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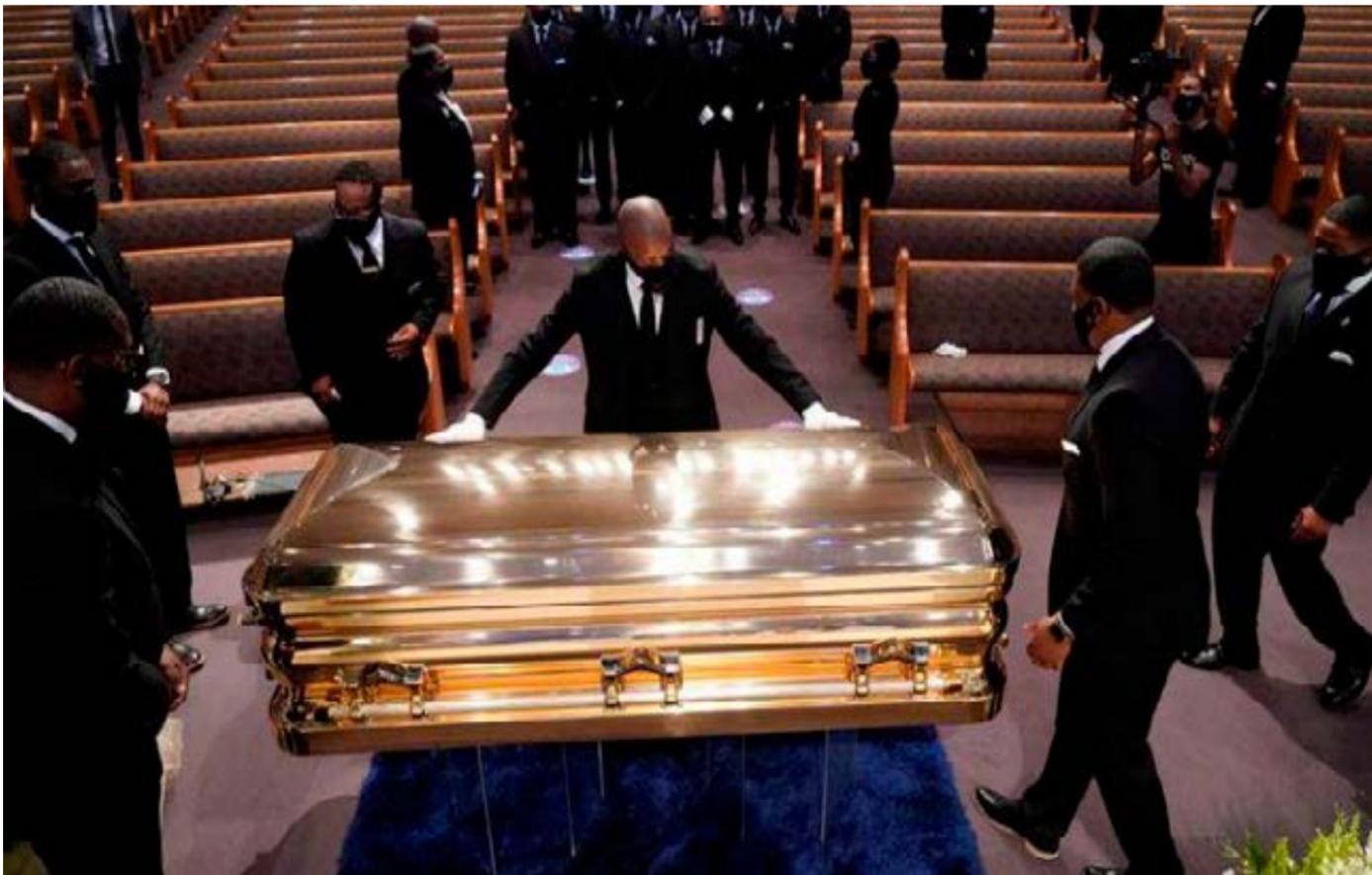
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George Floyd's funeral set to begin in Houston, capping two weeks of sadness and outrage



The casket of George Floyd is placed in the chapel during a funeral service for Floyd at the Fountain of Praise church, in Houston, Texas, U.S., June 9, 2020. David J. Phillip/Pool via REUTERS

HOUSTON (Reuters) - Mourners dressed in black, some of them wearing shirts with the words "I can't breathe" on them, gathered on Tuesday at a Houston church for the funeral of George Floyd, whose death in police custody inspired anti-racism rallies around the world.

