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Trump's May 1 target too optimistic for U.S. coronavirus reopening, Fauci says



A scientist works in the lab of Linqi Zhang on research into novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) antibodies for possible use in a drug at Tsinghua University's Research Center for Public Health in Beijing, China, March 30, 2020. REUTERS/Thomas Peter

WASHINGTON/NEW YORK (Reuters) - President Donald Trump's May 1 target for restarting the economy is "overly optimistic," his top infectious disease adviser said on Tuesday, after a battle erupted between Trump and state governors over who has the power to lift restrictions aimed at curbing the coronavirus pandemic.

Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said public health officials must be able to test for the virus quickly, isolate new cases and track down new infections before social-distancing restrictions can be eased.

Trump's administration has recommended stay-at-home guidelines through the end of April, and the president has floated May 1 as a possible date to start reopening some areas.

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That date may be "a bit overly optimistic," Fauci, who has become a trusted national figure during the pandemic, said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"We have to have something in place that is efficient and that we can rely on, and we're not there yet," Fauci added.

Fauci, who frequently appears with Trump at White House coronavirus briefings, has previously contradicted Trump on issues including an unproven treatment touted by the president. Trump on Sunday reposted on Twitter a call by a conservative political figure calling for Fauci's firing but the president later denied plans to dismiss his adviser.

Trump, a Republican running for re-election on Nov. 3, lashed out at Democratic state governors, suggesting they were "mutineers" after New York's Andrew Cuomo said he would refuse any order by the president to reopen the economy too soon.

"If he ordered me to reopen in a way that would endanger the public health of the people of my state, I wouldn't do it," Cuomo told CNN early in the day, referring to Trump.

At a news conference later, Cuomo said Trump was "clearly spoiling for a fight on this issue" and that he did not want a partisan battle, but added, "We don't have a king in this country, we have a Constitution and we elect the president."

The coronavirus restrictions have crippled the U.S. economy, with businesses forced to close and million of Americans becoming unemployed, in a development that could hurt Trump's re-election prospects.

U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with recovered coronavirus disease (COVID-19) patients and family members in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington, U.S., April 14, 2020. REUTERS/Leah Millis
The U.S. death toll from COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the virus, stood at nearly 25,300 on Tuesday, out of more than 600,000 known U.S. infections.

Offering an expansive assessment of the powers of the presidency, Trump on Monday asserted he has "total" authority to decide on reopening the economy even though he earlier had deferred to the governors in putting social-distancing orders in place.

Cuomo, a Democrat whose state has been the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, and governors of six other northeastern states have announced plans to formulate a regional plan to gradually lift restrictions. On the Pacific Coast, the governors of California, Oregon and Washington state announced a similar regional approach

'MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY'

Trump, whose attacks on Democrats appeal to his conservative political base, posted tweets attacking Cuomo individually and Democratic governors in general.

"Tell the Democrat Governors that 'Mutiny On The Bounty' was one of my all time favorite movies," the Trump wrote on Twitter on Tuesday, referring to a classic film about a rebellion against the commanding officer of a British naval vessel in the late 18th century.

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Emails show U.S. officials brushed off state concerns on drive-through virus tests

(Reuters) - As coronavirus infections exploded in New Orleans, state and local officials repeatedly told the Trump administration that its new drive-through testing effort wasn't going well. Those tested often waited more than a week for results, and local officials had no information on who had been notified by a federally contracted call center, according to emails between local and federal officials reviewed by Reuters.

FILE PHOTO: A medical technician takes a sample to test for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at a drive through testing site in Medford, Massachusetts, U.S., April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Brian Snyder/File Photo
As deaths mounted, local officials requested details on the notifications as they increasingly fielded calls by those left in limbo - including health workers. But Washington officials largely brushed off their concerns, according to the correspondence, which has not been previously reported.

Frustrated city officials started their own operation to notify people after the state began receiving test results on March 26, nearly a week after testing started. One big problem: The lab initially sent many results with no phone numbers to reach those tested.

The delays and confusion created new problems for local officials managing the crisis in one of America's emerging hot spots. As of Tuesday, Louisiana had more than 21,500 confirmed cases, including more than 1,000 deaths. Timely test results are crucial to containing the virus and enabling essential workers such as doctors and nurses to stay safely on the front lines. The problems in New Orleans underscore the challenges the Trump administration faces in ramping up testing nationwide in hopes of reopening the U.S. economy.

On March 25, city health director Jennifer Avegno sent one of the many requests for information to federal officials.

"We are receiving many calls today from citizens who went through the drive through testing in the earliest days



FILE PHOTO: A medical technician takes a sample to test for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at a drive through testing site in Medford, Massachusetts, U.S., April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Brian Snyder/File Photo

and have not gotten a call," she wrote. "Can you update us on how many results have been received, turnaround times, and how many individuals have been contacted?"

Kristina Harder, an official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who was working with the federal call center, did not address the information request and instead suggested telling people to be patient. "The call center should be contacting those folks who were at your sites in the beginning days," she wrote. "I hope

this is helpful!"
Harder did not respond to a request for comment.
A day later, Avegno forwarded a doctor's plea to the Trump administration's new testing czar, Brett Giroir, and other federal officials. "I'm just looking to get my results," the surgical resident at Tulane University had written.

HHS never provided an accounting of who the call center had notified, city and

state officials told Reuters.
In a statement, HHS called the drive-through sites "a profound success" with more than 77,000 people tested nationwide. HHS didn't address specific questions about problems with the operation in Louisiana or elsewhere. The agency said delays in getting results and notifying patients were resolved and results were now being given within three to five days.

