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Global coronavirus death toll hits 100,000, cases over 1.6 million



FILE PHOTO: Healthcare workers transfer the body of a deceased person onto a stretcher at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, April 8. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

(Reuters) - The number of deaths linked to the novel coronavirus reached 100,000 on Friday, as the tally of cases passed 1.6 million, according to a Reuters tally.

The first death came in the central Chinese city of Wuhan on Jan. 9. It took 83 days for the first 50,000 deaths to be recorded and just eight more for the toll to to 100,000.

The toll has been accelerating at a daily rate of between 6% and 10% over the past week, and there were almost 7,300 deaths globally reported on Thursday.

The death toll now compares with that of London's Great Plague in the mid-1660s, which killed an estimated 100,000 people, about a third of the city's population at the time.

But it is still far short of the so-called Spanish flu, which began in 1918 and is estimated to have killed more than 20 million people by the time it petered out in 1920.

The novel coronavirus is believed to have emerged in a Wuhan market where wild animals were sold late last year. It quickly spread through China and around the world.

Much remains to be determined about it, including just how lethal it is. Estimates vary widely.

Friday's figures - 100,000 deaths of out 1.6 million cases - would suggest a fatality rate of 6.25% but many experts believe the actual rate is lower given that many mild and asymptomatic cases, when infected people don't show symptoms, are not included in case totals.

Some countries, including Italy, France, Algeria, the Netherlands, Spain and Britain are reporting that more than 10% of all confirmed cases have been fatal

One of the largest studies of the fatality of the disease, involving 44,000 patients in China, put the rate at about 2.9%.

The same study reported that 93% of recorded fatalities were people over the age of 50, and more than half were over 70.

Despite that, there are growing numbers of young adults and teenagers included in the global toll.

While North America now accounts for more than 30% of cases, Europe has reported a disproportionate number of fatalities, as countries with older populations like Spain and Italy have

been severely affected.

Southern Europe alone accounts for more than a third of global deaths, despite recording just 20% of cases.



New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio shows a bed set up in temporary hospital located at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center as the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues in the Queens borough of New York City, New York, U.S., April 10, 2020. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz

In many countries, official data includes only deaths reported in hospitals, not those in homes or nursing homes.



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LOCAL NEWS

New York 'cautiously optimistic' with first daily drop in ICU COVID-19 patients

(Reuters) - New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Friday that the number of coronavirus patients in intensive care units across the state dropped in the last day, offering a glimmer of hope that the surge in critical care hospitalizations might be leveling off.

Cuomo said there were 17 fewer patients in the state's intensive care units on Thursday than a day prior. This was the first time that group of patients has decreased in a day since the outbreak took hold and a sign that social distancing measures are successfully reducing the virus' spread.

New York, the epicenter of the outbreak in the United States, has recorded 7,844 deaths from COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, nearly half of the total across the United States.

"What we do will affect, literally, life and death for hundreds of people," Cuomo said during a media briefing, adding state officials were "cautiously optimistic" because of the lowering of some hospitalization trends

"Keep doing what we're doing. Stay home because that works. We are flattening the curve," he said.

There were 290 new hospital admissions in a day, above the 200 admitted a day earlier but far less than just over a week ago when more than 1,400 New Yorkers were hospitalized for the coronavirus in a day, Cuomo said.

The number of deaths in New York per day from coronavirus continues to hover in the high 700s, with 777 deaths recorded in the last day compared to 799 a day prior.

Slideshow (2 Images)

While New York has tested some 390,000 people for the coronavirus, more than any other state, Cuomo said the limited availability of testing could delay the reopening of businesses and travel.



New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio speaks with health workers before a press conference in temporary hospital located at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center as the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues in the Queens

The federal government should use the Defense Production Act to increase U.S. testing capabilities, he said, adding New York, Connecticut and New Jersey would join any effort to get testing "up to scale."

