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## U.S. planning ways to ‘ease’ back to normal if virus efforts work: Fauci



FILE PHOTO: Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, listens during the daily coronavirus task force briefing at the White House in Washington, U.S., April 7, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. health officials are planning ways for the country to return to normal activities if distancing and other steps to mitigate COVID-19 this month prove successful in curbing the outbreak, the top U.S. infectious disease official said on Wednesday.

The Trump administration has called for 30 days of measures, including staying at least six feet away from other people, that have upended American life as most people stay isolated at home, shuttering schools and closing businesses through at least the end of April, with some states continuing certain closures through May and June.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said such steps must continue but that there are hopeful signs they are working.

“If in fact we are successful, it makes sense to at least plan what a re-entry into normality would look like. That doesn’t mean we’re going to do it right now, but it means we need to be prepared to ease into that,” Fauci, a member of the White House coronavirus task force, told Fox News in an interview.

Fauci and other public health experts have said the strict measures are needed to control the fast-spreading and potentially fatal disease that has already led to about 400,000

confirmed COVID-19 U.S. cases and nearly 13,000 deaths, even as the shutdowns have roiled the U.S. economy.

Dr. Deborah Birx, another task force member, said isolation measures must continue for now or else the country could risk a repeated spike despite the allure of warmer spring weather.

“What’s really important is that people don’t turn these early signs of hope into releasing from the 30 days to stop the spread. It’s really critical,” she told NBC News’ “Today” program. “If people start going out again and socially interacting, we could see a really acute second wave.”

Asked if 30-day distancing practices would be enough or that steps might have to continue longer, she said officials were looking at each area of the country differently as they weigh the data.

“Clearly, there are metro areas that are struggling,” Birx said.

## Sanders drops out of U.S. election race, setting up Biden battle with Trump

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Bernie Sanders, a democratic socialist whose progressive agenda pushed the Democratic Party sharply to the left, ended his White House campaign on Wednesday, clearing the way for a Nov. 3 election battle between former Vice President Joe Biden and Republican President Donald Trump.

Sanders, a former front-runner who promised to lead a grassroots political revolution into the White House, acknowledged he no longer had a path to the nomination after a string of nominating contest losses to Biden but promised to work with the former vice president to oust Trump.

He said he would stay on the ballot in future primaries and continue to gather delegates in order to push the Democratic platform toward his populist anti-corporate agenda, including a government-run healthcare system and tax hikes for the rich.

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“Then together, standing united, we will go forward to defeat Donald Trump, the most dangerous president in modern American history,” he said in a livestreamed speech to support-

ers from his hometown of Burlington, Vermont.

The 78-year-old U.S. senator parlayed his massive campaign rallies, anti-establishment message and fervent support from young and new voters into early success in the Democratic race before losing in South Carolina in late February, leading moderate Democrats to unite behind Biden.

Sanders suffered a string of decisive losses through March as Democrats searched for the candidate with the best chance of beating Trump, putting the senator under growing pressure from Democrats to end his campaign and help the party unite.

The departure of Sanders, Biden’s last remaining rival, sets up a long battle for the White House between the 77-year-old Biden and Trump, 73, who is seeking a second four-year term in office.

Biden praised Sanders after his departure and promised his ideas would be incorporated into his White House run. He reached out to Sanders’ supporters.



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# U.S. coronavirus death projection lowered, New York fears undercount

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. officials warned Americans to expect alarming numbers of coronavirus deaths this week, even as an influential university model on Wednesday scaled back its projected U.S. pandemic death toll by 26% to 60,000.

The downward revision in the death toll in the University of Washington model - often cited by U.S. and state policymakers - coincides with comments by some political leaders that caseloads may have reached a plateau in certain areas.

Those assessments in recent days, including an apparent leveling out in hospitalizations in New York state - the U.S. epicenter of the pandemic - are tempered by a persistent climb in the U.S. death toll, which rose by more than 1,900 on Tuesday as some 30,000 new infections were reported.

New York officials warned that a spike in the number of people dying at home suggests that the city may be undercounting how many people have died of COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the new coronavirus.

New York Mayor Bill De Blasio told a briefing that coronavirus-related hospitalizations in the most populous U.S. city had stabilized and that the need for ventilators was lower than projected.

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"In the last few days we've actually seen fewer ventilators needed that were projected," the mayor said.