The casket of George Floyd is placed in the chapel during a funeral service for Floyd at the Fountain of Praise church, in Houston, Texas, U.S., June 9, 2020. David J. Phillip/Pool via REUTERS
Outside the Fountain of Praise Church, the streets were lined with American flags as those invited to the service filed inside and onlookers stood in quiet respect. Flowers and bouquets were piled around a photograph of Floyd.

After the service, a funeral procession will travel about 15 miles (24 km) to Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Pearland, Texas. His body will arrive at the cemetery in a horse-drawn carriage for burial alongside his mother.

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Floyd, a 46-year-old African American who grew up in the Texas city, died on May 25 after a white police officer in Minneapolis pinned him with a knee to the neck for nearly nine minutes. A bystander's video captured the incident in excruciating detail, including his saying "I can't breathe" and crying out for his mother.

"It was the worst thing I ever could have imagined, watching him going from speaking and breathing to turning blue," said Godfrey Johnson, 45, as he arrived at the church. Johnson attended Floyd's high school and played football with him.

About 500 people were invited to the funeral, which followed memorial services last week in Minneapolis and Raeford, the North Carolina town where Floyd was born.

Among those arriving at the church were U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus; Cal McNair, chief executive of the Houston Texans professional football team; and one of the Texan players, J.J. Watt. Families of other black men who have been shot by police were invited to attend, according to local news outlet KHOU.

Floyd's death has unleashed a wave of protests across the United States and cities in other countries against racism and the systematic mistreatment of black people.

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The case also thrust President Donald Trump into a political crisis, who had repeatedly threatened to order the military on to the streets to quell protests, which have mostly been peaceful.

As activists and some politicians across the country have called for reducing police budgets and redirecting the money, Trump resisted calls to slash funding, saying 99% of police were "great, great people".

Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential candidate who will challenge Trump in a November election, has said he does not support calls to "defund the police."

Derek Chauvin, 44, the policeman who knelt on Floyd's neck and is charged with second-degree murder, made his first court appearance in Minneapolis by video link on Monday. A judge ordered his bail raised from \$1 million to \$1.25 million.

Chauvin's co-defendants, three fellow officers, are accused of aiding and abetting Floyd's murder.



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George Floyd Memorials Reach His Hometown Of Houston



People walk past a picture of George Floyd as they prepare to pay their respects during his public viewing at the Fountain of Praise church on June 8, 2020, in Houston, Texas. George Floyd died on May 25 when he was in Minneapolis police custody, sparking nationwide protests.

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

Thousands lined up in sweltering heat Monday outside Houston's Fountain of Praise Church to pay respects to George Floyd, who died in police custody in Minneapolis two weeks ago. Floyd will be laid to rest in Houston Tuesday. Across the country, the case is raising questions about the use of excessive force by police. Democrats unveiled a sweeping bill aimed at reforming law enforcement, but in Minneapolis and elsewhere, there have been calls to defund police departments. American flags fluttered along the route to the Fountain of Praise church in Houston, where Floyd grew up, as throngs of mourners wearing face coverings to prevent spread of the coronavirus formed a procession to pay final respects.



Mourners gathered in Texas to pay

their respects to George Floyd, who died in police custody two weeks ago, as pressure intensified for sweeping reforms to the U.S. justice system in the wake of nationwide protests. Solemnly filing through the church in two parallel lines, some mourners bowed their heads, others made the sign of the cross or raised a fist, as they paused in front of Floyd's open casket. More than 6,300 people took part in the visitation, which ran for more than six hours, church officials said. Fire officials said several people, apparently overcome by heat exhaustion while waiting in line, were taken to hospitals. "I'm glad he got the send-off he deserved," Marcus Williams, a 46-year-old black resident of Houston, said outside the church. "I want the police killings to stop. I want them to reform the process to achieve justice, and stop the killing." The public viewing came two weeks to the day after Floyd's death was captured by an onlooker's video. As a white police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes, an unarmed and hand-

cuffed Floyd, 46, lay face down on a Minneapolis street, gasping for air and groaning for help, before falling silent.