"We need an unprecedented mobilization where the government can produce these tests in the millions," Cuomo said.



BUSINESS

More Than 330,000 People Have **Recovered From Coronavirus Around The World**



In total, 336,780 people have been recorded as recovering from coronavirus roughly 23 per cent of the official count of 1,496,055 cases (pictured, patients in Italy undergo an experimental treatment using the blood plasma of recovered

OVERVIEW

Almost 1.5 million coronavirus infections confirmed globally during pandemic-Of those, 336,780 have been confirmed to have recovered from the disease-Another 88,981 have died from the illness caused by the virus, researchers say--It comes as world governments plan for how to ease strict lockdown measures.

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

More than 330,000 people have been confirmed to have recovered from coronavirus, data has revealed. In total, 1,496,055 cases of coronavirus have been confirmed around the world, of which 336,780 people have recovered according to Johns Hopkins University.

Another 88,981 people have been confirmed to have died from the dis-

That means roughly 23 per cent of diagnosed coronavirus patients have recovered from the illness.

However, the true figure is likely to be much higher because some countries are only testing coronavirus patients who require hospital treat-

Up to 80 per cent of cases of the virus are thought to be mild enough to treat at home, meaning they are not being counted among the infection or recovery totals.

The country with most recoveries is China, with 77,678 people recovering from the virus, followed by Spain, Germany and Iran.

Keeping pace with the recovery, China this week eased the lockdown of epicentre city Wuhan, 77 days after it went into strict lockdown.

People who have been certified as healthy are now allowed to come and go freely, though temperature checks and home visits from medics are being carried out to insure there is no second wave of infection.



Another 88,981 people have been confirmed to have died of the disease, though experts warn this is almost certainly an under-estimate (Photo/Grave site in Israel) Wuhan residents will have to use a smartphone app showing that they

are healthy and have not been in recent contact with anyone confirmed to have the virus. Even then, schools remain closed, people are still checked for a temperature when they enter buildings, and masks are strongly encouraged.

In the US, with about 13,000 deaths and 400,000 infections, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention is considering changing self-isolation guidelines to make it easier for those exposed to someone with the virus to return to work if they have no

Under the proposed guidance, aimed at workers in critical fields, such people would be allowed back to work if they take their temperature twice a day and wear a mask.

Dr Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious diseases expert, said that the US government has been working on plans to eventually reopen the country and restart the economy amid 'glimmers of hope' that social distancing is working to stop the virus's spread.

He told Fox News: '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.'

The US is seeing burgeoning hot spots in such places as Chicago, Detroit, Colorado and Pennsylvania. The New York metropolitan area, which includes northern New Jersey, Long Island and lower Connecticut, accounts for about half of all virus deaths in



virus, have been allowed out of lockdown after 77 days as the city recovers from the

Conte is expected to announce in the coming days how long the country's lockdown will remain in place amid expectations that some restrictions could be eased. Discussions are focused first on opening more of the country's industries.

Proposals being floated in Italy include the

issuing of immunity certificates, which would require antibody blood tests, and allowing vounger workers to return first, as they show less vulnerability to the virus.

Italy, the hardest-hit country, recorded its biggest one-day jump vet in people counted as recovered and had its smallest one-day increase in deaths in more than a month. Nearly 18,000 have died there.

In Spain, which has more than 14,000 deaths, budget minister Maria Jesus Montero said that Spaniards will progressively recover their 'normal life' from April 26 onwards but

warned that the 'de-escalation' of the lockdown will be 'very orderly to avoid a return to the contagion'. European nations

are also carefully plotting their routes out of lockdown, amid signs the worst outbreak of any world region could be easing there.

Underlining the difficulties, French epidemiologist Jean-Francois Delfraissy said: 'To end the confinement, we're not going to go from black to white; we're going to go from black to grey.

