

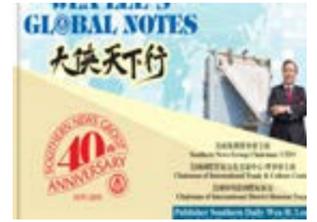


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Biden solidifies U.S. victory over Trump, 306-232 electoral votes



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REHOBOTH BEACH, Del./WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President-elect Joe Biden solidified his victory over President Donald Trump on Friday after the state of Georgia went his way, leaving Trump little hope of reversing the outcome through legal challenges and recounts.

Edison Research, which made the call, also projected that North Carolina, the only other battleground state with an outstanding vote count, would go to Trump, finalizing the electoral vote tally at 306 for Biden to 232 for Trump.

The numbers gave Biden, a Democrat, a resounding defeat over Trump in the Electoral College, equal to the 306 votes Trump, a Republican, won to defeat Hillary Clinton, a 2016 victory that Trump called a "landslide."

While Trump had yet to concede, Biden officials reiterated they were moving ahead with transition efforts regardless.

Although the national popular vote does not determine the election outcome, Biden was ahead by more than 5.3 million votes, or 3.4 percentage points. His share of the popular vote, at 50.8%, was slightly higher than Ronald Reagan's share of the vote in 1980 when he defeated Jimmy Carter.

Trump, a Republican, has claimed without evidence that he was cheated by widespread election fraud and has refused to concede. State election officials report no serious irregularities, and several of his legal challenges have

failed in court.

To win a second term, Trump would need to overturn Biden's lead in at least three states, but he has so far failed to produce evidence that he could do so in any of them. States face a Dec. 8 "safe harbor" deadline to certify their elections and choose electors for the Electoral College, which will officially select the new president on Dec. 14. President-elect Biden, denied classified intel briefings, to bring in national security experts. As Trump refuses to concede defeat, far-right groups plan show of support in Washington

A Michigan state court rejected on Friday a request by Trump to block the certification of votes in Detroit, which went heavily in favor of Biden. [L1N2HZ23E] And lawyers for Trump's campaign dropped a lawsuit in Arizona after the final vote count rendered it moot.

Federal election security officials have found no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, "or was in any way compromised," two security groups said in a statement released on Thursday by the lead U.S. cybersecurity agency.

Trump was set on Friday afternoon to make his first public remarks since Biden was projected as the election's winner on Nov. 7. The White House said he would address the nation on the efforts by the government and drugmakers to develop effective treatments for the coronavirus pandemic.

TRANSITION TALK

Biden officials said on Friday they would press forward with the transition, identifying legislative priorities, reviewing federal agency policies and preparing to fill thousands of jobs in the new administration.

"We're charging ahead with the transition," Jen Psaki, a senior adviser to Biden's transition team, said on a conference call on Friday, while stressing that Biden still needs "real-time information" from the Trump administration to deal with the resurgent pandemic and national security threats. Psaki urged Trump's White House to allow Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to receive daily intelligence briefings on potential threats around the world.

"With every day that passes on, it becomes more concerning that our national security team and the president-elect and the vice president-elect don't have access to those threat assessments, intelligence briefings, real-time information about our engagements around the world," Psaki said. "Because, you know, you don't know what you don't know."

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Trump's refusal to accept defeat has stalled the official transition. The federal agency that releases funding to an incoming president-elect, the General Services Administration, has yet to recognize Biden's victory, denying him access to federal office space and resources.

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CORONAVIRUS DIARY

We Are Helpless Now

Today California became the second state to reach one million COVID-19 cases following Texas.

The new forecast showed that cities in California will have significant case growth into mid-December.

Official COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the nation are piling up at record rates and many experts fear daily deaths will soon follow.

The mayor of Chicago Lori Lightfoot issued a stay at home advisory encouraging residents to stay at home and only leave for school, work or other essential needs.

We are marking the ninth straight day the U.S. has topped over 100,000 daily infections with a new record of 140,000 cases being set. Nearly 1,900 people died on Wednesday.