Attorney Ben Crump raises his arm as Philonise Floyd, brother of George Floyd, whose death in Minneapolis police custody has sparked nationwide protests against racial inequality, gets emotional while speaking during the public viewing of Floyd at The Fountain of Praise church in Houston, Texas, U.S., June 8, 2020. Standing on the left is Reverend Al Sharpton and in the background is George Floyd's younger brother Rodney Floyd. REUTERS/Adrees Latif

The case was reminiscent of the 2014 killing of another African American, Eric Garner, who died after being placed by police in a chokehold while under arrest in New York City. The dying words of both men, "I can't breathe," have become a rallying cry in a global outpouring of rage, drawing crowds by the thousands to the streets despite health hazards from the coronavirus pandemic. The demonstrations have stretched into a third week on Monday. "Even though it is a risk to come out here, I think it has been a very positive experience. You hear the stories, you feel the energy," Benedict Chiu, 24, told Reuters at an outdoor memorial service in Los Angeles. "I'm here to protest the mistreatment of our black bodies. It's not going to stop unless we keep protesting," said Erica Corley, 34, one of hundreds attending a gathering in the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Maryland.



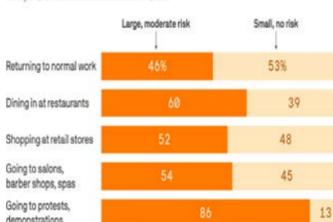
Unleashed amid pent-up anxiety and despair inflicted by a pandemic that has hit minority communities especially hard, the demonstrations have reinvigorated the Black Lives Matter movement and thrust demands for racial justice and police reforms to the top of America's political agenda ahead of the Nov. 3 presidential election. Protests in a number of U.S. cities were initially punctuated by episodes of arson, looting and clashes with police, deepening a political crisis for President Donald Trump as he repeatedly threatened to order the military into the streets to help restore order.

Related Protesters Now Fear The Spread Of Coronavirus

Eight in 10 Americans worry that mass demonstrations around George Floyd's killing, police brutality and structural racism could trigger new round of coronavirus infections.

How much of a risk to your health and well-being do you think the following activities are?

Survey of 1,000 U.S. adults conducted June 5-8, 2020



Why it matters: More than one in 10 people surveyed has an immediate family member or close friend who's participated — and 2% say they've taken part themselves. That puts tens of millions of people in close contact with protesters. It may be weeks before we fully understand the impacts of the protests on infections. But

they're not the only example of Americans easing up on social distancing: 45% of respondents say they've visited in person with friends or relatives in the last week. Even as protesters decide the stakes are worth the risks, they're taking steps to avoid spread: 87% say they wore masks, 35% wore gloves and one third say they maintained a six-foot distance.

Data: Ipsos/Axios survey; Note: ±3.3% margin of error; Chart: Naeema Ahmed/Axios

Age, education, party ID and proximity to a city — not race — appear to correlate most to participation in protests. Overall, 11% of respondents say someone in their immediate circle of family and friends has protested. (Courtesy CBS News, reuters.com and axios.com)



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Our Nation Is At The Crossroad

better life. We need to be in control of our future in our own hands. One of the

best methods is to go out and vote and select a better leader for us.



Today George Floyd will be buried in a Pearland cemetery next to his mother. Hundreds of thousands of people have gone to the streets worldwide to protest and demand change. Floyd's case shows that our nation is at the crossroad.

unprecedented crisis situation. The U.S. law enforcement has a basic structure of discrimination toward minority groups. We have given law enforcement too much power, and in many cases, they still use excessive power.