But politicians and health officials are also warning that while deaths, hospital admissions and new infections may be levelling off in places like Italy and Spain, the crisis is far from over and a second wave could hit if countries let their guards down too soon.

New York governor Andrew Cuomo said: 'We are flattening the curve because we are rigorous about social distancing. But it's not a time to be complacent. It's not a time to do anything different than we've been doing.'

In a sharp reminder of the danger, New York state has recorded its highest one-day increase in deaths, 779, for an overall death toll of more than 6,000.

In China, the lockdown of Wuhan, the city where the global pandemic began, has been lifted after 76 days.

The government has been tight-lipped so far about what measures could be in place once the confinement is relaxed, stressing that they will be dictated by experts.

French authorities have also begun to speak openly of planning the end of the confinement period currently set to expire on April 15, without giving specifics. The virus has claimed more than 10,000 lives in



Mr Delfraissy, who leads the scientific council advising the president, said three things are necessary for people to start

leaving home regularly: intensive care beds need to be freed up; the spread of the virus must slow; and there have to be multiple tests to see if people are or have been infected and to trace them. He said

the French will also need to adopt the habit of wearing masks outside.

The European Union expressed privacy concerns about virus-tracking mobile apps as individual governments develop digital tools for coming out of the crisis. The apps use smartphone location data to monitor the movements of virus carriers under quarantine - technology the EU said raises questions of 'fundamental rights and freedoms'.

The desire to get back to normal is driven in part by the damage to world econo-

The Bank of France said the French economy has entered recession, with an estimated 6% drop in the first quarter compared with the previous three months, while Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, is also facing a deep

Japan, the world's third-largest economy, could contract by a record 25% this quarter, the highest since gross domestic product began to be tracked in 1955.

Worldwide, more than 1.4 million people have been confirmed infected and over 80,000 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University. The true numbers are almost certainly much higher, because of limited testing, different rules for counting the dead and deliberate underreporting by some governments. (Courtesy https://www.dailymail.co.uk/)



In Europe, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe

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Editor's Choice



A general view shows an intensive care unit bed with a special artificial respiration device where patients with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) could be treated in Hanau



Volunteers work on manufacturing ventilators for use during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Santa Cruz



Volunteers with Project C.U.R.E. accept personal protective equipment (PPE) from a motorist to be donated to healthcare workers treating coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Chicago, Illinois, U.S. March 29, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Lott



Betty Farnsworth poses for a portrait while holding groceries delivered by Aman Berry, a volunteer driver from a grassroots Facebook group called "Quarantined, I need help! King County Washington," during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Kent, Washington, U.S.,



Measurements are seen on the plastic face shield for an earlier prototype of a 3D-printed face shield to be used by medical professionals in the fight against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Sunnyvale, California, U.S. on April 1, 2020. Picture taken April 1, 2020.



Volunteers from the Student Support Network, an organization supplying food and clothing to families with school aged children in need, hand bags of donated food and supplies to families who don't have access to Baltimore County public schools food programs because the schools



Volunteers are pictured while handing out approximately 300 laptops to students at East Los Angeles College during the global outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Monterey Park, California, U.S., March 26, 2020. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni



Volunteer in Rock Springs Baptist Church's Media Ministry oversees live streaming production of the main service

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Coronavirus Has Upended Our World. It's **OK** To Grieve



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On weekday evenings, sisters Lesley Laine and Lisa Ingle stage online happy hours from the Southern California home they share. It's something they've been enjoying with local and faraway friends during this period of social distancing and self-isolation. And on a recent evening, I shared a toast with

We laughed and had fun during our halfhour Facetime meetup. But unlike our pre-pandemic visits, we now worried out loud about a lot of things – like our millennial-aged kids: their health and jobs. And what about the fragile elders, the economy? Will life ever return to "normal?"

