masks pray during a blessing ceremony for the people affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, at a temple in Kuala Lumpur



Waiter Leontepetruta attends tourists inside an almost empty restaurant “Celso” at La Caleta beach in Adeje



Empty shelves out of stock of hand wash are pictured in a supermarket in London



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Coronavirus Fears Keep Cruise Ship From Docking; Senior Center Closed After Former Passengers Visit



The Grand Princess Cruise Ship

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

SAN FRANCISCO (CBS SF) — The Grand Princess remained floating off the California coast Thursday night, banned by Gov. Gavin Newsom from docking in San Francisco and any other California port until 45 passengers and crew members suffering from flu-like symptoms were tested for the coronavirus.

Cruise Tracker showed that by 11:30 a.m. the ship — carrying 2,422 passengers and 1,111 crew members — was off the San Mateo County coast, heading toward the San Francisco Bay.

Mary Ellen Carroll, the San Francisco Director of the Department of Emergency Management, at a Thursday morning news conference said 35 of those aboard had shown flu-like symptoms during the 15-day cruise.

"Many of those people have recovered and are no longer showing flu-like symptoms," she said. "Once we have results from the (coronavirus) tests (that will be run Thursday), the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the state will determine the most appropriate location for the ship to berth. That location needs to provide for the safety of the surrounding community as well as the

passengers."

"The CDC and the state are considering a number of locations including San Francisco," she added.

On Thursday, San Bruno officials closed that city's senior center as a precaution after they learned that three former Grand Princess passengers, who had been board ship between Feb. 11 and Feb. 21, had also recently visited the senior center and assisted in the lunch program. All three individuals were advised to self-quarantine at home.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said that tests would need to be completed before clearance to dock in San Francisco — where the cruise to Hawaii began — or any other California port would be given.

"It is a dynamic situation as it relates to the cruise ship but nothing that should be alarming," Newsom said. "Appropriate protocols are in place, and as I said, the ship will not come on shore and tour till we appropriately assess the passengers and appropriately assess the protocols

with any one of these who were previously exposed. It bothers me going home to my town, to my grand babies and family having been exposed to this.. Just the things that kept me up last night."

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turned and headed toward San Francisco for a few hours. So I knew something was kind of up," Grady explained to KPIX via Facebook Messenger.

As of Thursday afternoon, all passengers aboard are being asked to stay in their rooms. Grady said information about what's going has been hard to come by from Princess Cruises.

"I definitely feel I've been kept in the dark a little bit. Because I've learned a lot more by going online and reading what's going on. Here, they've been pretty vague. I'm not sure if they're trying not to scare people," Grady said.

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Health in Richmond for processing with results expected by Friday.

Flights from the California National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing carrying testing kits began arriving at the vessel around 11 a.m. Thursday.

Four members from the 129th and a representative from the CDC were hoisted down to the Grand Princess with 300 test kits.

The onboard medical team would now administer the tests with the samples being sent in batches by helicopter to a state testing lab in Richmond. Cruise line officials placed the number of those who needed to be tested at 45, a number that includes passengers and crew.

"Following guidelines received today from the CDC, all guests have been asked to stay in their staterooms while test results are pending. Guests are receiving meal deliveries in their staterooms by room service, and additional television and movie options have been added to in-room programming. Guests have also been provided complimentary internet service to stay in contact with their family and loved ones," according to a Thursday-night press release from Princess Cruises.

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Now, they cannot get a straight answer about how to get tested, she said.

With Mark Cadiz, 65, running a fever,

the couple worries not only about themselves, but about the possibility that — if they contracted the infection — they could have passed it on to others.

"They're telling us to stay home, but nobody told me until yesterday to stay home. We were in Sacramento, we were in Martinez, we were in Oakland. We took a train home from the cruise," Judy Cadiz said Thursday. "I really hope that we're negative so nobody got infected."

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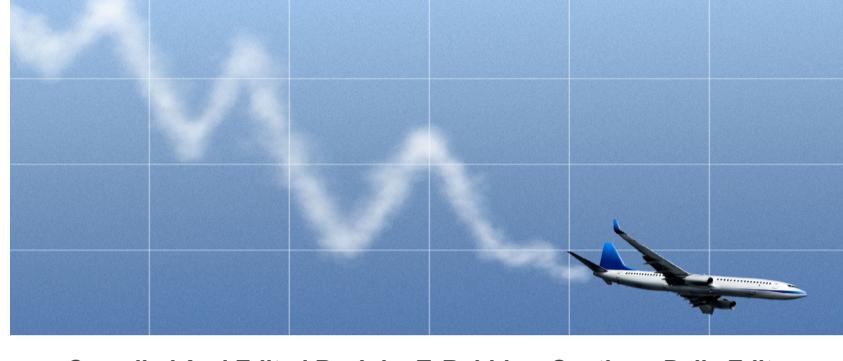
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Air-Travel Industry Group: Coronavirus Could Cost Airlines \$113B



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The coronavirus outbreak could cost airlines up to \$113 billion in lost revenue from declines in air travel in the spring and early summer, the International Air Transport Association said Thursday in a press release.