BUSINESS

Trump Declares Major Disaster In All 50 States –1st Time In History



President Trump

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

President Trump issued a major disaster declaration for Wyoming on Saturday, meaning that there is now such a declaration within all 50 states due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
It is the first time a president has ever declared a major disaster in all 50 states at once, according to Deputy Press Secretary Judd Deere.
The move comes as confirmed cases of the coronavirus reached at least 519,453 as of Saturday afternoon. At least 20,071 people have died in the U.S. due to the disease, a death toll surpassing the one in hard-hit Italy — and a figure that has doubled, from 10,000 to more than 20,000, in just five days. Worldwide, confirmed cases have surpassed 1.75 million, and more than 100,000 people have died.
Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon formally sought the declaration on Thursday in a letter to the president. The state had seen more than 200 cases of the coronavirus at that time.
"Though Wyoming has not reached the dire situations of some states, this

declaration will help us to prepare and mobilize resources when we need them," Gordon said.

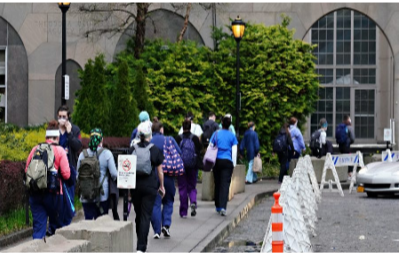


The declarations make federal funding available for state and local governments, as well as some nonprofit organizations, according to the White House. They can also help state governments coordinate with federal resources like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Army Corps of Engineers.
The virus is highly contagious, and authorities at various levels of government around the country have been urging social distancing guidelines or implementing stay-at-home restrictions in an

attempt to slow the spread. Americans are being urged to avoid close contact with one another, maintain good hand-washing hygiene and avoid leaving their homes as much as possible. Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — and they can range in severity from mild to deadly. But there are signs that the social distancing guidelines are helping, according to the president.
"Nationwide, the number of new cases per day is flattening substantially, suggesting that we are near the peak and our comprehensive strategy is working," President Trump said Friday at the daily White House coronavirus briefing.



With an eye on the future, the president also said that he would formally convene an "Opening our Country Council" next week composed of doctors and business leaders who will aim to help reopen the U.S. economy, which has been snarled by widespread social distancing shutdowns. (Courtesy <https://nypost.com/>)
9 US States Plan Reopening of Economies After CCP Virus Shutdown
A total of nine states on the U.S. East and West coasts said on April 13 they had begun planning for the slow reopening of their economies and lifting of strict stay-at-home orders amid signs the worst had passed in the CCP virus pandemic.
The Northeast states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will work with Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island in coordinating to gradually reopen their economies together, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.



Medical staff arrive for their shift at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/ Weill Cornell Medical Center during the CCP virus pandemic in New York City, on April 13, 2020. (Cindy Ord/ Getty Images)
"Nobody has been here before, nobody has all the answers," Cuomo said during an open conference call with his five counterparts. "Addressing public health and the economy: Which one is first? They're both first."
The governors of California, Oregon, and Washington said they also had reached an agreement on a shared approach to restarting businesses, although they gave no firm timeline and said they would be guided by the health of residents first.
President Donald Trump said earlier on April 13 that any decision to restart the economy was his to make.
Tensions between state governors and Trump have bubbled up since the outbreak worsened a month ago and emerged in the debate about when and how to restart economic activity. Legal experts say a U.S. president has limited power under the U.S. Constitution to order citizens back to their places of employment, or cities to reopen government buildings, transportation, or local businesses to reopen.



"It is the decision of the president, and for many good reasons," Trump wrote on Twitter on April 13. He went on to write that his administration was working closely with the governors.
"A decision by me, in conjunction with

the governors and input from others, will be made shortly!" Trump's tweet stated.
Political leaders said a reopening of the economy may hinge on more widespread testing and cautioned that lifting of stay-at-home restrictions too early could reignite the outbreak. The Trump administration has signaled May 1 as a potential date for easing the restrictions. The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 topped 23,000 on April 13, according to a Reuters tally with a total of nearly 570,000 U.S. cases. The United States, with the world's third-largest population, has recorded more fatalities from COVID-19 than any other country.
But fatalities reported on April 12 numbered 1,513, the smallest increase since 1,309 died on April 6. The largest number of fatalities, more than 10,000, was in New York state with the concentration in and around New York City. Cuomo said on April 13 that "the worst is over" for his state but warned that gains achieved through social distancing could be undone if "we do something stupid" and relax those restrictions too quickly. (Courtesy <https://www.ntd.com/>)



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Editor's Choice



German Health Minister Jens Spahn, German Chancellery's Chief of Staff Helge Braun and Hesse's State Premier Volker Bouffier talk to medical student Mina Thon during their visit to the University Hospital of Giessen and Marburg in Giessen, Germany April 14, 2020, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues. Frank Rumpenhorst/Pool via REUTERS TPX



Brazilian 99-year-old former WWII combatant Ermando Armelino Piveta gestures as he leaves the Armed Forces Hospital, after being treated for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and discharged, in Brasilia, Brazil, April 14, 2020. REUTERS/Ueslei Marcelino



A United States Postal Service (USPS) worker works in the rain in Manhattan during outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in New York



Relatives wearing protective gear prepare to bury the body of a man who died from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at a graveyard in New Delhi, India, April 14, 2020. REUTERS/



Residents comb through the wreckage of a collapsed house after an Easter Sunday tornado ripped through the Cherry Blossom Drive neighborhood in Monroe, Louisiana, U.S. April 12, 2020. Picture taken April 12, 2020



Health workers wearing protective face masks react during a tribute for their co-worker Esteban, a male nurse that died of the coronavirus disease, amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, outside the Severo Ochoa Hospital in Leganes, Spain, April 13, 2020.