Facing the national crisis, President-elect Joe Biden is moving forward with his transition plan and named long-time aide Ron Klain as White House chief of staff. Biden said, "His deep, varied experience and capacity to work with people all across the political spectrum is precisely what I need in the White House."

In the meantime, Trump administration



officials are underway to six battleground states that Democratic president-elect Joe Biden won closely.

It is so sad when we watch so many more lives being lost in recent days, yet the political fighting still goes on in D.C.

We are urging all people to go back to your neighbors or to your community and help those people who are really struggling.



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America Failed At Testing Early -- Now, The Second wave Is Here Why A Vaccine Distribution Plan Is Key To Saving The U.S. From COVID-19



Pfizer's Early Data Shows Vaccine Is More Than 90% Effective Covid vaccine is more than 90% effective — 'great day for science and humanity'.

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

Early in April, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top United States infectious disease expert, said that inability to quickly and efficiently test for COVID-19 was a failure early on. Now, months into the pandemic, what's holding us back is the lack of a working vaccine and an effective vaccine distribution plan. COVID-19 testing developed and deployed effectively could have diminished the exposure, spread and fatalities around the country and the world. But now, we are left with continued surges, including this devastating second wave, which on Friday reached over 100,000 cases per day. More than 10.1 million people in the U.S. have been infected with coronavirus, and recently, daily infections have reached peak numbers, which have led to at least 238,000 deaths. This is a mortality rate similar to the 1918 Spanish flu (2.5%). The coronavirus crisis hit the world a century after the Spanish flu, at a time when humanity has significant health care and technology advances, yet we find ourselves in a situation where hundreds of thousands of people are dying and we are still trying to contain the virus and stop the spread.



Anthony Fauci, MD, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, testifies during a U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Hearing at the U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C., U.S., September 23, 2020.

As a country, we can't afford to replicate this failure in vaccine distribution. Vaccine safety, efficacy and adoption are essential, but none of that matters unless we have a plan for effective distribution. Recent evidence suggests that the majority of COVID-19 infections and deaths were avoidable. This means that mothers, grand-

mothers, husbands, grandfathers, brothers, sisters, friends and loved ones could have been saved had the country been prepared for a health crisis. Now that we are getting closer to having life-saving vaccines available, we cannot manage vaccine distribution and administration the way we managed testing. We cannot allow for unnecessary deaths. We cannot fail America again. The Trump administration has published a comprehensive and robust set of recommendations for jurisdictions regarding vaccine distribution. These recommendations (like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations) are a good start, but are not practical for most jurisdictions to implement because of its complexity and lack of clear guidance.



Pfizer Chairman and CEO Dr. Albert Bourla talks about the development process, refusal to participate in Operation Warp Speed and more.

At the national, regional and local levels, it is clear we do not have the infrastructure needed to support these recommendations. We need a solution that will work on the ground to enable our nation to get safe and effective vaccines to people in densely populated urban areas and remote rural areas. We need a practical, last mile on-the-ground game. President-elect Joe Biden told Americans Saturday that he will put together a group of experts to help him come up with a plan to fight COVID-19 in the country. He is expected to speak more about the issue on Monday. Here are three things that need to happen to ensure we don't fail America with the coronavirus vaccine like we failed it with testing: 1. The private sector must step up. 2. Large employers and real estate businesses must act as hubs. 3. National funding should be released immediately to support local com-

munities. Private sector should step up to effectively deliver, track vaccine last mile The recommendations for local jurisdictions are excellent, however, the reality is that local health care organizations just don't have the resources to carry out these recommendations. They don't have sufficient refrigeration, transportation or technology capabilities to ensure community members can get the coronavirus vaccine safely and effectively. To ensure we can effectively vaccinate our communities, we need these businesses to step up and share their resources with the communities that surround them and engage in effective public-private partnerships.