"It feels like a free-fall," says Francis Weller, a Santa Rosa, Calif., psychotherapist. "What we once held as solid is no longer something we can rely upon." The coronavirus pandemic sweeping the globe has not only left many anxious about life and death issues, it's also left people struggling with a host of less obvious, existential losses as they heed stay-home warnings and wonder how bad all of this is going to get. To weather these uncertain times, it's important to acknowledge and grieve

lost routines, social connections, family

structures and our sense of security

— and then create new ways to move forward — says interfaith chaplain and trauma counselor, Terri Daniel. "We need to recognize that mixed in with all the feelings we're having of anger, disappointment, perhaps rage, blame and powerlessness – is grief," says Daniel, who works with the dying



Left unrecognized and unattended, grief can negatively impact "every aspect of our being — physically, cognitively, emotionally spiritually," says Sonya Lott, a Philadelphia-based psychologist specializing in grief counseling. Yet with our national focus on the daily turn of events as the coronavirus spreads and with the chaos it's brought, these underlying or secondary losses may escape us. People who are physically well

may not feel entitled to their emotional upset over the disruption of normal life. Yet, Lott argues, it's important to honor our own losses even if those losses seem small compared to others.

"We can't heal what we don't have an awareness of," says Lott. Recognize our losses

Whether we've named them or not,

these are some of the community-wide losses many of us are grieving. Consider how you feel when you think of these. **Social connections** – Perhaps the most impactful of the immediate losses as we hunker down at home is the separation from close friends and family. "Children

aren't able to play together. There's no in-person social engagement, no hugging, no touching which is disruptive to our emotional well-being," says Daniel. Separation from our colleagues and office-mates also creates significant loss. Says Lott: "Our work environment is like a second family. Even if we don't love all the people we work with, we

Habits and habitat – With the world outside our homes no longer safe to inhabit the way we once did, Daniel says we've lost our "habits and habitats," as we can no longer engage in our usual routines and rituals. And no matter how mundane they may have seemed - whether grabbing a morning coffee at the local café, driving to work,

still depend on each other."



or picking up the kids from school – routines help define your sense of self in the world. Losing them, Daniel says, "shocks your system."

Assumptions and security—We go to sleep assuming we'll wake up the next morning, "that the sun will be there and your friends will all be alive and you'll be healthy," Weller says. But the spread of the virus has shaken nearly every assumption we once counted on. "And

so we're losing our sense of safety in the world and our assumptions about ourselves," he says.

COMMUNITY

Trust in our systems- When government leaders, government agencies, medical systems, religious bodies, the stock market and corporations fail to meet public expectations, it can leave citizens feeling betrayed and emotionally unmoored. "We are all grieving this loss," Daniel says.

Sympathetic loss for others – Even if you're not directly affected by a particular loss, you may be feeling the grief of others, including those of displaced workers, of health care workers on the frontlines, of people barred from visiting elderly relatives in nursing homes, of those who have already lost friends and family to the virus and to those who

4 ways to honor your grief

Once you identify the losses you're feeling, look for ways to honor the grief surrounding you, grief experts urge. Bear witness and communicate

Sharing our stories is an essential step, Daniel says.

"If you can't talk about what's happened to you and you can't share it, you can't really start working on it," Daniel says. "So, communicate with your friends and family about your experience.'

It can be as simple as picking up the phone and calling a friend or family member, says Weller. He suggests simply asking for and offering a space in which to share your feelings without either of you offering advice or trying to fix anything for the other.

"Grief is not a problem to be solved," he says. "It's a presence in the psyche awaiting, witnessing."

For those with robust social networks, Daniel suggests gathering a group of friends virtually to share these losses together. Using apps, such as Zoom, Skype, Facetime or Facebook Live, virtual meetups are easy to set up on a daily or weekly basis.

Write, create, express

Whether you're an extrovert or introvert, keeping a written or recorded jour-

nal of these days offers another way to express, to identify and to acknowledge

loss and grief.



And then there's art therapy, which can be especially helpful for children unable to express well with words, for teens and even for many adults.