Even that revised forecast suggested months of pain ahead for the United States. All told, about 400,000 U.S. infec-



A woman is loaded into an ambulance by paramedics in the Harlem neighbourhood of Manhattan during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID19) in New York City, New York, U.S., April 8, 2020. REUTERS/ Mike Segar

tions have been reported, along with roughly 13,000 deaths.

"What's really important is that people don't turn these early signs of hope into releasing from the 30 days to stop the spread - it's really critical," said Deborah Birx, the coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force.

"If people start going out again and socially interacting, we could see a really acute second wave," Birx added.

President Donald Trump's administration has called for 30 days of measures, including staying at least six feet (1.8 meters) away from other people, that have upended American life as most people stay isolated at home, shuttering schools and closing businesses, with millions losing their jobs. Some 94% of the U.S. population has been ordered to stay at home.

Trump, who initially downplayed the coronavirus threat, on Wednesday wrote on Twitter that a reopening of U.S. society will come "sooner rather than later."

Hospitals have been inundated with cases of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus, resulting in shortages of medical equipment and protective garments.

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## BUSINESS

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### New Data Show Curves Flattening, Social Distancing Measures Working Amid COVID-19 Outbreak



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

As COVID-19 cases continue to climb in the U.S., new data shows promise that some states may be approaching the pandemic's peak. During a televised address on Monday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) reviewed the progress of the virus through his state, which showed a possible flattening of the pandemic's curve. While cautious in the prediction, particularly since New York continues to be the hardest hit state in the country, Gov. Cuomo revealed the coronavirus seems to be on the way down in the Empire State. "The flattening, possible flattening, of the curve is better than the increases we've seen," he stated. "Total hospitalizations are down, ICU admissions are down and daily incubations are down; those are all good signs and, again, would suggest a possible flattening of the curve." Meanwhile, New York is not the only state where this trend is apparent. California was the first state to present a case of "community spread" COVID-19 and also the first state to issue a stay-at-home order. Currently, it seems those early measures are yielding results with reports showing a flattening in both new cases and fatal-

ities. According to health experts, a daily growth rate of the pandemic over the last week has come down to "essentially zero."



"California and Washington State, where the coronavirus first emerged in our country, the cases remain at a steady but low rate," said Vice President Mike Pence. Models suggest California's curve may have already been flattened to the point of not overwhelming the state's medical resources with authorities confident enough in this capacity that Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) announced on Monday that 500 ventilators from the state reserves would be lent to the national stockpile for use by other states. The move was touted as an example of crucial cooperation between the states and the federal government, which can best coordinate a nationwide response and allocate resources where they can be

most useful. "We worked with our federal partners, particularly Bob Fenton, our regional director of FEMA," Gov. Newsom explained. "We feel they're better positioned from the perspective of logistics to direct or redirect them (ventilators) to other parts of the country in real time as needed." While the findings are encouraging, experts have also warned the next couple weeks will be particularly difficult for America. These two predictions are not actually in contradiction. As Dr. Anthony Fauci has pointed out, the worst weeks will come before what is likely to be the plateau of the pandemic. Analysts have said all of this points to a crucial conclusion — the country's measures against the pandemic are apparently working. (Courtesy <https://www.oann.com/>)

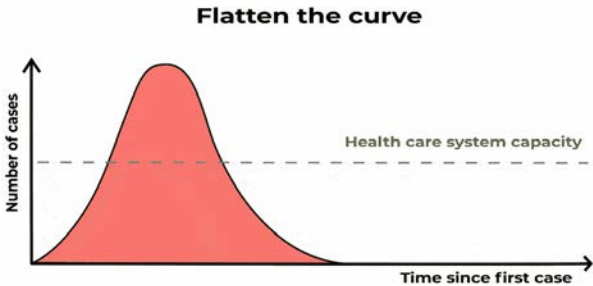
#### Across The Country

The number of coronavirus infections and deaths continue to mount across the United States, but governors in some of the nation's hotspots said Monday they see glimmers of hope in the latest data on the pandemic — evidence the rigid social distancing measures states have mandated are helping slow the spread of the virus.