We came here to this beautiful land from all corners of the world. Most of the immigrants were looking for the America Dream and they helped build our country. Like all of us, in the last three months, because of the coronavirus pandemic, a lot of my friends have suffered financial difficulty. Their businesses could not survive. Many have closed the door. They have lost almost everything. And the pandemic is still spreading in the community. These days all of us feel uncertain and hopeless.

With our whole community still complaining about the pandemic, the economy went down and the jobless rate went up. This is the reason why so much unrest has been caused in the cities. Plus, our leaders don't even try to calm the protesters. They just pour more oil onto the fire.

We are so angry and need to point out that the world is watching this strongest nation. Many people want us down and they are using the media to attack us.

We are urging all our brothers and sisters that we as a nation we need to be united. We came here looking for a

Today our country is facing an



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A protester crawls after being hit by a water canon during a protest near the Prime Minister's official residence, demanding better and effective response from the government to fight the coronavirus outbreak as the number of infections spike, in Kathmandu, Nepal. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar



A mourner puts his fist into the air during a public visitation for George Floyd at The Fountain of Praise church in Houston, Texas. Godofredo A. Vasquez/Pool via REUTERS



A woman takes a picture of herself and the field of Lupinus-plants in a remote area on the island of Lolland in Denmark. Mads Claus Rasmussen/Ritzau Scanpix/via REUTERS



U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer kneel with Congressional Democrats during a moment of silence to honor George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others inside Emancipation Hall at



Seniors watch a video retrospective of their time in high school during Pioneer Valley Regional School's graduation, which was held in the Northfield Drive-In Theater because of the coronavirus outbreak, in Hinsdale, New Hampshire.



People attend a protest against police brutality and the death of George Floyd, in Nantes, France. REUTERS/Stephane Mahe



Police clash with demonstrators on Whitehall during a Black Lives Matter protest in London, Britain. REUTERS/Hannah McKay



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo greets workers cleaning inside a toy store in Grand Central Terminal on the first day of New York City's phase one reopening. REUTERS/Mike Segar

Fears Increase Over Heat Exhaustion Caused By Wearing Masks In Summer



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

Medical experts have called for extra vigilance this year regarding heat-related illnesses this summer, amid growing fears that the wearing of face masks to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus could cause breathing difficulties and dehydration.

Wearing masks during the hot and humid summer months "will be a new experience for many people," said Yasufumi Miyake, head of the advanced emergency medical service center at Teikyo University Hospital. He suggested turning on air conditioners, drinking water at regular intervals and increasing rest time.

As wearing masks in hot weather makes it difficult for cool air to reach the lungs, the respiratory muscles are activated resulting in shortness of breath, which in turn makes it easier for heat to build up inside the body.

"People should not overdo it on days they go to the office or school," as they have not had time to acclimatize to the heat after remaining at home for telework and when schools were closed, he said.



In China, at least two junior high school students collapsed and died last month while

wearing face masks during physical exercise examinations.

The deaths have prompted experts to warn of the dangers of wearing high-grade masks during intense exercise, which could lead to oxygen deficiency. (Courtesy https://english.kyodone- ws.net/)

Related Dangers of wearing masks in the heat and humidity

One pulmonologist and critical care physician with Infirmity Health Diagnostic and Medical Clinic is concerned the masks will make adults, children, athletes, and especially those already diagnosed with pulmonary or cardiac illnesses more susceptible to breathing difficulty and heat stroke. So because wearing masks is still very important right now to help stop the spread of COVID-19, you have to pay very close attention to your body this summer as the temperatures keep climbing.

"You add heat, humidity, probably months of more physical inactivity than usual because of social isolation and distancing, and now you mask up. It's certainly going to make it a lot more difficult to breathe which can lead to further respiratory complications," said Dr. Adrian DiVittorio. You also have a better chance of overheating when you're wearing a mask when it's this hot outside.



