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U.S. could be next ‘virus epicenter’ as India locks down, global recession looms



FILE PHOTO: A lone person walks in the rain in a mostly deserted Times Square following the outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York, U.S., March 23, 2020. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri

GENEVA/NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The United States could become the global epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday, as India announced a full 24-hour, nationwide lockdown in the world's second-most populous country.

India joined the ranks of Britain and other countries clamping down to hold back the virus as business activity collapsed from Japan to the United States at a record pace in March.

The highly contagious coronavirus has caused entire regions to be placed on lockdown. In some places soldiers are patrolling the streets to keep consumers and workers indoors, halting services and production and breaking supply chains.

"The global health crisis is rapidly morphing into a global recession, as there is a clear tension between preventing infections and ruining the economy," said Edoardo Campanella, an economist at UniCredit Bank in Milan.

Haiti's Scouts set up mobile hand washing sinks to ward off coronavirus

South Korea says Trump asked for equipment to fight coronavirus

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But Wall Street bounced from three-year lows as investors pin their hopes on the U.S. Senate passing a \$2 trillion stimulus bill.

Confirmed coronavirus cases around the world exceeded 377,000 across 194 countries and territories as of early

Tuesday, according to a Reuters tally, more than 16,500 of them fatal.

In Geneva, WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris said infections in the United States had greatly increased.

Over the previous 24 hours, 85 percent of new cases were in Europe and the United States, and of those, 40 percent were in the United States.

As of Monday, the virus had infected more than 42,000 people there, killing at least 559.

Asked whether the United States could become the new epicenter, Harris said: "We are now seeing a very large acceleration in cases in the U.S. So it does have that potential."

Some U.S. state and local officials have decried a lack of coordinated federal action, saying that having localities act on their own has put them in competition for supplies.

President Donald Trump acknowledged the difficulty.

"The World market for face masks and ventilators is Crazy. We are helping the states to get equipment, but it is not easy," he tweeted.

FILE PHOTO: A lone person walks in the rain in a mostly deserted Times Square following the outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in the Manhattan borough of New

York City, New York, U.S., March 23, 2020. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday the government would impose a nationwide lockdown from midnight for 21 days.

Health researchers have warned that more than a million people in India could be infected with the coronavirus by mid-May, prompting the government to shut down all air and train travel, businesses and schools.

On Tuesday, Modi, leader of the world's biggest democracy, went further, saying nobody would be allowed to leave their homes.

"The only way to save ourselves from coronavirus is if we don't leave our homes, whatever happens, we stay at home," Modi said.

India has so far reported 482 confirmed cases of the coronavirus and nine deaths.

OLYMPIC ORGANIZERS GIVE IN

Olympic Games organizers and the Japanese government had clung to the hope that the world's biggest sporting event could go ahead, but finally bowed to the inevitable to make Tokyo 2020 the latest and biggest victim of a ravaged sporting calendar.

After a call with International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the July 24-Aug. 9 event would be rescheduled for the summer of 2021 at the latest - as proof of victory over the coronavirus.

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Democrats, Republicans say deal near on \$2 trillion U.S. coronavirus aid

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Senior Democrats and Republicans said on Tuesday they were close to a deal on a \$2 trillion coronavirus economic stimulus package, raising hopes that the divided U.S. Congress could soon act to try to limit the pandemic's economic fallout.

“We are very close,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said, as the chamber opened its session on Tuesday morning.

The Republican-led chamber's top Democrat, Chuck Schumer, said a few hours later that talks had been “very productive.”

Pelosi says she's optimistic coronavirus relief deal can be reached on Tuesday

“At this point, of the few outstanding issues I don't see any that can't be overcome within the next few hours,” Schumer said on the Senate floor.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, said the two sides had agreed to more oversight provisions for a proposed \$500 billion fund to help hard-hit businesses, resolving a key sticking point.

Steven Mnuchin, President Donald Trump's treasury secretary, told reporters in the morning that lawmakers hope to have a draft ready within the next two to three hours. He confirmed the changes to the industrial fund.

“There's better oversight,” Mnuchin said.

Along with the industrial aid, the bill would send direct payments of up to \$3,000 apiece to millions of U.S. families at a cost of \$500 billion. It also would provide \$350 billion for small-business loans, \$250 billion for expanded unemployment aid and at least \$75 billion for hospitals.