An employee of German biopharmaceutical company CureVac, demonstrates research workflow. (Photo/Andreas Gebert/Reuters)

We need FedEx, DHL, Amazon and more to step up and enable the delivery of vaccines with proper refrigeration. We need Uber and Lyft to step up to ensure patients in hard-to-access areas can get to vaccination hubs. We need Apple, Google, Oracle, IBM and Epic to step up and provide technology services that allow the storing and sharing of data that will be key in helping us understand who's been fully vaccinated for effective tracking. Large employers must serve as distribution hubs To be a successful vaccination effort, this will need to be the largest health care effort in our nation's recent history. We will have to vaccinate millions of people. Again, we don't have space in most of our local health care centers to handle this type of patient flow. This is where large, local employers can play a big role in ensuring last mile success. Large companies that have many employees (for example, Disney, Los Angeles International Airport, universities, etc.), these should be set up to vaccinate their employees -- regardless of whether the employees are normally going into the phys-

ical office. This will help us get a significant number of people vaccinated in an organized way. Additionally, businesses that have access to large spaces or buildings, should use them as vaccination hubs. Places like stadiums, theaters and other venues that are not being used to capacity due to COVID-19 should be established as vaccination centers to help the community -- similar to what was done to help voters get their ballots counted this election season. Finally, it is important to build trust and meet the public where they find trust, such as in churches or other community venues, to enhance access and adoption.



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Federal government needs to release funds for local infrastructure Private sector businesses need to step up and serve the communities where they are located; however, this requires effective public and private partnership. Local government and health care organizations need funding and resources to manage this pandemic for the long term. Specifically, additional hiring and training is needed for education and vaccination administration. Large-scale refrigeration is needed to store vaccines and technology systems need to be built out to track who has been vaccinated and to manage the vaccine inventory. Currently, most local health care organizations do not have these capabilities at the appropriate scale, and therefore cannot manage vaccine distribution. We have an opportunity to ensure vaccine distribution works effectively if we move now and leverage our knowledge from the pandemic thus far. Furthermore, Biden's coronavirus task force can be well-positioned to accelerate vaccine distribution by incorporating these recommendations. (Courtesy abcnews.go.com)

BIDEN WINS



A residential area is shrouded in smog in New Delhi, India, November 9, 2020. Residents of the Indian capital are enduring one of the worst spells of air pollution in years, data showed, raising the risks to city residents posed by the coronavirus, doctors said. REUTERS/Danish Siddiqui



A cab driver raises his fist as people celebrate Joe Biden's election victory on Union Square in Manhattan, New York City, November 7, 2020. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly



A man takes a break from cleaning his house covered in mud after flooding caused by Typhoon Vamco, in San Mateo, Rizal province, Philippines. REUTERS/Eloisa Lopez



Members of The Royal Ballet perform in "The Royal Ballet: Live, Within the Golden Hour", a live-streamed performance broadcast at the Royal Opera House, London, Britain. REUTERS/Toby Melville



People gather in front of the White House after news media declared Joe Biden to be the winner of the election, in Washington, November 7. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



Ethnic Armenian soldiers watch military vehicles of the Russian peacekeeping forces driving along a road in Lachin in the region of Nagorno-Karabakh. REUTERS/Stringer



Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Jon Ossoff gestures with a supporter after speaking at a campaign event at the Georgia State Railroad Museum in Savannah, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers



A healthcare worker takes a swab from a Newark Police officer sitting in a car at a drive-thru COVID-19 test center, during a surge in infections in Newark, New Jersey. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

Pfizer Vaccine Trial Success Signals Breakthrough In Pandemic Battle



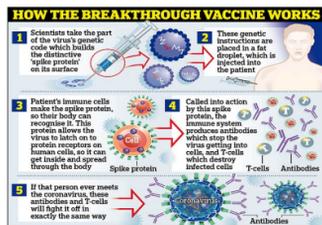
The good news is that Pfizer Inc's PFE.N experimental COVID-19 vaccine is more than 90% effective based on initial trial results, the drugmaker said on Monday, a major victory in the war against a virus that has killed over a million people and battered the world's economy.