"Our body has several methods and mechanisms on how we can cool ourselves down, sweating, etc. But one of them is through breathing out hot air. So if we're increasing our work of breathing because we're breaking through a mask in the heat and the humidity and then were unable to exhale hot air then certainly overheating can occur," said Dr. DiVittorio. There are several symptoms you should watch for. "If the symptoms of heat stroke or overheating or respiratory difficulties such as severe tiredness, very fast heart rate, severe panting then absolutely take the mask off, sit down and try to cool down. Take a few breaths," Dr. DiVittorio said.

If you have to be outside in the heat and humidity especially during this time when wearing masks is the recommendation, taking breaks and staying hydrated may be more important than ever. You can start conditioning your body now, before it gets hotter.

"The general recommendation that I give all my patients irrespective of what's going on in the world with respect to wearing masks is 30 minutes of daily moderate-intensity aerobic exercise. You know we still advocate the use of masks, social isolation and distancing and the guidelines that we've recommended, they are working," said Dr. DiVittorio.



He says if your face mask gets wet from sweating, it's basically like having a wet towel over your face and it will make breathing even more difficult, so you really do need to have a backup mask or other face covering. (Courtesy https://

www.wkrg.com/)

Related Worried about wearing a face mask in the summer heat? Here are some more tips to make it easier

Health officials still tout face masks as one of the best ways to prevent coronavirus spread and infection, but hot, muggy temperatures will test your patience and could actually make it more difficult for cool air to reach your lungs. You might feel the urge to slip the mask under your nose to breathe more easily, or you might be tempted to take it off after drenching the material in sweat. It's important to resist those urges because touching your face and exposing your airways while around other people can increase your chances of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

Here are some tips to get you through this summer.

MATERIAL AND COLOR The first way to ensure a comfortable summer experience during the pandemic is to choose a breathable material. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says to "use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets," or even a cut-up T-shirt. Cotton isn't particularly good at absorbing moisture from the skin, but it's more breathable than synthetic fibers such as polyester, which can make it hotter and harder to breathe through, Nicole Jochym, a medical student who works with the Sew Face Masks Philadelphia organization, told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A study found that one layer of T-shirt material blocks about 40% of water droplets mixed with fluorescent particles that mimicked the coronavirus's size, while adding a second layer increased blockage to 98%, according to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign researchers.



But highly breathable materials also allow more particles to pass through your mask into your breathing area, meaning you aren't protecting yourself from infection, but curbing spread to

others, the CDC says.

Other experts suggest a double-layered mask made of bamboo fabric while exercising under high-heat, outdoor settings, Gerardo Chowell, an epidemiology professor at Georgia State University, told BuzzFeed.

That's because bamboo is 40% more absorbent than "the finest organic cotton," and can take in "three times more water than its weight" when woven into a piece of fabric, according to Cariloha, a bamboo retail store.

The darker the color of your mask, the more attention you're grabbing from the sun, too, because the colors absorb more ultraviolet rays, becoming hotter more quickly than fabrics of lighter colors, experts say.

WASH, WASH AND WASH AGAIN A sweaty muggy mask isn't fun, so experts suggest you bring several clean ones with you if you expect to be under the sun for long periods of time.

This is because soggy masks can be more harmful to your health.

LIMIT YOUR TIME OUTSIDE As the advice goes for any summer, limit your time outside to prevent sunburns and heat exhaustion, which may include heavy sweating and rapid pulse, or lead to heat stroke when exposed to high temperatures and humidity, according to Mayo Clinic.

"It's very important to wear an SPF of 50 or higher, apply before putting on the mask and then reapply regularly when out," Dr. Doris Day, a New York dermatologist and clinical associate professor of dermatology at the New York University Langone Medical Center, told BuzzFeed.