U.S. Navy sailors practice social distancing as they attend Sunday Easter sunrise service on the flight deck aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy, serving as a referral hospital for non-coronavirus disease (COVID-19) patients currently admitted to shore-based hospitals, in Los Angeles, California, U.S. April 12, 2020.



A woman wearing a protective face mask walks in the rain during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Bangkok, Thailand, April 13, 2020. REUTERS/ Soe Zeya Tun TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

South Dakota Launches Clinical Trial Of Hydroxychloroquine



Gov. Kristi Noem (R) of South Dakota

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

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem on Monday announced a statewide clinical trial of hydroxychloroquine for the possible treatment of COVID-19, making her state the first in the country to institute a program exploring the potential effectiveness of the drug in treating and preventing coronavirus.

“From Day One, I’ve said we’re going to let the science, facts and data drive our decision-making in South Dakota,” Noem said in a statement provided to Fox News.

Noem, a Republican, announced the “comprehensive” clinical trial Monday after communicating with White House officials in the last week to “let them know that South Dakota’s medical community was ready to step up and lead the way on research efforts.”

“I made direct requests to President Trump and Vice President Pence to supply us with enough hydroxychloroquine so that it could be made available for every hospitalized person the state may have, as well as those for health care workers on the frontlines and those in the most vulnerable populations,” Noem said.

The governor said South Dakota has

received doses of hydroxychloroquine to begin the trial.



“Today, I’m pleased to report we have received the initial doses we need, and thanks to the leadership of Sanford Health and the assistance of medical teams at Avera and Monument Health, we’re going to be the first state in the nation to do a comprehensive clinical trial to assess whether hydroxychloroquine can treat and perhaps even prevent COVID-19,” she said. The effort is being led by Sanford Health system, the largest rural health provider in the country. “Our goal is to meaningfully advance the science around COVID-19 so physicians can be better prepared to respond to and treat this novel virus in the future, especially for our populations most at-risk,” Sanford Health’s chief

medical officer, Allison Suttle, said in a statement. “By doing clinical trials during this pandemic, we are trying to find treatments and, thereby, hope.” The study initially will include 2,000 outpatient individuals exposed to COVID-19, including front-line health care workers and other high-risk patients.

Hydroxychloroquine is used to treat malaria and rheumatic conditions such as lupus and arthritis. However, its effectiveness at treating COVID-19 has never been proven, despite its embrace by President Trump.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) last week announced it was also beginning a clinical trial on the use of hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19. However, the NIH trial is focused on people who are already hospitalized with the disease, while the South Dakota study will initially test the possible preventive use of the drug.

Sanford said it has clinical guidelines in place to prescribe hydroxychloroquine to hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients.

Sanford Health is the largest provider of rural health care in the country, according to Noem. With the help of Avera and Monument Health, they will treat “up to 100,000 people including outpatient and hospitalized patients with COVID-19, in addition to frontline health care workers, and high-risk individuals who have been exposed to the virus.”

“The health care community in South Dakota consistently works together with the state for the benefit of all our patients,” South Dakota Secretary of Health Kim Malsam-Rysdon said Monday. “I am excited patients across the state will have access to this drug, and we will learn more about its benefits in treating and even preventing COVID-19.”

The drug has been a source of political controversy as President Trump has repeatedly touted it as a possible treatment for COVID-19. Critics of the president have pushed back by emphasizing that scientists have not yet determined

whether the drug works or is safe in



treating coronavirus.

The effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine has been a source of debate within the medical community, with some warning it’s too soon to know if it’s an efficacious option in treating patients with the novel virus.

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the White House coronavirus task force has urged caution when it comes to the drug. “We still need to do the definitive studies to determine whether any intervention, not just this one, is truly safe and effective,” Fauci recently said on Fox News.

South Dakota’s announcement comes days after the National Institutes of Health said it would run a human clinical trial for hydroxychloroquine, which typically serves as an antimalarial drug, as an option to treat patients with COVID-19. The trial, which started last week, began with 500 adult participants enrolled at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The trial is placebo-controlled and randomized, meaning some of the patients will be treated with hydroxychloroquine while others will not. However, “all participants in the study will continue to receive clinical care as indicated for their condition,” the NIH said.

“The drug has demonstrated antiviral activity, an ability to modify the activity of the immune system, and has an established safety profile at appropriate doses, leading to the hypothesis that it may also be useful in the treatment of COVID-19,” the NIH said in a news release last week, though warned: “The drug is not without risks, as even short term use can cause cardiac arrhythmias, seizures, dermatological reactions and hypoglycemia.”



Last month, the Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization allowing health care providers to use the medicine for patients hospitalized with the coronavirus, despite the drug having never been approved as a specific treatment for COVID-19.

Hospitals have widely administered the drug to patients with COVID-19 in the hope that it would help, but there has not been much evidence of its effectiveness.

Even though the drug has been in use since World War II, the NIH has warned that even short-term use can cause cardiac arrhythmias, seizures, dermatological reactions and hypoglycemia.

“While this drug has been widely administered in the hope that it can help people, without controlled research studies we aren’t able to say for sure that it really works,” Susan Hoover, principal investigator of the study, said in a statement.