"Make a sculpture, draw a picture or create a ceremonial object," says Daniel, who often incorporates shamanic ceremonies into grief workshops she conducts.

Another exercise she often uses in grief workshops is a simple one in which participants use their breath to blow their sadness, fear and anger into a rock that they then throw away.

"What this does is takes all that intense, painful energy out of your body and into an inanimate object that they symbolically throw far away from themselves," Daniel says.

Meditate

Regular meditation and just taking time to slow down and take several deep, calming breaths throughout the day also works to lower stress and is available to everyone, Lott says. For beginners who want guidance she suggests downloading a meditation app onto your smart phone or computer.

Be open to joy

And finally, Lott urges, make sure to let joy and gratitude into your life during these challenging times. Whether it's a virtual happy hour, tea time or dance party, reach out to others, she says. "If we can find gratitude in the creative ways that we connect with each other and help somebody," she says, "then we can hold our grief better and move through it with less difficulty and more grace." (Courtesy npr.org and produced in partnership with Kaiser Health



新冠肺炎疫情蔓延全球,今天海外 抗疫故事的主人公,曾参与组织华侨协 助过2008年在希腊的奥运圣火传递,以 及2011年2月中国政府组织的一次撤侨 行动,被媒体称为温籍侨界的热血"冷 锋"。他就是70后温籍侨领、希腊华侨 华人总商会会长徐伟春。

巴拿马城,天气晴朗。

"圣托里尼这些岛上可能还需要口 罩。"3月24日清晨,我打开希腊华侨 华人总商会的微信群,里面跳出一则信

圣托里尼是希腊大陆东南爱琴海上 的岛环,岛上有二三十名中国人,我立 马与商会会员商量着,呼吁最近上岛的 侨胞带些物资过去。

疫情期间,唯有抱团互助,才能让 大家身在海外心不慌。

2月22日,我正在巴拿马出差,突 然接到商会秘书长吴旭辉的求助信息: "疫情越来越严重,希腊的华侨华人买 不到口罩,听说政府也急缺口罩,有没 有办法从外面运一些过来?"

希腊有困难,我们必须出手相助。 还记得2011年2月的利比亚撤侨行动,1 万多名中国公民之所以能从希腊的克里 特岛中转撤回,正是多亏了希腊政府开 出"绿色通道"。当时我也参与了协助 撤侨的行动。投我以木桃,报之以琼瑶 。我心想:应该做些事情。

驰援希腊 一拍即合 州商会胡兴荣会长,和他讨论捐赠事宜 。"我这边商会先捐20万元用来采购物 资!"胡会长非常热情,我们俩一拍即 合,立即联合发起行动驰援希腊。

资金有了,物资如何采购? "温州已经有不少组织组建了驰援 物资带到了希腊。 海外的微信群,我把你拉进去。"一位 便筹集好了物资。



物资有了后,新的问题来了,驰援 路线怎么定?斟酌再三后,决定物资主 3月份的航线。我只能待在巴拿马开展 要分两批走,在使领馆和商会帮忙下, 一批捐给当地政府的物资从温州途径广 2月28日,我通过微信找到北京温 东、卡塔尔顺利到达希腊。但在第二批 发货上,遇到了比较大的难题——没人 带。于是,我发动大家帮忙寻找热心人 ,请他们"人肉带货"。幸运的是,在 3月12日找到了好心人通过航空托运方 式,从温州途径上海、俄罗斯,顺利将 斗。

期间还有一个令人难忘的"小插曲 热心的商会朋友对我说。在他的牵线下"。哈尔滨商人高先生看到了我们的驰 ,我们联系到了浙江至爱公益基金会、 援消息,他联系到我,想向希腊捐献一 温州爱心屋公益社,请他们帮忙筹备抗 批口罩和护目镜。高先生说:"我很佩 疫物资。让我感动的是,他们动作很快 服你们浙江人,希望能够帮上忙!"他 ,联系到了很多热心企业,不到十来天 的古道热肠让我受到很大的鼓舞,更坚 提前好几个小时就来到雅典机场了,为 定了信心。