Moisture sitting in masks for too long creates perfect breeding grounds for bacteria and viruses to thrive, especially when worn more than once without washing between uses, a 2015 study found. That's why the CDC suggests washing cloth masks after each use, either in the washing machine or by hand with a bleach solution. (Courtesy https://www.miamiherald.com/)

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美南新聞追蹤報導：國際觀點：馬來西亞專家吳家珍談幼兒園如何對抗疫情



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【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】新冠早以成為全球傳染病，影響了生活中的方方面面，今天的新冠疫情追蹤報導，邀請到在馬來西亞幼兒教育25年、擁有20多家幼兒培訓中心的吳家珍博士，帶您從國際視角，看看不同的防疫觀點。馬來西亞幼兒園抗疫，園方開發線上課程

吳家珍指出，在農曆新年期間開始，幼兒園院方就開始密切注意到中國的疫情動態，並開始擬定遠距離教學計畫，並開始

著手錄製能讓孩子在家學習的視頻。果不其然，馬來西亞不久也受到波及，在當地時間的3月18日就開始實行了行動管制，各行各業百廢待舉。幼兒園方也開始將錄製的影片寄給家長，讓家長與孩子一同在家學習，如果有作業的話，就寄到幼兒園去評測。

家長、學生、園方，叁方配合不容易 此外，幼兒園的老師也會每天與學生進行視訊，和學生打招呼、講故事、玩一些小遊戲、舉辦線上生日會，對吳女士而言

，都是很新的變化，需要花時間去改進視頻錄製方式、角度、光線等。

此外，因為線上授課無法像面對面教學一樣即時，有時候家長也有工作在身，難以配合，因此在過程中，園方與家長經歷了無數次的溝通，磨合出時間，來安排孩子在家學習空間。

疫情過後，幼兒園復學後如何分班、管制衛生？



吳家珍指出，行動管制在馬來西亞已有80多日了，各行各業逐漸準備復甦，幼兒園也準備復課了，面對這樣的改變，她指出「安全」絕對是幼兒園最注重的部分，要依據科學、地方政府擬訂的方案行事，包括社交隔離、勤洗手、戴口罩、衛生環境維護等等，都是幼兒園方需要提防的。而在孩子回來前，全數師資也要經過

許多培訓，有了防疫的基本認識才能在安全的前提下，進行孩童的教學。

此外，她也指出即使在疫情過後，線上教學的比例也不會完全歸零，因為這是未來的新趨勢，因此很慶幸可以在疫情期間促使這種轉型。

孩子行動管制煩悶，幼兒心理如何輔導？

吳家珍指出，孩子也待在家將近叁月，對



於小孩的心靈也必須照護到，她聽到很多小孩都和家長表示「想回去上學」，然慶幸的是，因為採取線上上課的形式，孩子仍然可以天天透過視訊的方式，看到老師與朋友，因此都會與班上同學有互動，雖然不能真的像以前一樣在一起玩鬧，但仍然可以幫助他們減少寂寞感。

戒慎恐懼！全美確診破202萬、死亡破11萬大關

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】截至6月9日，美國新冠確診人數已經突破200萬大關，來到了202萬，死亡人數也突破11萬，根據約翰霍普金斯大學統計指出，目前全世界已有715萬1267件感染案例、超過40萬人喪命。

然而，隨著佛洛伊德案在全美延燒，眾多人物和組織紛紛上街表態支持「黑人的命也是命」的抗議活動。但美國疾病預防控制中心主任羅伯特·雷德菲爾德(Robert Red-

field)在內的衛生官員，都對抗議活動將導致冠狀病毒病例激增表示擔憂。

大約至國殤日開始，休斯頓地區的每日新冠確診人數、以及新冠住院率都呈現上漲趨勢，甚至在上週六單日，還回報了825起新案例，是疫情開始以來最多的一天。本週一休斯頓回報了307起新案例，但市長特納指出，這是兩天數量的加總，因為周日休斯頓健康部門不會進行回報。此外，市長也在推特上表示，感染人數的增加並



不能歸咎於大規模的示威遊行。經濟學家在6月8日證實，美國在2月進入

衰退，5月份的失業人數比經濟學家最初的預期好，但由於大流行，經濟仍然十分蕭條。

川普總統的目標是在未來幾週內恢復競選集會，儘管地點和冠狀病毒預防措施仍在制定中，川普的競選活動早在叁個月前就面臨中斷，當時新冠疫情在很大程度關閉了美國，但總統一直渴望恢復競選活動，並繼續舉行集會，這一直是他政治生涯的標誌。