Schumer said Democrats had secured more robust unemployment aid that would pay idled workers their full salaries for up to four months. Jobless benefits typically only cover a portion of lost wages.

Lawmakers were also nearing an agreement to include \$32 billion in grants to passenger and cargo airlines, sources



FILE PHOTO: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) arrives during negotiations on a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) relief package on Capitol in Washington, U.S., March 23, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts

said.

FILE PHOTO: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) arrives during negotiations on a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) relief package on Capitol in Washington, U.S., March 23, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts

Democrats have twice blocked attempts to advance the bill, saying it did not provide enough money for states and hospitals, lacked sufficient aid for unemployed Americans and did not include adequate

supervision of a massive fund to aid big businesses.

Wall Street bounced from three-year lows on Tuesday on hopes that the Senate might be close to ending its standoff on the legislation. [nL4N2BH4J3]

Trump, seeking re-election on Nov. 3, has said he may ease a public-health clamp-down that aims to slow the spread of the virus in an effort to quickly restart the

economy. State officials warned that such an action could compound the damage.

‘ALL OF THE NONSENSE’

Republicans, Democrats and top Trump aides have negotiated for days over the package, which would be the third and largest passed to address the crisis if it is backed by both the Senate and the Democratic-led House and signed by the Republican president.

Stay at home!

BUSINESS

Work safe!

‘Stay Home Work Safe Order’ Into Effect In Harris County, Houston Tuesday At Midnight

Judge Hidalgo Orders Stay-At-Home For Harris County, Closing Most Businesses Through April 3



Harris County Judge Hidalgo looks at her notes before starting a press conference announcing that the county will adopt a “Stay Home, Work Safe” strategy until April 3, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at TranStar in Houston. Grocery stores and restaurants will remain open (for takeout, delivery). Daycares that provide support for essential employees will also remain open. (Photo/ Houston Chronicle)

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

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo issued a stay-at-home order Tuesday morning closing most businesses and directing residents to stay put except for groceries and errands in the latest measure aimed at slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus. The order will take effect at 11:59 p.m. and expire April 3. The rules are the strictest since Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner last week closed bars and clubs and limited restaurants to takeout and delivery.

“We’re working hard to stay ahead of this virus to prevent us from getting in a difficult position,” the county judge said. “This means that all of us should stay home unless our jobs are essential for the health and safety of our community,” said Hidalgo at Tuesday morning’s press

conference.



Harris County Judge Linda Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner begin a press conference announcing that the county will go into a more restricted lock-down until April 3, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at TranStar in Houston.

The order goes into effect at 11:59 p.m.

March 24 (Tuesday night) and will stay in effect until at least April 3. Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner made it clear they did not want to use the term “shelter-in-place” because those words, in Houston, are typically reserved for plant explosions, shootings or hurricanes.

Those who do not comply with the order and attend large gatherings or parties, for instance, could face a fine and up to 180 day in jail, Hidalgo said.

STAY AT HOME ORDER RULES

- GOES INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT
- LASTS UNTIL APRIL 3
- RESTRICTS GATHERINGS
- DOESN'T IMPACT GROCERIES/FOOD
- WORSHIP SERVICES VIA VIDEO

Stores, daycares and parks will remain open

Essential businesses, like grocery stores, will remain open. And restaurants can continue to provide takeout and deliveries. Daycares that provide support for essential employees will remain open.



City and county parks will also remain open, although Hidalgo warned that people must keep their distance from each other. Park workout equipment and playgrounds should not be touched or used.

Both the judge and the mayor said they will refer to the federal government’s list of 16 critical sectors to determine what is “essential.”

From the federal government: “There are 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health

or safety, or any combination thereof. Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21): PPD-21 identifies 16 critical infrastructure sectors.”