受疫情影响,希腊和巴拿马取消了 远程工作。中国、巴拿马、希腊,三个 国家,三种时间,因为有大量的事情要 对接、处理,我每天只休息4小时。说 实在的,一个月忙碌下来,我身体上非 常疲惫,眼睛酸到看不清字,喉咙累到 嗓子哑,但是我的精神依然亢奋,因为 我知道,祖国有很多朋友跟我在一起战

物资抵达 "感谢"刷屏

"徐会长,物资我们拿到了!"3 该以身作则。 月14日,首批防疫物资抵达希腊首都雅 典。一直在希腊等待物资的希腊华侨华 人总商会秘书长吴旭辉和我说道,当天 ,他和常务副会长虞陈星还有商会成员

程戴着手套,将货物运到商会办事处。

物资抵达后,我们希腊华侨华人总 商会经过讨论后决定,在16日和17日给 当地的留学生、华侨华人、商贸区店铺 、华人教会、餐馆、旅行社、中文学校 等单位机构开始发放物资。大家通过微 信扫码入群,登记护照信息等方式分时 段领取,每人限拿10个口罩。

这个过程中,有家人、朋友希望通 过跟我的私人关系多拿几个口罩,被我 严词拒绝。作为温商,诚信为本,就应

了微信群。朋友还发了段视频给我,一月同天,让我们携手同行,守望相助! 保障物资,除了佩戴口罩外,他们还全 位佝偻着腰的华侨老人,戴上了我们给

的口罩,他向我们连连说道:"真的是 好人做好事啊!"那一瞬间,我多日来 的困意一扫而空。

3月18日,中国驻希腊大使馆举行 捐赠仪式,向希腊政府转交了部分由华 侨华人及中资企业所捐赠的医用口罩、 防护服、额温枪等抗疫急需物品。来自 温州的捐助物资成为了此次捐赠仪式上 的"绝对主角"。

在捐赠仪式上,希腊卫生部长基基 利亚斯(Vasilis Kikilias)代表希腊政府接 受捐赠物资,他表示, "在当前这样的 困难时刻,中方以及当地华人华侨和中 资企业的及时帮助对希腊是莫大的支持 ,也将对希腊抵抗疫情发挥重要作用。

当天的捐赠消息很快就传到我的微 信里,我非常开心,急忙转发给一直以 来热心帮助的华侨商会和热心人士,并 附上留言:"谢谢大家!圆满成功!" 守望相助,仍在继续

最近几天,我又投入了为巴拿马当 地筹集防疫物资的行动,这里疫情虽然 相对不严重,但华人人口毕竟也占到了 当地的10%左右,希望能尽我所能出份 力。

这个行动消息发出后,得到温州当 地商会和民间慈善组织的响应,为了应 对航线大幅停航问题,我们正在打算用 有专用货机的 DHL,以快递方式运送物 资,快递费用很高,但我们几个组织者 觉得还是得花。能将防疫物资顺利送到 每个侨胞手上的那份高兴、激动,在 "驰援希腊"捐赠行动中,我们就感受

最后,我想由衷感谢中国驻希腊使 馆、国航雅典营业部的协助,有了他们 ,物资才能顺利快速的抵达希腊,同时 还要感谢北京温州商会、浙江至爱公益 印象最深的是发放物资当天,我一 基金会、深圳温州商会等单位,感谢旅 直攥着手机,等待口罩领取群里的消息 希腊华侨华人的支持,感谢希腊华侨华 。慢慢的,群里蹦出一句接着一句的 人总商会秘书长吴旭辉,第一常务副会 "感谢",紧接着,"感谢"二字刷屏 长虞陈星,监事长金凯。山川异域,风