“Conducting this study allows us to do everything we can to help our patients now, and at the same time gather critical information that will help patients in the coming months and years.”(Courtesy thehill.com and <https://www.foxnews.com/>)



無症狀者也能檢！休斯頓市擴大篩檢範圍與數量，前提是要先預約

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】隨著休斯頓市區與哈裏斯郡感染人數突破 5500 人，休斯頓市長特納於 13 日的記者會上宣布，要將城市內兩個「免下車檢測站」免費開放給沒有出現症狀者使用，擴大篩檢範圍。

過去，這些檢測站僅開放給已經出現症狀的居民，如今不僅對無症狀者也開放，還希望能將每個測試站每日可測試的數量，從 250 人提升至 500 人，然而要完全倍增需要一段時間。若是擴大篩檢，平均整個休斯頓地區（不限於休斯頓市）每日可以

進行將近 2200 人的檢測。

休斯頓市內的兩個公營檢測站都將對外開放，但是休斯頓市健康官員 David Persse 指出，民衆想要做檢測務必事先撥打以下電話事先登記：832-393-4220，未登記者無法直接到現場排隊。此外，做檢測將不會被計算在移民申請的公共收費評估項目。

哈裏斯郡也在極力擴大每日檢測人數，但是與休斯敦不同的是，人們仍然需要進行事先篩查過程，並滿足某些標準（如出現

症狀），才能接受測試的標準。郡長說：「我們的測試用品仍然有限，因此我們必須優先考慮那些最需要測試的人。」

哈裏斯郡長伊達戈爾（Lina Hidalgo）宣布，該郡正在通過增加兩個「移動測試站」來擴大其測試範圍。有了這兩個站，平均每天將能夠多進行約 1200 次冠狀病毒測試。



月底復工？ 特朗普打算組復工小組，各州領袖意見相佐

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】美國經濟已經因為冠狀病毒大流行，而失去了 1600 萬個工作崗位，對此，特朗普總統在 13 日記者會上表示，正想方設法迅速復甦經濟，還暗示 5 月 1 日為可能的開放日期。

據悉，特朗普政府預計最早將於週二，正式宣布成立的另一支專門負責復甦經濟的團隊，以解決對特朗普總統至關重要的另一件事：如何開始重啟美國經濟。特朗普對此表示總統在這件事上，總統依法有完全的決定權。

該委員會將不包括衛生官員在內，而是以白宮內部的經濟學家組成，恐造成公共衛生官員與經濟學家之間的產生緊張關係，涉及到問題比如重新開放經濟的速度、如何確保該病毒不會再次爆發。

隨著該國在 11 月大選前大步走向可能的

衰退，特朗普急於刺激經濟復甦，希望穩定金融市場並恢復因大流行而已經失去的 1600 萬個工作中的一些。他最初希望在復活節之前讓這個國家再度引起轟動，但現在他希望至少在本月底之前重新開放。

政府中的許多醫學專家，包括安東尼·福西（Anthony Fauci）博士和德博拉·伯克斯（Deborah Birx）博士，都警告說，太早放寬社會隔離限制，可能會導致該病又再度爆發，到時恐怕又要再次關閉經濟，造成災難性的後果。

對於新小組，特朗普表示，他希望「小組將為我們提供一些好的建議，但不只如此，我們希望會非常非常安全。」「同時，我們也必須開放我們的國家。」

有一些道德專家和參與者對此表示擔心，

特朗普將組織的這個小組內，觀點可能會不夠多元，無法找出對大局最好的一條路。

據悉，有望加入這個新團隊的名單有：財政部長史蒂夫·姆努欽（Steve Mnuchin），商務部長威爾伯·羅斯（Wilbur Ross），住房與城市發展秘書本·卡森（Ben Carson）和白宮過去與現在的經濟顧問凱文·哈塞特（Kevin Hassett）和拉裏·庫德洛（Larry Kudlow），新白宮辦公廳主任馬克·梅多斯（Mark Meadows）。

特朗普於 13 日表示，這個小組和副總統邁克·彭斯（Mike Pence）所領導的冠狀病毒工作組負責的工作不同，儘管參與者可能有所重疊。

一些外部企業領導人，甚至可能是州長都可能加入這個行政小組，並已經正式與總

統舉行過電話會議。

與特朗普意向一致的，比如德州，州長格雷·艾伯特（Greg Abbott）也於 13 日記者會上指出，希望能在 5 月 1 日前重啟德州部份的工作。

艾伯特表示：「德州去年是美國就業機會最多的州，國內生■總值領先。」「從經濟角度而言，這對美國的未來至關重要。美國需要德州重啟經濟。」

然而，紐約州長庫莫（Andrew Cuomo）對此大力反對，認為特朗普濫職，並表示絕對無法在 5 月開放。庫莫堅持，過早重新開放學校，企業和公共場所，將導致更多的感染和更多的死亡，這就是為什麼有些決策需要因地制宜的原因。

而特朗普也在推特上反擊：「（庫莫）現在看似想自作主張，是不可能的事。」

模型預測新冠大流行病將在 5 月「消退」，專家對此表懷疑

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】白宮引用的一種有影響力的冠狀病毒模型，預測大流行將在 5 月份「消退」，但專家憂心，這個預測的前提是夏天時這種病毒不會再湧現。

該模型是由華盛頓大學衛生計量與評估研究所提供的，由克裏斯托弗·默裏（Christopher Murray）博士創建，他 13 日對 CNN 表示，美國預計

能在今年夏天停止冠狀病毒的傳播。

默裏表示「我們可以肯定的一件事是，社交距離措施是可行的。」「這會導致一種情況，就是每個確診案例所能影響的人越來越少，這意味著，如果堅持下去，病毒的傳播率將基本降低到零。」

根據默裏的模型，13 日是美國每天死亡人數的高峰，模型預計星期一將發生約 2150 例新冠肺炎死亡案例，預計未來數字會下

降。

據該模型指出，紐約是該病毒的熱點地區之一，叁天前死亡人數達到了峰值。此外，截至 8 月，預計美國將有 6 萬 8841 人死亡，這高於上週五的預測數字 6 萬 1500 人。