**In this March 24, 2020, file photo New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaks during a news conference against a backdrop of medical supplies at the Jacob Javits Center that will house a temporary hospital in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in New York. (AP Photo/John Minichillo, File)**  
In New York, home to by far the largest outbreak in the country, more than 130,000 people have now tested positive for Covid-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, out of more than 300,000 total. That figure includes an additional 8,658 cases added on Sunday. The state has 16,000 patients in its hospital system — 13,000 people have been discharged — and 4,758 people have died, more than half of the nearly 9,000 total deaths in the U.S. The number of fatalities, however, has been "ef-

fectively flat for two days," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at a news conference Monday. Cuomo also noted that the total number of hospitalizations, ICU admissions and intubations are down. "Those are all good signs and, again, would suggest a possible flattening of the curve" that tracks the number of cases, he said. Next door, New Jersey now has the second-worst outbreak of the virus. More than 41,000 people in New Jersey have tested positive, and more than 1,000 people have died. But Gov. Phil Murphy tweeted Monday that New Jersey's curve is also flattening. Still, he warned that "this is no time to spike any footballs or to take our foot off the gas." "We still have a week-and-a-half to go, at least, until we hit the peak," Murphy said. "This isn't over — not by a long shot."



The potential bright spots in New York and New Jersey follow recent improvements in Washington state and California, which were the first two states to experience major coronavirus outbreaks. In both states, the governors took early steps to curb the spread of the virus. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency on Feb. 29 and began limiting visitors to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, banning large crowds and closing schools within the next two weeks. Inslee announced Sunday that his state would return more than 400 ventilators to the national stockpile for New York and other states to use. In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency on March 4. He announced a week later that large gatherings should be canceled or postponed and issued a stay-at-home order on March 19. Newsom announced Monday that California was securing tens of thousands of additional beds to treat patients and expanding its health care workforce "significantly." "This is an all hands on deck effort, and I am extremely grateful to all of our partners in the medical community, the private sector and across government for helping us get this far," he said in a statement. "All of these efforts will only pay off if we continue to slow the spread of the virus. Staying home will save lives." Administration officials have cautioned that this week may be the hardest for many Americans, although President Donald Trump has continued to insist he sees light at the end of the tunnel. "It seems to be inherently contradictory, but it really isn't," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said at a White House briefing Sunday. "It has to do with what we explained before about the lag in when you look at the indications that Dr. [Deborah] Birx and the president was talking about, where you see a flattening out of cases." (Courtesy <https://www.politico.com/>)



Editor's Choice



Employees work on a production line inside a Dongfeng Honda factory after lockdown measures in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were further eased, April 8, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song



A member of a medical team reacts at the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport after travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were lifted, April 8, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song



A man wearing protective gear gets through security check at Wuchang Railway Station before travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, are lifted, April 7, 2020. Picture taken April 7, 2020. REUTERS/Stringer CHINA OUT.



A worker in a protective suit is seen at a Dongfeng Honda factory after lockdown measures in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were further eased, April 8, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song



Travellers line up with their belongings outside Hankou Railway Station after travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were lifted, April 8, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song



A staff member wearing face mask and goggles reacts to the camera at a counter at the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport after travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were lifted, April 8,



Travellers eat instant noodles at Wuchang Railway Station before travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, are lifted, April 7, 2020. Picture taken April 7, 2020



Travellers wearing protective gear are seen at a check-in counter at the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport after travel restrictions to leave Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province and China's epicentre of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, were lifted, April 8, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song



U.S. COVID-19 Deaths Will Be Lower Than Original Projection – Dr. Anthony Fauci



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

Anthony Fauci said Wednesday morning that he thinks the number of U.S. deaths from coronavirus will end up being less than the original projection of 100,000 to 200,000. Fauci, the government’s top infectious disease expert, attributed the drop to the success of social distancing measures that have directed people to stay home and closed many businesses. “Although one of the original models projected 100- to 200,000 deaths, as we’re getting more data and seeing the positive effect of mitigation, those numbers are going to be downgraded,” Fauci said on Fox News. “I don’t know exactly what the numbers are going to be, but right now it looks like it’s going to be less than the original projection.” By the end of March, the White House was projecting 100,000 to 240,000 deaths as America’s best-case scenario for the pandemic. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield made similar comments on Tuesday, saying he expected the number of deaths to be

“much lower” than what was predicted by the models.



**Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. (Photo/© getty images)**  
A closely watched University of Washington model is now projecting about 60,000 deaths in the U.S. Despite some hopeful signs, Fauci emphasized that now is not the time to ease up on social distancing measures, the best way to keep improving the outlook. “We’re going to start to see the beginning of a turnaround, so we need to keep pushing on the mitigation strategies because there’s no doubt that that’s having a positive impact,” he said.