The 16 sectors deemed ‘critical’ by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency are as follows:

- Chemical Sector
- Commercial Facilities Sector
- Communications Sector
- Critical Manufacturing Sector
- Dams Sector
- Defense Industrial Base Sector
- Emergency Services Sector
- Energy Sector
- Financial Services Sector
- Food and Agriculture Sector
- Government Facilities Sector
- Healthcare and Public Health Sector
- Information Technology Sector
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector
- Transportation Systems Sector
- Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

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Editor’s Choice



U.S. President Donald Trump pauses as he participates in a televised Fox News Channel “virtual town hall” with Fox anchor Bill Hemmer on the coronavirus response in the Rose Garden at White House in Washington, U.S. March 24, 2020. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A Buddhist monk wearing a protective mask poses at Wat Pho temple, one of the city’s top tourist spots, which is empty due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Bangkok



Yoshiro Mori, President of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee as he attends a news conference after a telephone meeting with IOC President Thomas Bach (not in picture), while the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues. In Tokyo, Japan, March 24, 2020. REUTERS/Issei Kato TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A 3D printed Olympics logo is seen in front of displayed “Tokyo 2021” words in this illustration



A woman reads a newspaper wearing a mask of Britain’s Queen Elizabeth near Tower bridge, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, London, Britain, March 24, 2020. REUTERS/Hannah McKay TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A health worker sprays disinfectant to prevent an outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi



Iranian men bury the journalist Abdollah Zavieh, who passed away due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at Behesht Zahra cemetery in Tehran



Workers in protective suits disinfect a waiting hall at the Wuhan Railway Station which has been closed due to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Wuhan

Officials are preparing for engineering, medical, logistics missions, including makeshift hospitals

Military Role Widens In U.S. Pandemic Response



A military health worker at a drive-through coronavirus testing center on Staten Island. Defense officials opened up a range of military capabilities this week. (Photo/Reuters)

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WASHINGTON—The U.S. military said Friday it is preparing plans to take over hotels and other buildings if necessary to add to the nation's supply of hospital rooms, part of its response to the coronavirus emergency. Pentagon officials detailed the plans as they opened up the range of military capabilities and forces this week, with preparations for deploying thousands of National Guard troops, providing hospital ships and ferrying medical equipment. The head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers outlined plans for taking over as many as 10,000 hotel rooms, college dormitories and other spaces in New York to provide medical services to accommodate the exponential increase of virus-related

hospitalizations.



Based on a request from state officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, which is coordinating the crisis response for the White House, the Corps would forge contracts with hotels, colleges and possibly sports

arenas—all of which are largely empty anyway—to begin to transform them into medical facilities, Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite said. “We would then take the building over in a period of an exceptionally short amount of days, and we would go in and turn this into an ICU-like facility,” he said. Nurses’ stations would be built in the hallways of the empty hotels, for example, he said. Other equipment, including wireless capability to give medical staff the ability to monitor individual patients, also would be installed, he said.



The planning reflects the urgency the military has begun to bring to the issue this week as state governors and the White House scrambled to prepare for a substantial increase in the number of coronavirus cases nationwide. State and federal officials have forecast a steep demand for medical support as hospitals are expected to become overrun with patients. As of Friday, there were nearly 17,000 cases of the virus in the U.S., contributing to more than 200 deaths. California and Washington state have seen the fastest spread, but New York has become a center of the pandemic in the U.S., with more than 4,400 cases. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has been pushing the federal government and the military for assistance.



Other military capabilities were already on the way. Defense Secretary Mark Esper this week pledged two hospital ships, more than five million face masks, virus test kits and ventilators to those regions that need it, marking the first public offer of specific equipment and supplies the military could provide. In the meantime, Pentagon officials said Friday that the National Guard already had activated hundreds more Guardsmen to help states. A total of more than 3,300 Air and Army National Guardsmen were activated in nearly 30 states and U.S. territories as of Friday, including California and New York. Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, head of the military’s National Guard Bureau, said Thursday he expected the demand for more Guardsmen to grow rapidly across the nation.



“It’s hard to tell what the exact requirement will be, but I’m expecting tens of thousands to be used inside the states as this grows,” he said. “I think this could quickly blossom in the next couple of weeks as governors and states determine their needs and ways to use their National Guards.” There are about 450,000 Guardsmen across the nation, most serving in a part-time capacity. Guard units also are being asked by governors to help with local and state government logistics, transportation, sanitation and sterilization and other efforts. Some state and federal officials have suggested the Guard could back up law enforcement personnel in areas that are under severe restrictions to contain the spread of the virus, a move that could stoke public debate about the role of the military in civilian U.S. life.