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(Reuters) - Scientists, public health officials and investors welcomed the first successful interim data from a large-scale clinical test as a watershed moment that could help turn the tide of the pandemic if the full trial results pan out. However, mass roll-outs, which needs regulatory approval, will not happen this year and several vaccines are seen as necessary to meet massive global needs. Pfizer and German partner BioNTech SE 22UAY.F said they had found no serious safety concerns yet and expected to seek U.S. emergency use authorization this month, raising the chance of a regulatory decision as soon as December. If granted, the companies estimate they can roll out up to 50 million doses this year, enough to protect 25 million people, and then

produce up to 1.3 billion doses in 2021. "Today is a great day for science and humanity," said Pfizer Chief Executive Albert Bourla, noting the data milestone comes with "infection rates setting new records, hospitals nearing over-capacity and economies struggling to reopen." Experts said they wanted to see the full trial data, but the preliminary results looked encouraging. "This news made me smile from ear to ear. It is a relief to see such positive results on this vaccine and bodes well for COVID-19 vaccines in general," said Peter Horby, professor of emerging infectious diseases at the University of Oxford. There are still many questions, such as how effective the vaccine is by ethnicity or age and how long

immunity may last.

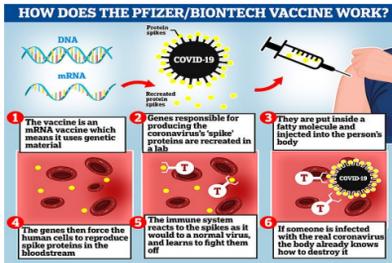


"But the bottom line is, as a vaccine it's more than 90% effective, which is extraordinary," top U.S. infectious diseases expert Dr. Anthony Fauci told CNN. Pfizer expects to seek U.S. emergency use authorization for people aged 16 to 85. To do so, it will need two months of follow-up safety data to assure no side effects crop up. That is expected to be available in the third week of November. U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said it would take several weeks for U.S. regulators to receive and process the data before a potential approval.

MARKETS SURGE

The prospect of a vaccine electrified world markets with the S&P 500 and Dow hitting record highs. JPMorgan said on Monday it expected the S&P 500 index to hit 4,000 points by early 2021 and called Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine and called Pfizer Inc's PFE.N COVID-19 vaccine update "one of the best backdrops for sustained gains in years." Stock of theme park and film company Walt Disney rose 12% and movie chain operator AMC Entertainment Holdings was up 51%. Shares in companies that have thrived during lockdowns, such as Netflix Inc NFLX.O and conferencing platform Zoom Video ZM.O tumbled. Gun stocks sold off on higher hopes for a return to normal and a lack of civil unrest. Pfizer shares jumped more than 8% to their highest since July last year, while BioNTech's stock hit a record high. Mizuho Securities analyst Vamil Divan forecast the vaccine may generate sales in excess of \$8.5 billion for Pfizer in 2020-2021 alone. Shares of other vaccine developers in the final stage of testing also rose with Johnson & Johnson JNJ.N up nearly 4% and Moderna Inc MRNA.O, whose vaccine uses a similar tech-

nology as the Pfizer shot, up more than 8%. Britain's AstraZeneca AZN.L, however, fell 2%. Moderna is expected to report results from its large-scale trial later this month. "It's likely that we're going to have more than one vaccine that's effective," Fauci said. William Schaffner, infectious diseases expert at Van-



derbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, called the Pfizer results better than most anticipated. "The study isn't completed yet, but nonetheless the data look very solid." U.S. President Donald Trump welcomed the test results, and the market boost: "STOCK MARKET UP BIG, VACCINE COMING SOON. REPORT 90% EFFECTIVE. SUCH GREAT NEWS!" he tweeted. President-elect Joe Biden said the news was excellent but did not change the fact that face masks, social distancing and other health measures would be needed well into next year. The World Health Organization called the results very positive but warned there was a funding gap of \$4.5 billion that could slow access to tests, medicines and vaccines in low- and middle-income countries. There are other challenges as well that could affect less affluent countries. The Pfizer vaccine must be shipped and stored at an extremely cold temperature, which requires necessary infrastructure. Even many U.S. hospitals lack these super cold storage units, which may impact when and where the vaccine becomes available in many U.S. rural areas as well. That highlights the need for more traditional vaccines in development, such as J&J's candidate.