“Now’s not the time to pull back at all,” he added. “It’s a time to intensify.” President Trump has been eager to reopen the economy, and Fauci said planning for that is underway at the White House, where late Tuesday night there was a meeting on the subject in the Roosevelt Room. “If in fact we are successful it makes sense to at least plan what a reentry into normality would look like,” Fauci said. “That doesn’t mean we’re going to do it right now, but it means we need to be prepared to ease into that. And there’s a lot of activity going on.” (Courtesy https://thehill.com/)

COVID Breakdown

In New York -- the state hit hardest by the pandemic -- the curve has flattened so far, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday.



**A sign thanking front-line workers is seen on an apartment window, during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease in the Brooklyn borough of New York, April 8, 2020.**  
“What we have done and what we are doing is actually working,” the governor said, but he warned, “if we stop what we are doing, you will see that curve change.” “I’m not willing to say -- because it’s not true -- that any of this is over or anything has been accomplished. Because this is just a small snapshot in time where we are,” Cuomo said. If the hospitalization rate keeps decreasing the way it is now, the hospital system should stabilize over the next few weeks, he said. However, the death toll is going steadily up, and on Tuesday the state saw the highest single-day death toll yet, with

779 new fatalities, Cuomo said. The number of deaths may continue to rise as those hospitalized for the longest periods pass away, he said. While New York state lost 2,753 lives at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, now the coronavirus has claimed the lives of over 6,000 people in the state, Cuomo said. Cuomo said he is directing all flags to be flown at half-mast in honor of those lost. **Andrew Cuomo @NYGovCuomo I am directing flags be flown at half-mast in honor of those we have lost to this vicious virus.**



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**Cuomo also said all New Yorkers can vote absentee for this primary in June.**  
And as new preliminary data showed the largest percentage of coronavirus deaths in New York City was among Hispanics, the governor called for more testing in minority communities and more data research immediately. “Why is it that the poorest people always pay the highest price?” Cuomo said. “Are more public workers Latino and African American? Who don’t have a choice, frankly, but to go out there every day and drive the bus and drive the train and show up for work and wind up subjecting themselves to, in this case, the virus?” “Let’s do the research,” he said. (Courtesy https://abcnews.go.com/)



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虛擬貨幣交易平臺的常見套路是，先通過虛假交易騙取客戶入場，再通過操縱市場價格和惡意宕機使客戶被迫爆倉，某些平臺甚至成為犯罪分子洗錢的工具。  
從2017年起，相關部門已經多次重申虛擬貨幣交易非法，並加大了打擊力度。2017年9月4日，人民銀行會同中央網信辦等七部委聯合發布了《關於防範代幣發行融資風險的公告》，明確虛擬貨幣交易場所和ICO（首次代幣發行）是非法金融活動，並開展清理整頓工作。  
有數據顯示，當年各地搜排出的173家境內虛擬貨幣交易平台基本實現無風險退出；以人民幣交易的比特幣從之前全球占比90%以上，下降至不足5%。可以說，對虛擬貨幣的清理整治有效阻隔了其價格暴漲暴跌對我國的消極影響，

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但仍有部分虛擬貨幣交易“死灰復燃”。有平臺為躲避監管，通過將服務器設置在境外、實質面向境內群眾提供交易服務的所謂“出海”方式，繼續從事相關非法活動。更有相關平臺利用區塊鏈這種新興技術，打著高收益的幌子，以區塊鏈技術創新之名，行在線詐騙之實。

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交易量“慘水”欺騙投資者

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在市場調查中發現，前三大虛擬貨幣交易平臺的平均換手率分別為13.25%、8.33%和6.15%，都大幅高於國外持牌交易所的平均換手率2.37%。這說明交易平台存在采用機器人刷量的嫌疑。  
在市場調查中，隨機抽取幾家大型虛擬貨幣交易平臺的交易金額樣本數據分析發現，其交易特征違反了Benford定律。  
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自2018年比特幣等虛擬貨幣價格出現大幅下跌後，各大虛擬貨幣交易所紛紛轉而推出虛擬貨幣期貨合約、永續合約等，並提供數十甚至上百倍的高杠桿，吸引在單邊下行的現貨市場無法套利的投資者。

壹般來說，期貨具有對沖風險的功能，投資者在現貨市場買入某壹種產品，當發現有下跌風險時，可以使用期貨的反向操作來規避價格變動的風險，不失為壹種好的投資工具。但在虛擬貨幣的期貨市場上，卻越來越演化為壹些虛擬貨幣交易所的斂財工具，人為操縱痕跡也越來越重。