Why it matters: The IATA estimates that airlines could experience a 19% loss in passenger revenues if the virus extensively spreads in countries that now have 10 or more confirmed cases as of March 2.

•IATA assumes that the industry will recover in late summer or early fall.

•The IATA's previous estimate in February put lost revenues at \$29.3 billion based on a scenario in which the virus was confined to markets associated with China. Since that analysis, the virus has spread to more than 80 countries.

What they're saying: "The turn of events as a result of COVID-19 is almost without precedent," said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's director general and CEO.

"In little over two months, the industry's prospects in much of the world have taken a dramatic turn for the worse."

•Many airlines are cutting capacity and taking emergency measures to reduce costs. Governments must take note. Airlines are doing their best to stay afloat as they perform the vital task of linking the world's economies," Juniac said.

The big picture: Airlines are benefitting

from lower oil prices, but also have had to reduce operation costs by cutting jobs, asking employees to take unpaid leave and limiting flights, according to AP.

•British regional airline Flybe announced Thursday that it would stop flying in part due to the virus' impact on air travel,

•British Airways announced Monday that it will begin limiting London-New York flights to match low demand.

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Coronavirus Rattling Travelers — And The Airlines

Not since the aftermath of 9/11 has there been such a fear of flying.

Why it matters: The novel coronavirus has the airline industry bracing for the worst downturn since the Great Recession. Even though the government says it's safe to fly domestically, the drumbeat of news about COVID-19 has cautious employers stifling business travel and worried families rethinking their summer vacation plans.



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Driving the news: Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly said Thursday the sudden drop in domestic air travel "has a 9/11-like feel."

•"We could discount prices tomorrow and it wouldn't do any good," said Kelly.

What's happening: Travel agents are being inundated with calls and emails from panicked clients canceling trips and seeking refunds.

•"Travel agents have to become psychiatrists, OK? We have to become therapists for all these people who call in," Tammy Levent, CEO of Elite Travel, told NPR.

•Usually, she's able to talk them off the ledge. "I've had one cancellation in all of our thousands of clients, which was to Japan."

•Even those who bought travel insurance aren't necessarily protected because many policies explicitly exclude epidemics or "known events."

Citing a collapse in travel bookings, airlines are slashing capacity and making emergency cost cuts, even offering employees unpaid furloughs.

•United Airlines cut international flights by 20% and domestic flights by 10%, while British Airways canceled flights between London's Heathrow and New York's JFK airports, a key source of revenue.

•More than 1,000 planes have been taken out of service worldwide amid concerns the slowdown could extend into the busy peak summer season, says the Wall Street Journal.

•Airline stocks have fallen 28% since the coronavirus outbreak began around the first of the year.



United Airlines will be cutting flights in April due to slowed demand amid growing fears over the novel coronavirus, per CNBC. Photo: Daniel Slim/ AFP via Getty Images.

And the crisis comes as airlines are already reeling from the year-long grounding of Boeing's 737 Max to fix software issues after two deadly crashes.

A global industry trade group is sounding the alarm, and even asking governments for help.

•"In little over two months, the industry's prospects in much of the world have taken a dramatic turn for the worse," according to the International Air Transport Association.

•"Whether we see the impact contained to a few markets and a \$63 billion revenue loss, or a broader impact leading to a \$113 billion loss of revenue, this is a crisis."

The public's fear of flying may be overblown, fanned by a wave of cancellations of big trade shows, conferences and events — anywhere there are large groups of people.

•People think being strapped into an airplane next to someone who might be ill is just as risky.

•Because of how air circulates and is filtered on airplanes, most viruses and other germs do not spread easily on airplanes, according to the Centers for Disease Control.



•A team of public health researchers found that airline passengers in window seats are less exposed to germs while people seated on the aisles, or those who get up and move around during flights, including flight attendants, are more susceptible, National Geographic writes.

•Vice President Mike Pence reiterated it is safe to fly on domestic and international routes except from areas covered by U.S. travel advisories related to coronavirus (China, Iran, South Korea, Italy and Japan).

The bottom line: The pain is acute for airlines at the moment, but the industry bounced back vigorously after 9/11 and the 2003 SARS epidemic. People need to remember this during the current crisis.

•"It's definitely a gut punch right now, but hopefully it will be short lived," said Kelly. (Courtesy axios.com)



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