'NEAR ECSTATIC'



Vaccine Vials with a sticker reading, "COVID-19"

Coronavirus vaccine / Injection only" and a medical syringe are seen in front of a displayed Pfizer logo in this illustration taken October 31, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/Illustration/File Photo Still, there was cause for jubilation. "I'm near ecstatic," Bill Gruber, one of Pfizer's top vaccine scientists, said in an interview. "This is a great day for public health and for the potential to get us all out of the circumstances we're now in." The European Union said on Monday it would soon sign a contract for up to 300 million doses of the Pfizer and BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The companies have a \$1.95 billion contract with the U.S. government to deliver 100 million vaccine doses beginning this year. They did not receive research funding from the Trump administration's Operation Warp Speed vaccine program. The drugmakers have also reached supply agreements with the United Kingdom, Canada and Japan. The interim analysis, conducted after 94 participants in the trial developed COVID-19, examined how many had received the vaccine versus a placebo. Pfizer did not provide that detail, but over 90% effective implies that no more than 8 of the 94 had received the vaccine, administered in two shots about three weeks apart. The efficacy rate, which could drop once full results are available, is well above the 50% effectiveness required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a coronavirus vaccine. Shortly after Pfizer's announcement, Russia said its Sputnik V vaccine was also more than 90% effective, based on data collated from inoculations of the public. (Courtesy www.reuters.com/)

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小时候，我怕父亲 长大后，父亲怕我

时下不惑，谈起父亲，心里有时沉时浮的回忆，嘴里有时吞时吐的话语，心境尚未修炼到沉静——“欲说还休、却道天凉好个秋”（辛弃疾）的心境，于是又想写一些有关父亲的文字。曾经，我很惧怕我的父亲，好想快点长大，这样可以远离他……尽管邻里八乡，父亲是出了名的勤快人、热心人。家里家外，只要有父亲在，到处利利索索。田地里，即便长不出庄稼，也绝不能长草，是父亲的极致要求。父亲又是个能手巧匠，瓦工活干的特别好，以致东家磊个猪圈，西家砌个鸡窝，都把父亲叫去。饭也不吃，钱也不要，还乐此不倦。由此落个“老好人”称号，再加上父亲的辈分较高，

所以在村子里父亲很受人敬重。但在家，我打心眼里不喜欢父亲。父亲不在家，家才是我的乐园，无论我们兄妹几人怎样嬉戏打闹，母亲从不对我们严声厉色，我们想要什么、想吃什么，母亲都会放下手中的活先来满足我们。可父亲一进门，我们都像霜打的茄子，个个不敢声张，灰溜溜地往外溜。好在晌午，我们都不用母亲叫，都能自觉回家吃饭。可就有那么一次，哥哥不知去了哪里，母亲出去找了一趟又一趟，直到快天黑时，哥哥才回来。还没等母亲问清缘由，暴躁如雷的父亲对哥哥就是一阵拳打脚踢，哥哥一边求饶，一边发誓说再也不去打牌了。一听“打牌”，父亲更像激怒了狮子，指着哥哥的鼻子骂道：“咱家祖宗三代没有赌博的，到你这儿，竟成了赌徒，看我今天不打死你！”说着，疯狂的父亲瞬间抽下腰带，朝哥哥甩去。母亲见状，忙上前护住哥哥，叫哥哥快快跪下向父亲认错，哥哥边哭边跪在地上，求父亲相信他以后再也不敢了，父亲才停了下来。那晚，母亲做好的晚饭我们谁都没吃。哥哥虽躲过了一顿暴打，但被罚跪了整整一宿。