在市場調查中發現，某些虛擬貨幣交易平台相互勾結，圖謀客戶的財產，人為制造系統“癱瘓”，導致客戶被迫爆倉。

如壹家平臺通過“拔網線”的方法，使得交易平臺多次出現閃退、卡頓、倉位無法顯示等異常現象，影響客戶正常下單、撤單和平倉等交易操作。宕機時間壹般持續半小時到2小時不等。同壹時間，另壹家平臺通過機器人買賣操縱價格，在其他平臺宕機期間將價格強制拉低或提升。客戶在加了10倍甚至20倍高杠桿的情況下，面對價格的巨幅波動，由於系統宕機無法選擇止損或補倉，只能被迫爆倉，最終損失慘重。兩家平

臺過壹段時間交換角色，故伎重施，改為前者操縱價格，後者宕機以侵占客戶財產。

調查發現，某大型虛擬貨幣交易平台在壹年內共發生系統宕機6次，其中3次為突發故障宕機事件，平臺承認發生過兩次爆倉事件。目前，已出現多起因虛擬貨幣平臺無法登錄而導致合約投資者利益受損的事件。

成為犯罪洗錢“溫床”

隨著比特幣等虛擬貨幣的火爆，其助長非法經濟活動洗錢的風險日益上升。由於虛擬貨幣具有匿名性且能夠跨境流通、支付便利，這就為開展洗錢等違法犯罪活動提供了條件。不少虛擬貨幣通過電子錢包轉移到境外，然後在境外變現，具有較強隱蔽性，使得監管難以追蹤。

通過對虛擬貨幣交易平臺的提現數據分析不難發現，比特幣交易中存在多次小額累計轉入、壹次大額轉出清零的現象，符合洗錢行為的基本特征。

此前被取締的網上黑市“絲綢之路”就是其中壹個知名案例。這壹網上黑市上販賣各種違禁品，如毒品、武器等，其支付工具正是比特幣。

比特幣等虛擬貨幣也讓勒索病毒更加猖獗。2017年5月，名為“想哭”的勒索軟件在全球迅速傳播。被攻擊電腦中的文件將被上鎖，用戶只能向黑客支付300美元等價的比特幣才能解鎖，有逾百個國家和地區數萬臺電腦遭到攻擊。

2017年7月，世界上最大的數字資產交易平台之壹的BTC-e創始人被捕。自BTC-e成立以來，就為犯罪分子客戶群創造了機會。

該平臺不要求用戶身份驗證，這使得犯罪分子利用這個平臺匿名交易並掩蓋資金來源。該平臺也缺乏任何反洗錢相關流程，為世界各地網絡犯罪分子的活動活動提供了便利。平臺上有部分比特幣來自入侵用戶計算機系統所得、詐騙用戶所得、盜取用戶身份出售所有、公職人員腐敗所得、出售毒品所得等，這使得計算機黑客、欺詐、身份盜取、退稅欺詐、貪汙和毒品販運等犯罪活動更加猖獗。

綜合報導 在4月4日的國務院聯防聯控機制發布會上，農業農村部發展規劃司司長魏百剛說，很多人現在關心糧食夠不夠吃，要不要囤積，“我在這裏和大家分享四組數據，就能消除(大家)對這個問題的顧慮。”

第二組數據，糧食產量。我國糧食連年豐收，已連續五年穩定在1.3萬億斤以上，去年糧食產量是13277億斤，創歷史新高。小麥多年供求平衡有余，稻谷供大於求，口糧絕對安全有保障。

第二組數據，人均糧食占有量。2010年以來，我國人均糧食占有量持續高於世界平均水平，2019年超過470公斤，遠遠高於人均400公斤的國際糧食安全的標準線。

第三組數據，糧食庫存量。目前我國糧食庫存充足，庫存消費比遠高於聯合國糧農組織提出的17%-18%的安全水平，特別是兩大口糧——小麥和稻谷庫存大體相當於全國人民壹年的消費量。

第四組數據，我國谷物進口量。

谷物去年淨進口1468萬噸，相當於不到300億斤，僅占我國谷物消費量的2%左右，進口的主要是強筋弱筋小麥、泰國大米等，主要目的是為了調劑需求結構，更好滿足人們多樣化消費需求。

魏百剛說，總體看，我國糧食是產量豐、庫存足，即使在前壹階段國內疫情比較嚴重的時候，市場上的糧食以及各類副食品都是貨足價穩，老百姓家裏都是米面無憂，現在更沒有必要去搶購囤積，“我們說，糧食還是要吃新的好。”

有必要囤糧嗎？  
官方公布4組數據回應