Gen. Lengyel said that placing the Guard under federal control for a nationwide law enforcement function also would detract from the flexibility governors now have in using the Guard. (Courtesy <https://www.wsj.com/>)



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Stay-at-home! 哈里斯郡頒布命令要民衆「待在家」



【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】繼周邊城市如奧斯汀、達拉斯等接連宣布「待在家」命令後，哈里斯郡和休斯頓市也於24日一早發布「待在家」命令，從今天開始除了特定的「必要性」行業，民眾必須待在家，減緩疫情擴散。

哈里斯郡郡長伊達戈爾(Lina Hidalgo)於24日一早的記者會發布這項「待在家、安全工作」(Stay Home Work Safe)命令，將於24日午夜後開始生效，直到4月3日結束，但並不代表大休斯頓地區要「封城」、或者「避難」。

關於「待在家」命令，你該知道的事...

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】哈里斯郡於24日頒布「待在家，安全公作」命令，將從25日午夜起立即生效，一直到4月3日才結束。雖說如此，「待在家」命令的定義、範圍究竟多寬？詳細細節為何？

是否可以上班？

只要是在政府規定的16個部門範圍內的「必要」行業，仍然可以上班，但要與他人保持6呎的社交距離。

此次疫情仍然能夠營業的16個部門如下：化學產業、商業設施產業、媒體業、重要製造業、水壩產業、國防工業基礎部門、緊急服務部門、能源產業、金融服務產業、食品及農業產業、政府機關部門、健康照護與公

眾健康部門、資訊科技業、核反應、材料和廢棄物部門、大眾運輸業、水和廢水系統部門。

是否可以去超市採買？

可以，超市在這段期間仍然會營業。然而，所有超市都會被下令員工與客人要保持6呎距離。若非民生必需品，健康官員仍然不建議出外採買。

是否可以上教堂？

不可以，所有哈里斯郡內的教堂將被規定以「線上直播」形式進行宗教儀式。為了心靈輔導的「一對一」的會面

郡長伊達戈爾表示，只有特定「必要行業」才能繼續營業。她指出哈里斯郡和休斯頓市，會由醫訊安全及基礎設施安全局(Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency)羅列出16個在這段期間內，被認為是「必要」的行業部門。郡長也指出，包括餐館(禁止內用)、超市、加油站、以及日照中心等都仍然會營業，讓需要工作者有地方看顧小孩。此次疫情仍然能夠營業的16個部門如下：

1. 化學產業
2. 商業設施產業
3. 媒體業
4. 重要製造業
5. 水壩產業
6. 國防工業基礎部門
7. 緊急服務部門
8. 能源產業
9. 金融服務產業
10. 食品及農業產業
11. 政府機關部門
12. 健康照護與公眾健康部門

13. 資訊科技業
14. 核反應、材料和廢棄物部門
15. 大眾運輸業
16. 水和廢水系統部門

針對這些行業的工作者郡長伊達戈爾也指出，人們可以如往常一樣工作，但應該要「安全工作」，人與人間保持6呎距離。郡級和市級公園仍然會開放，雖然郡長伊達戈爾警告，民眾應與他人保持距離，並且勿觸摸或使用公園健身器材和遊樂場。當局也警告，若在此期間違反命令、成群聚會者，將面臨罰款以及最高180天的監禁。



可以例外，但一樣也要套用6呎社交距離

的規定。

是否可以去公共公園？

可以，公園仍然會營業，但是遊客一樣也要遵守6呎距離。所有公共設施如椅凳、運動器材、遊樂場、籃球場等設施都會關閉，以降低人群接觸。

是否可以出門探望他人，如年長的親戚？

可以，若家人、親戚、寵物等重要關係者出現緊急、必要狀況，可以出門探視。

餐館是否會關閉？

不會，哈里斯郡內的餐館仍然會營業，除了內用禁止外，外帶、外送、得來速都照常營業，民眾仍然可以去購買食物。

2.5兆救勞工 美民主黨擬推新版振興案

（綜合報導）由於民主黨阻撓，美國財政部力推的2兆美元經濟刺激法案23日再度卡關，以49票同意、46票反對（未達60票門檻）遭打回票，共和黨與民主黨表示將持續協商以達成協議，同時民主黨也宣布將推出自家版的2.5兆美元振興計畫。