華盛頓大學的這個模型，恰好服膺了白宮希望「重啟美國」的願望，因為新案件的數量已經連續兩天下降。但是專家警告說，不同州的情況相異，因此高峰期會有所不

同。

根據約翰·霍普金斯大學的數據顯示，自病毒抵達美國沿岸以來，已有超過 2 萬 3600 人因此喪命，但上周六和上周日的每日死亡人數有所下降，情況變得較樂觀。感染數量在上周末也有減少，截至星期一下午，來到超過 58 萬例。



譚德塞改口 美對WHO最有貢獻

（綜合報導）新冠疫情蔓延全球之際，世界衛生組織（WHO）不僅飽受各國批評，也惹毛美國，總統川普揚言中斷資助、甚至考慮「退群」或「另起爐灶」。WHO祕書長譚德塞眼見事態不妙，13日緊急向美國溫情喊話，「美國才是對世衛最有貢獻的國家」、「我與川普關係不錯，希望美國繼續資助WHO」。川普則在13日聲稱，世衛與世界貿易組織（WTO）都在欺騙美國、損害美國利益，「如果有必要，我們會退出（世衛與世貿）」。

譚德塞13日被問及川普可能停繳會費時，他回應，2週前他曾與川普談話，「就我所知，他是支持（世衛）的，我希望（美國）對世衛的資助繼續。我們的關係非常好，希望這種關係能持續下去」。2019年美國向WHO提供了4億美元資金，佔該組織總預算15%。

川普與譚德塞隔空交火，最早源於川普8

日指責WHO在全球防疫任務上「搞砸了」。川普批評，世衛拿了大筆美國資金，但世衛卻「以中國為中心」。他還說，世衛提出「嚴重錯誤的建議」，反對他向中國發布旅行禁令，「幸好我拒絕了他們」。10日，川普揚言將在會費問題上「下定決心」，本週就會公佈相關計畫。外媒報導，除大砍經費外，川普政府內部還討論如何改革WHO，包括扶持現有國際組織取而代之。

紐約時報則分析，川普動作頻頻，實際上是為了把外界歸咎於他的錯誤轉移到WHO頭上，但WHO確實也有犯下一些錯誤，包括未就中國早期失誤向其施壓、遲遲不宣布全球衛生緊急狀態，以及放任大陸在組織內不斷增加影響力。

世衛13日也公佈最新建議，譚德塞表示，「新冠肺炎正迅速擴散，致死率是2009年H1N1的10倍，在人群密集處更易傳播，疫情減緩速度相對也會慢很多。」

抗疫大將 佛奇職位不保



（綜合報導）美國總統川普遭外界責難啟動防疫機制太慢，而抗疫大將、國家過敏及傳染病研究所（NIAID）所長佛奇也多次與他唱反調。12日，川普轉發一則「是時候開除佛奇」（#FireFauci）的推文，引發了議論。為此，川普13日否認有意把佛奇炒魷魚，還稱很尊重他的專業。不過，兩人在昨天的記者會上零互動，也間接顯示了佛奇職位可能不保。

近日，多家美媒報導稱，川普在1月接到疫情「警示」後未及時行動，才會造成如今局面。在13日的疫情記者會上，川普對此強烈不滿，稱「我不可能在美國無人患病、無人死亡情況下就讓全國關門」。他強調，自疫情爆發以來，「我們所有做法都是正確的，所有措施都是提前的」。

川普在記者會上還播放了一段影片，內容集結多名記者與民主黨州長稱讚他對大陸實行的旅遊禁令，以及其他醫學專家出面澄清疫情不像外界所傳的嚴重。川普強調：

川普要作主 郭謨嗆你不是國王

（綜合報導）美國的新冠病毒確診和死亡病例數量持續創新高，但川普總統指全美疫情曲線正在趨於「平緩」，證明防疫準則有效，白宮已在討論重啟經濟活動計畫。然而，美國東岸7州和西岸3州卻分別串聯，稱各州將自訂解封時程，並會以疫情為優先，不會屈從「盡早復工」的壓力。對此，川普也放話稱，他身為總統握有最終決定權。

美國已有超過58.2萬人感染新冠肺炎，死亡逾2.3萬人。其中紐約州確診19.6萬人。川普13日則在疫情記者會上表示，將於14日宣布成立經濟工作組，包括一個或多個委員會，專注於在未來幾周內指導如何重新開放美國。他說，「將很快敲定全新

「我對中國實行旅遊禁令，你認為這是簡單決定嗎？」

12日，佛奇受訪時表示，如果政府更早宣布關閉學校、商業活動及公共集會的話，就不會造成如今數萬人死亡的局面。這被視為批評川普政府的防疫措施，也讓川普晚間轉發了一則內容含有「是時候開除佛奇」的推文。白宮13日則發表聲明，強調川普未打算開革佛奇。川普並稱，他與佛奇「關係一直很好」。

佛奇13日亦出面澄清說，當時他的說法是在回應一個假設性問題，並強調川普採納了他與白宮抗疫團隊的意見，針對全國實行保持社交距離的準則。

據美媒報導，近日眾多保守派人士要求川普開革佛奇，指責他僅關注疫情公衛層面影響，而忽略疫情給經濟帶來的災難。有消息人士稱，川普非常不滿佛奇的媒體曝光率太高及經常公開指責他。



準備領錢了！8000萬美國人最多可拿1200抗新冠

（綜合報導）新冠肺炎疫情重創全球經濟，各國政府相繼祭出紓困方案，其中一項是直接給予民眾補助，美國昨（13）日也宣布，8,000萬美國人本周就會收到紓困補助，每名成年人最多獲1,200美元補助，如果家中有未成年孩童，還會額外獲得500美元。

綜合美國《財星雜誌》（Fortune）、美國有線電視新聞網（CNN）報導，美國財政部周一宣布，8,000萬美國人本周就會收到紓困補助，補助金將會直接匯入個人戶頭。

