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Trump plans to send federal law enforcement personnel to Democratic-led U.S. cities



An officer from the New York Police Department is seen injured after attempting to detain a protester smearing paint on the Black Lives Matter mural outside of Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Monday said he plans to send law enforcement personnel to some major U.S. cities, as a federal crackdown on anti-racism protests including use of unmarked cars and unidentified officers in camouflage in Portland, Oregon, angers people across the country.

"We're sending law enforcement," Trump told reporters at the White House. "We can't let this happen to the cities."

Trump, a Republican, mentioned New York, Chicago,

Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore and Oakland, California, as possible places for sending in federal forces, noting the cities' mayors are "liberal Democrats." Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot frequently blasts Trump on Twitter.

State and local leaders in Oregon, as well as members of Congress, meanwhile, have called for Trump to remove Department of Homeland Security officers from Portland.

"They've been there three days and they really have done a fantastic job in a very short period of time, no problem,"

Trump said of law enforcement sent to the historically liberal city to quell often unruly protests. "They grab a lot of people and jail the leaders. These are anarchists."

Federal officers last week began cracking down on Portland protests against police brutality and systemic racism, using tear gas and taking some activists into custody without explanation. Despite a national outcry over the tactics, Department of Homeland Security officials on Monday said they would not back down and would not apologize.

Wave of coronavirus study results raise hope for vaccines

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Early data from trials of three potential coronavirus vaccines released on Monday, including a closely-watched candidate from Oxford University, increased confidence that a vaccine can train the immune system to recognize and fight COVID-19 without serious side effects.

Whether any of these efforts will result in a safe and effective vaccine capable of protecting billions of people and ending the global pandemic is still far from clear. All will require much larger studies to prove they can prevent infection with the virus.

The vaccine being developed by British drug-maker AstraZeneca along with Oxford University, induced an immune response in all study

participants who received two doses without any worrisome side effects.

A coronavirus vaccine under development by CanSinoBiologics Inc and China's military research unit, likewise showed that it appears to be safe and induced an immune response in most of the 508 healthy volunteers aged 18 to 83 who got one dose of the vaccine, researchers reported.

Some 77% of study volunteers experienced fever, fatigue, headache or pain at the injection site not considered to be serious.

Both the AstraZeneca and CanSino vaccines use a harmless adenovirus to carry genetic material from the novel coronavirus into the

body. Studies on both vaccines were published in the journal The Lancet. "Overall, the results of both trials are broadly similar and promising," Naor Bar-Zeev and William Moss, two vaccine experts from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, wrote in a commentary in The Lancet.

However, the CanSino candidate again showed signs that people who had previously been exposed to the particular adenovirus in its vaccine had a reduced immune response. Pre-existing immunity to the type of virus used to deliver the vaccine "is considered to be the biggest obstacle for the candidate ... COVID-19 vaccine to overcome," study authors wrote.

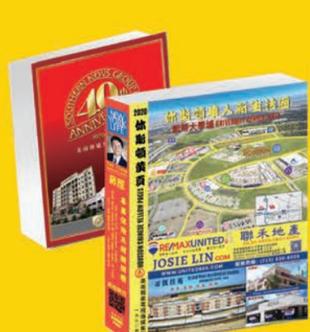
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Mourners view a makeshift memorial to the passing of the late Rep. John Lewis, a pioneer of the civil rights movement and long-time member of the U.S. House of Representatives, under his mural in Atlanta, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chamber



Rapper Kanye West holds his first rally in support of his presidential bid in North Charleston, South Carolina. REUTERS/Randall Hill



Socially-distanced music fans watch a performance by rock band "Monster Truck" at a drive-in concert held in a parking lot on Toronto's waterfront, in Toronto, Canada. REUTERS/Carlos Osorio



Police use water cannon as Israelis protest against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. REUTERS/ Ammar Awad



A man takes a sunbath helped with a light reflector during a warm and humid day in New York. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz



An Egyptian man shows off his motorcycle skills in Cairo, Egypt. REUTERS/Mohamed Abd El Ghany



A man works on an idol of Hindu god Ganesh, the diety of prosperity, before the Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Mumbai, India. REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas

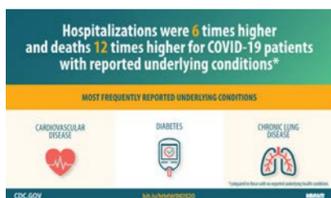
Coronavirus Hospital Data Will Be Sent To The Trump Administration - Not To CDC



The new flu strain is similar to the swine flu that spread globally in 2009. Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

(CNN) Hospital data on coronavirus patients will now be rerouted to the Trump administration instead of first being sent to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention...

Michael Caputo, the assistant secretary for public affairs at the department, confirmed the change first reported by The New York Times earlier in the day...



The Times said hospitals are to begin reporting the data to HHS on Wednesday, noting also that the "database that will receive new information is not open to the public..."

HHS could "be further politicized, and that's the last thing you want." "One of the nice things about CDC being in Atlanta -- being away from Washington -- is that we're able to avoid a lot of political pressure that you get in when you're in DC," he said.



Former CDC directors slam Trump administration for 'sowing confusion' amid pandemic.

On Tuesday, four former CDC directors blasted the administration's efforts to disregard and politicize guidelines from the agency in a scathing Washington Post op-ed...

Related Disappearance of covid-19 data from CDC website spurs outcry. Governors join calls for delay of administration plan to shift control from the CDC as Trump administration pledges to make data available to the public



A coronavirus patient at a Houston hospital is aided by a ventilator. (David J. Phillip/AP)

On the eve of a new coronavirus reporting system this week, data disappeared from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website as hospitals began filing information to a private contractor or their states instead.

And on Thursday, the nation's governors joined the chorus of objections over the abruptness of the change to the reporting protocols for hospitals, asking the administration to delay the shift for 30 days.

The disappearance of the real-time data from the CDC dashboard, which was taken down Tuesday night before resurfacing Thursday morning, was a ripple effect of the administration's new hospital reporting protocol that took effect Wednesday...

Without receiving the data firsthand, CDC officials were reluctant to maintain the dashboard — which shows the number of patients with covid-19, the disease caused

by the virus, and hospital bed capacity — and took it down, the federal health official said. The CDC dashboard states that its information comes directly from hospitals and does not include data submitted to "other entities contracted by or within the federal government."



Critical patient data has disappeared from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

The dashboard "was taken down in a fit of pique," said Michael R. Caputo, the assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

This week, the CDC, the government's premier public health agency whose medical epidemiologists analyze the hospital data, also stopped producing reports about trends in the pandemic that had gone twice a week to states, and six days a week to officials at multiple federal agencies.

Caputo said that the administration's goal is to maintain transparency, adding that conversations were still taking place between HHS officials and the CDC on a plan to keep producing the dashboard updates and the reports.

Another HHS spokesperson said the CDC might create a new dashboard, based on a wider set of information. (Courtesy https://www.washingtonpost.com/)

Website interface for Southern News Group featuring a COVID-19 risk chart, news headlines, and a large banner for the 41st anniversary of the group.