做，这时，父亲走进门来，冲着母亲就蹦起来高来：“地里的活都在那扔着，你却有空工夫给她捣鼓这！”母亲应诺到：“一会就好。”可火爆的父亲，不由分说，端起面盆摔在地下。我吓得躲在外，不敢吭声。打那，我很少和父亲说话，也总是尽量躲着他。后来，长大离家，和父亲相处的日子少之又少。电话成了联系的方式，每次电话过去，父亲总是没话找话似的和我唠个没完。我虽不再像小时那样惧怕父亲，但仍心存芥蒂，总会找借口时不时地对父亲撒谎说：“好了好了，我有事，挂了吧。”父亲虽不舍，但还是急急地回应：“那好，你先忙吧，我挂了。”以致后来我认为，父亲变了，再也不是那个火爆冲天，令我们兄妹害怕的父亲了。但就在不久前，姐姐打电话问我，这几天往家打电话了没。我以为出了什么事，忙问，怎么了？姐姐说，最近她一星期没往家打电话，不敢，因父亲总发火，把她当成了出气筒。我说，不会吧，我昨天刚打过，没发什么火啊。谁知，这个电话还没挂，小妹又打过来，接通，就听嘤嘤的哭声：“姐姐，你快打电话说说咱爸吧，岩岩（家侄）不找对象，该我什么事，可咱爸把火发在我身上……”我有点丈二和尚摸不着头脑，都向我告父亲的状，父亲怎么了？还没等我给父亲打电话问清楚之际，当晚，我都已睡下，电话又响起，竟是嫂子打来的。嫂子是一般不会在

这个时候给我打电话的，除非真发生了什么事？想到此，我慌忙接通，赶紧问，出什么事了？嫂子竟一句三叹气地向我道来：原来父亲看着和侄子年龄相仿的男孩都结婚生子，他就天天督促哥哥给侄子找对象。哥哥说，现在的年轻人不像过去，婚姻，父母做不了主。乃知父亲听了勃然大怒，在电话里竟以死相逼，命令哥哥抓紧时间，没有商量余地。哥哥被父亲训斥，他就拿他儿子出气，侄子又抱着“先立业后成家”的信条始终坚守，以致爆发了家庭内战。末了，嫂子说：“咱爸最听你的，你劝劝爸吧，别让他生气上火，最近我们都不敢往家打电话了，接到爸的电话，心就紧张的打颤……”虽很多年没见过父亲暴躁如雷的样子了，但他发起火来，怒发冲冠的气势，我是能想像的到的。但固执一辈子的父亲、爆如雷电的父亲会听我的劝吗？我虽心有余悸，但还是硬着头皮第二天一早拨通了父亲的电话。父亲的嗓音听起来有点哑，我猜，昨晚他肯定一宿没睡。接通我问：“爸，您感冒了？”“没有。”父亲声音低沉地回答。“那嗓子怎么哑了，是不是操心操的？”我有意带着愠色试探地问。“我没怎么地他们，也没说什么，就说孩子大了，该成家了……”父亲仿佛一下子觉察到我一早打电话来的目的，声音顿时提高八度，倒直奔主题了。借此，我就和父亲聊了起来，说起“上学”与“不上学”的区别、“农村孩子与城市孩子的择偶标准”、谈到男人经济与婚姻的关系……没成想，电话的那端静的出奇，好几次，我都以为掉线了，一叫，父亲忙不迭地应答：“在、在、在、我在”。父亲有史以来，第一次成了我的听众，去了“嗯、嗯、嗯，是、是、是”，父亲几乎没说些什么话。我知道，父亲听进了我的话，与其说父亲“怕”我，不如说是我的话到了父亲的心坎里。最后，更让我始料未及的是，父亲当场向我表态：“放心吧，往后我不多管了，儿孙自有儿孙福！”这会，该轮到我说，“是、是、是”了。能与父亲心平气和地交流并让顽固不化的父亲有所让步，几十年来，父亲带给我的惧怕、隔阂之感荡然无存……