美國國稅局（The Internal Revenue Service，IRS）表示，上周五已經進行了超過8,000萬筆支付款項，各大銀行本周應該就能收到這些款項。

年收入低於7.5萬美元的個人、或是合併年收入低於15萬美元的夫妻，每個成年人將會獲得1,200美元補助，如果家中有未滿17歲的未成年孩童，每一名孩童將會額外獲得500美元補助。

年收入超過7.5萬美元的成年人，補助將會逐步降低；年收入超過9.9萬美元的個人、或是合計年收入超過19.8萬美元的夫妻將不會獲得任何補助。

美國國稅局指出，補助金將會優先匯入那些所得較少、以及本年度已經完成報稅、授權直接轉帳的民眾。

其餘民眾將會收到郵寄支票，預計20日開始寄出，不過整個程序可能延續到秋天才能完成。



的指導方針，為州長們提供令其在州安全地開始啟動（經濟活動）的所需訊息。」

東岸6個州州長13日進行電話會議，同意組建委員會，讓各州公衛官員與經濟官員一同討論何時能逐步解封。他們表示，這不代表所有的州會同時宣布解封，但重要的是展開區域性的合作。東岸6州包括紐約、新澤西、康乃狄克、賓州、德拉瓦及羅德島州。其後麻州州長也宣布加入。

相對東岸，美國西岸疫情相對穩定。包括加州、奧勒岡和華盛頓州等西岸3州也組成了「西岸各州協議」，主要討論如何重啟西岸的商業活動。值得注意的是，除麻州州長是共和黨籍外，上述另外9州州長均為民主黨人。

全球確診病例破200萬
共和黨籍的川普則聲稱，何時重啟經濟是「總統的權力」。

「當有人擔任美國總統時，他獲得的授權便是全部。」川普又補充指：「話雖如此，我們會與各州保持合作。」

紐約州州長郭謨14日也予回擊，稱美國有憲法，川普可不是「國王」。郭謨13日稱，紐約州「最壞情況已過去」，但重啟經濟需要細微權衡，如果倉促解禁很可能帶來惡果。加州州長紐森另表示，重啟經濟一定「基於事實、證據、科學」，一定會聽取公衛專家的意見。紐森說，將於次日公布加州「復工」計畫。

新冠肺炎疫情爆發至今，美國約翰霍普金斯大學的實時數據成為權威。但台灣時間14日上午7點多，數據顯示，全球累計確診病例已突破200萬，達到了201萬9320例。全球主流媒體紛紛對此報導。隨後數據卻又回落至191萬。原來是，佛州的數據在人工輸入時出現失誤，使美國1個多小時內新增10萬例，擺了個烏龍。預計台北時間今日全球確診病例將突破200萬。

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，
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陳思誠 行業越難，創作越不能停

疫情前夕，導演陳思誠覺得心裏特別亂。每天都時刻關注著疫情的發展和變化。“疫情最嚴重的那段時間，我挺焦慮的，也很難沈下心來創作。隨著武漢情況逐步變好，大概半個月以後，疫情的影響逐漸在減弱，控制得越來越有效，才算踏實了壹些。”陳思誠表示，盡管疫情到來，行業有了停滯，但創作不能停止，好作品永遠是鼓勵觀眾重建觀影信心的基石。同時作為壹名電影創作者，他將電影創作者和影院關係比作魚和水，沒有水，魚自然難以生存，他希望國家能給予電影行業支持。

陳思誠導演代表作

電影：《北京愛情故事》2014年/電影《唐人街探案》2015年/電影《唐人街探案2》2018年/電影《唐人街探案3》待定

電視劇：《北京愛情故事》2012年
新作：籌備中

身處時代變革對創作產生巨大影響

最近，陳思誠從關注國家疫情的變化開始轉為關注世界疫情的變化：“說實話，地球村不是壹個偽命題，人類命運共同體更不是壹個偽命題。每壹個國家乃至整個世界都是牽壹發而動全身，我現在開始關注世界各國的疫情走勢和變化，每壹天都有各種

突如其來的新聞，大的事件也會激發創作，甚至打破創作的壹種真實感受。”陳思誠表示，就目前整個情況來說，在創作期中，創作者更需要沈浸式地投入，世界每天都在發生著大事，甚至比電影更跌宕起伏、更驚心動魄，這段時間對創作的影響，太大了。

疫情期間，他做了新電影《我和我的家鄉》的劇本，同時也在籌備另外壹個新的劇本，據他透露這將會是壹個新的系列電影。“雖然從現在的情況來看，疫情讓電影行業舉步維艱，整個行業都特別難，但是創作還是不能停。”除了特殊時期會對創作產生特別大的觸動，陳思誠說這次疫情的到來對個人的成長也有不少幫助，讓他對這個世界、國家之間、人與人之間的很多事情都有了更深刻的了解。

電影代表國家軟實力應得到更多支持

電影院暫時還不能復工，陳思誠坦言作為壹名電影創作者，也很著急。他將電影創作者和影院關係比作魚和水，沒有水塘，魚自然難以生存。“雖然作為從業者，我也很冷靜、清醒地看待當下，畢竟電影行業的產業規模並沒有那麼大，但疫情給這個產業帶來的影響卻是巨大的。電影行業

代表著壹個國家的綜合文化軟實力，我希望國家能給予電影行業支持。”

陳思誠表示，作為電影行業中的壹員更希望的政策方面得到支持。無論是免稅、甚至是低息或者無息的貸款，給重點項目壹些扶持，多給予幫助：“最重要的是能在疫情全面控制下，全國老百姓普遍回歸正常生活以後，幫助觀眾再度重建觀影信心和觀影興趣，把他們調動起來。讓大家重新走回電影院，這個產業才會興旺。”