民主黨已連續2天在參議院阻止共和黨提出的大規模振興法案，這意味美國民眾引頸期盼的每位成人1200美元、兒童500美元支票在短期內無法兌現。23日參院氣氛緊張，多數黨領袖麥康納罕見動肝火，痛批民主黨盲目阻撓且「要求清單越來越長」。

麥康納22日晚間表示，民主黨「玩弄美國人民的感情，還有市場跟醫療保健」。共和黨多名議員也痛批，民主黨「大玩政治遊戲」，把危機當成籌碼，還企圖將氣候變遷

等與當前危機無關的「願望清單」塞進法案內。

民主黨則主張，共和黨提案內容包括5000億美元的「財政部應急預備金」，根本是「灑錢救財團」，且沒有任何附帶條件，這將導致國會無法監督資金流向。

民主黨、共和黨第2度談判破裂後，參院少數黨民主黨領袖舒默表示，他將與財政部長穆努欽再次會談，希望24日可以達成協議。

民主黨籍眾議院議長裴洛西23日則表示，該黨將推出新的經濟振興計畫。民主黨版的方案規模更大，將超過2.5兆美元，重點放在勞工健康、薪資、福祉，包括每人可領1500美元、向小型企業提供5000億美元補助，以及提供無息貸款、強化失業保險等。

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（綜合報導）美國新冠疫情猖獗，截至台灣時間24日晚間，確診人數高達46481人、335人死亡，共16州頒布「禁足令」，影響人數逾全美40%。世衛估計，美國將成為受疫情影響最嚴重的地區。由於疫情嚴峻造成醫療器材不足，福特、通用與特斯拉3間車廠都獲得特許，將開始生產人工呼吸器。

川普22日在推特發文說，「通用、福特和特斯拉都獲准將生產線轉投入呼吸器以及其他（醫療用）金屬零件。動作快！車廠老闆們，來看看你們多有良心？」隨著疫情升溫，加上目前尚未發現有效藥物，重症患者需要呼吸器輔助呼吸，目前全美只有大約17萬台呼吸器。

迄今全美已有16州下令民眾待在家中。加州最早實施禁足令，19日開始；伊利諾州、紐澤西州都是21日；紐約州為22日；路易斯安那州、康乃狄克州、華盛頓州、俄亥俄州、俄勒岡州是23日；新墨西哥州、麻州、德拉瓦州、密西根州、西維吉尼亞州、印地

安納州皆為24日；夏威夷州則在25日生效。待「封州令」全數生效，全美將有1.42億人被隔離。

聯邦衛生福利部公共衛生總監亞當斯（Jerome Adams）23日警告，預期「本周疫情會惡化」，因為許多人可能到華府賞櫻，造成疫情跟著「開花」。他強調，大家現在必須做正確的事，那就是「待在家裡」。

同日，加州州長紐森指出，據估計加州預計需要額外5萬張病床，以容納確診病患。雖然該州早就發布禁足令，但周末還是有大批民眾湧入馬利布（Malibu）、聖塔莫尼卡（Santa Monica）等海灘，紐森被迫加強封鎖力道，宣布關閉州內所有海邊與公園停車場。

此外，華盛頓州斯諾蘭米市（City of Snoqualmie）市長拉森（Matt Larson）13日出現新冠肺炎症狀，檢測結果22日出爐，呈陽性。目前他已自我隔離超過10天，他的家人也正接受隔離觀察。

鑽石公主號新冠病毒 清艙17天仍活著

（綜合報導）美國疾病管制與預防中心針對遭新冠病毒傳染船上將近1/5人數而引起全球關注的「鑽石公主」號的調查報告23日出爐，指出自船上乘客與機組人員全數下船後的17日，在船艙仍發現有新冠病毒存在。美媒分析指出，從此可見病毒可長期存活在物體表面，這也就是為什麼若要讓餐廳、酒吧以及體育館等空間重啟運作時必須三思，特別病毒傳播速度現今相當快速。

根據美媒AXIOS報導，這份報告檢測了停留在橫濱港隔離的「鑽石公主」號上存留的病毒，並發現46.5%的確診案例中，在接受檢測時是無發病症狀的，這也一部分解釋了在乘客與機組人員之間遭受病毒的高傳染機率。截至乘客因隔離期滿下船後，當時統計共有3711名乘客與機組人員的「鑽石公主」號，船上共有712名人員遭感染，比例佔19.2，將近1/5。