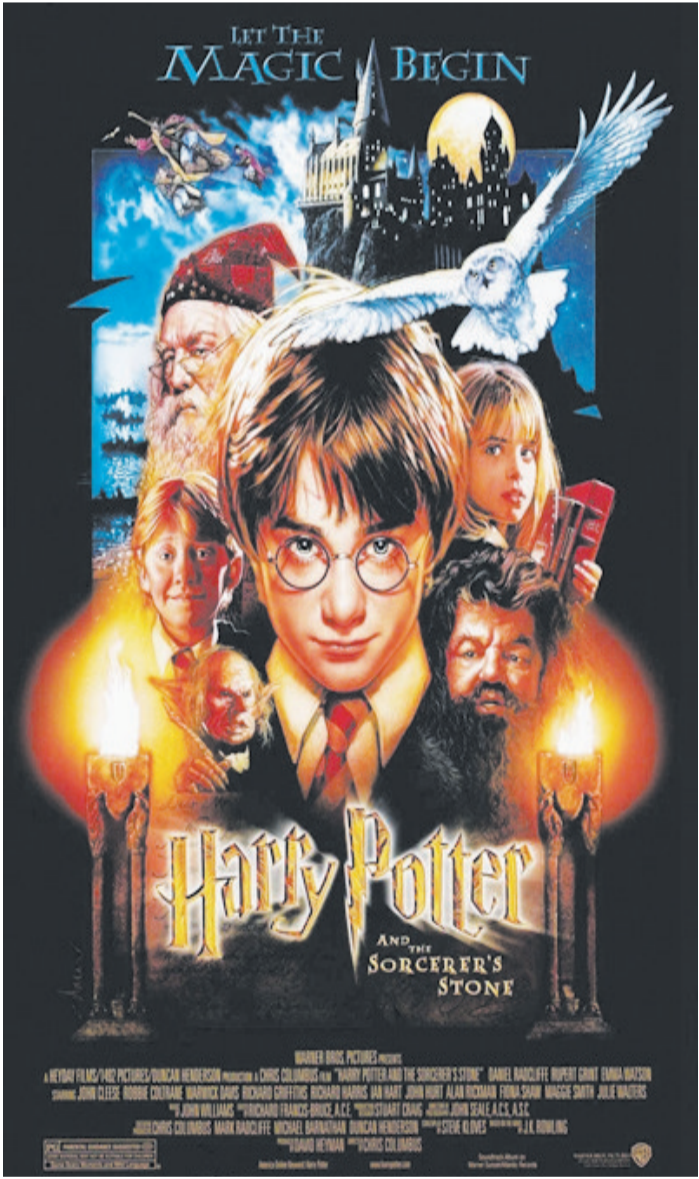
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我們這個行業還是應該告別傳統的盈利模式，通過這次疫情大家會看到，電影行業的抗風險能力太差了。我們盈利模式過於單壹，如果影院壹停，整個行業就幾乎停擺。幾乎所有內容公司，包括院線、宣傳發行公司都面臨著生存艱難的處境，甚至直接導致破產。未來要真正正地拓展產業方向，就像好萊塢壹樣，盡可能地和旅遊、衍生品、遊戲等行業產生互動。

我挺喜歡微微的音樂，我在家這段時間看了紀錄片《美利堅女士》，就是講她成長的過程，挺好看的；蓋裏奇執導的新片《紳士們》也很不錯，他是我壹直比較喜歡的導演。



《哈利·波特與魔法石》 要重映我好想幻影移形去影院



華納正式宣布：“哈利·波特”系列電影第壹部《哈利·波特與魔法石》將在中國內地大規模重映。

雖然並沒有確定具體日期，聽到這壹消息，因疫情而“困守麻瓜界”的“巫師”們興奮了：

“趕緊準備霍格沃茨校服，壹起狂歡！”

“希望不要在夏天，不然穿袍子太熱了……”

“警惕食死徒勢力呀！”

……

這些話，只有哈迷才能理解。對重映的期待，也只有哈迷體會最深。

《哈利·波特》面世二十幾年來，已經在世界各地吸引了壹大批愛好者。有人不解：壹部虛構的作品，壹個虛擬的世界，為什麼能被這麼多人認同呢？

這要從人們對社會聯結的渴望說起。

其實，依附於集體、與人有聯結，是人類與生俱來的本能。心理學家馬斯洛認為，在人的各種需求——比如食物睡眠等生理需求、安全感的需求、愛與歸屬的需求、自尊的需求、自我實現的需求，等等，愛與歸屬的需求算是人們最基本的需求之壹。

這種對集體紐帶的渴望，使得人們往往很樂意去加入壹個個小集體、小圈子，也很容易同化集體身份，做出集體認同的行為（哪怕自己以前不會這麼做），表現出集體認同的態度（哪怕自己以前的態度並非如此）。這種現象，在生活中時時處處都會發生：大學裏會有老鄉會，公司裏也會有興趣愛好小組，打遊戲的人也會組建聯盟。

人們甚至可能同化壹個他們本不屬於的集體，或者並不“真實存在”的集體，就是為了獲取這種聯結感。當我們在網上讀了壹個故事，我們不會不自覺地把自己代入進故事中的角色。

沒錯！雖然《哈利·波特》所建構的魔法世界不像大學、公司那樣有實體，但心理學家發現，僅僅是閱讀《哈利·波特》的故事，就能讓人有代入感，讓讀者也覺得自己成了魔法世界的壹員，這被稱為“敘事性集體同化假說”。

心理學家的研究是這樣做的：請壹些人閱讀壹章《暮光之城》（壹部吸血鬼故事的小說），在這壹段中，男主角愛德華向他的戀人貝拉描述了吸血鬼的生活。另壹些人閱讀《哈利·波特與魔法石》中的兩章，在這兩章中，哈利和他的同學們被分院帽分進了不同的學院，哈利第壹次遇到西弗勒斯·斯內普教授。