傳染疾病與流行病學教授史密斯（Tara Smith）對此報告在推特上表示，當時檢測無症狀人們並未接著回報是否最後變成確診，「所以目前在他們仍可能處於病毒的潛伏期」。

史密斯也表示，根據統計模式推測鑽石公主號的疫情顯示，將近17.9%的遭感染者並未演變成確診病狀。他也指出，即使在船艙清空的後17日與船上徹底消毒之前，仍可從船上有症狀與無症狀的乘客身上中發現新冠病毒的核糖核酸，不過核糖核酸的存在並不代表病毒存在。

報導指出，雖然這份資料並不能確定存留在硬體上的病毒，是藉由什麼管道傳播出去，病毒在船上的傳播方式仍須進一步研究。



美股大反彈 道瓊飆漲11% 創1933年來最高單日漲幅

（綜合報導）美國國會準備祭出重大紓困方案，緩解新冠肺炎疫情對經濟的衝擊，市場充滿樂觀，美股在週二(24日)大反彈，道瓊飆漲11%，創下了1933年以來最高的單日漲幅。

根據路透社的報導，道瓊工業平均指數上漲2,112.98點，或11.37%，以20,704.91點作收，創下1933年來最大單日漲幅。標普500指數上漲209.93點，或9.38%，以2,447.33點作收，為2008年10月以來最大單日漲幅。科技類股那斯達克指數上漲557.18點，或8.12%，以7,417.86點作收。

這一波漲幅，來自於周二民主黨和共和黨的議員共同推行高達2兆美元的紓困方案，加上是投資人相信現在是市場的低點位，讓市場對於疫情過後經濟復甦抱持著高度樂觀的心情。

而道瓊指數大漲的主動力，來自於波音公司，在執行長卡爾胡(Dave Calhoun)宣布今年中737 MAX客機將重回市場後，股價一天內飆漲了21%。其餘亮眼的個股還有達美航空上漲將近21%，通用汽車也上漲近20%。



不只搶衛生紙！亞裔美國人排6小時瘋買它

（綜合報導）新冠肺炎疫情蔓延全球，各國出現超市生活用品爆買潮，不過隨著歧視事件不斷發生，亞裔美國人為了自保，現在不只搶購衛生紙，還瘋買槍枝，部分大型店家甚至要排上6小時還不一定買得到。

香港《南華早報》報導，大陸率先爆發新冠肺炎疫情後，亞洲人遭歧視、辱罵的情形全世界層出不窮，亞裔人士眾多的美國也有同樣情形，加州一個疫情歧視回報網站指出，19日單日共獲得40起舉報案件。

為了自保，亞裔美國人開始大量購買槍枝。報導指出，過去一個月，美國槍枝及彈藥銷售量暴增，彈藥零售網站ammo.com 10日的銷售額暴風式成長276%，各地實體槍店也是大排長龍。

以擁有約150萬、全美最多亞裔人口的洛杉磯郡為例，當地一家槍枝專賣店老闆劉大衛（David Liu，音譯）就表示，因為生意太好累壞了，最近

幾周幾乎沒時間吃飯和睡覺，他每天上午11點開店，9點就已經有人在門口排隊，他說自己經營的還只是一間小店，如果是大型連鎖槍店，民眾甘願排隊4至6小時，而且還不一定買的到。

劉大衛說最近幾周平均每天營業額有10,000美元，比去年下半年多數時候還要多，過去他的客戶主要是來自大陸的移民，但是在川普宣布美國進入緊急狀態後，「那真的嚇壞每個人了」，他預估現在80-90%的顧客都是槍枝首購族，範圍還擴大到越南裔、菲律賓裔以及日本裔美國人。

劉大衛說，新聞報導美國多個城市出現排華攻擊事件，顧客主要是擔心自己的亞裔面孔會成為下一個被攻擊的目標。此外，他說亞裔美國人對公共安全、搶劫等議題比較有警覺性，尤其，為防範監獄疫情擴大，接下來洛杉磯將會釋放600名囚犯，亞裔人士也相當關注。

十大日勉

肚量大一點，嘴巴甜一點，
行動快一點，效率高一點，
腦筋活一點，理由少一點，
做事多一點，脾氣小一點，
說話輕一點，微笑露一點。