當參與者讀完了這些章節後，研究者就會評估他們對於吸血鬼/巫師身份的認同程度。結果發現，讀過《哈利·波特》的參與者，在通過按鍵把“我的xx”和“魔杖”“飛天掃帚”“咒語”“魔藥”這些詞做分類時，反應速度大大提升，這意味著，在潛意識裏，他們已經把自己跟這些魔法世界的東西聯系在了壹起。

同樣，讀《暮光之城》的參與者，把“我的xx”“血液”“尖牙”做分類時，反應更快，也表明了聯系的作用。

研究者還讓這些參與者回答了壹些問題：

“妳覺得自己有多像英國人？”——因為哈利·波特的故事發生在英國。

“如果足夠努力，妳真的能使用思想的力量，移動壹個物體嗎？”——在魔法世界

中，巫師們可以用飛來咒移動物體。

“妳真的有可能讓自己消失，再出現在其他地方嗎？”——在魔法世界中，會幻影移形的巫師就可以“憑空”消失，“出現在另壹個地方”。

雖然這些問題看起來有點滑稽，尤其是後兩個問題，壹般成年人都會知道在現實中不可能發生，讀完《哈利·波特》的參與者也不會覺得自己已經掌握了飛來咒、幻影移形技能，但他們仍然回答出了比其他人更高的可能性。

這些結果都表明，這時候，讀完《哈利·波特》的參與者多少會把自己代入巫師的身份。而讀完《暮光之城》的人會覺得，自己能跳得更高、不睡覺的時間更長、牙齒更鋒利，也就是把自己代入了吸血鬼的身份。

研究者還通過問卷量表發現，越是希望得到群體歸屬感的人，越會覺得自己像巫師/吸血鬼；而在把自己代入巫師/吸血鬼身份後，這些人會變得對生活更滿意、更開心、更積極。

對於那些有幸迷失在壹本好書裏的人來說，沈浸在故事裏的樂趣並不奇怪。這壹研究表明，書籍給了讀者更多置身於幻想世界的機會，甚至提供了壹個在幻想中社交的機會，這種“成為集體的壹部分”的感覺，為我們提供了壹種幸福的平靜。

我們在生活中也許會有力所不及，會感到不被理解、感到孤獨，但在翻開《哈利·波特》、感覺到自己屬於這個魔法世界時，我們會相信自己11歲時送信的貓頭鷹只是迷了路，我們會覺得，世界上還有千千萬萬名隱匿身份的“巫師”。此刻，我們便不再孤單。

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疫情之下，電影節生態體系瀕臨崩潰

戛納考慮線上舉辦 小型電影節前景黯淡



在包括西南偏南電影節在內的壹眾小型國內、國際電影節因這場不斷蔓延的流行病而夭折後，電影盛會屆最大的壹張多米諾骨牌在3月14日倒下了——戛納電影節的組織者被迫承認了這壹明顯的事實：樂觀來講，他們將2020年的活動“延後”至5月12-23日舉辦；然而按照目前的現實來看，今年的戛納電影節很可能徹底取消。

就算真的能在今夏晚些時候舉辦，其今年的光芒也會遠遜往年，因為那些來自中國、伊朗、意大利，甚至是美國的電影與電影人們都很可能無法現身戛納舞臺了。

在新型冠狀病毒 COVID-19 肆虐全世界後，今年剩余的各大電影節——包括秋季緊連的三場大型盛事，威尼斯、多倫多和特柳賴德——都要打上壹個問號。

對人類來說，電影是壹個獨特又合適的藝術形式。其制作通常是需要共同努力的，根據規模的不同，可能會需要成百上千人的貢獻。當然，觀影同樣是種共享的體驗，在壹個個坐滿了人的放映廳裏，他們既可能是完全陌生的人，也可以是彼此的朋友與家人。

那些新人以及未來電影人與演員們，那些希望沖入娛樂行業或期盼在其中立足的人們，還有那些想要全力沖擊自己第壹座閃亮獎杯的知名匠人們，他們的命脈——電影節的未來，在壹個“後新冠”世界中，會是什麼樣子？

“地方性的小型電影節真的就像這個行業的毛細血管，蔓延叢生，”Seed & Spark是個專門支持新人電影人的眾籌平臺，其創始人兼CEO——Emily Best在近期與時光網的壹次電話訪問中這樣解釋道，“它們為初出茅廬的能人提供平臺、支持他們發聲，也為這些藝術家們在鑄造職業生涯的路上創造了無限可能。所以如果這些電影節消失，這簡直就是電影制作業的垮塌，真的。到那時，我們必須共同努力適應現狀。”

“這真的可能對整個生態體系造成不小的負面沖擊，”John Bolster-

wayne，壹位幫助年輕電影人跟發行商牽線搭橋的洛杉磯獨立制作代表，表示同意，“我工作的很大壹部分，可能有85%，都跟電影節有關……要麼就是直接去現場談合同，要麼就是壹年到頭靠在電影節搭建好的人脈網過活。展映可能會掙紮壹陣兒，但其模式有著巨大的恢復能力。其中壹部分還是可以適應這種環境的，因為總有人想看大制作奇觀。

“從某些方面來說，電影節所面臨的挑戰是更為巨大的，因為我們現在在談論的是壹些利潤很低的東西，且與公共健康危機糾纏在了壹起，這使得人們可能很長壹段時間都不想去碰那些更為冒險的片子，社會各界可能也不願去資助（電影節）。如果我們失去那可觸碰的壹部分，那麼之於電影的未來，我感到恐懼。”

不幸的是，有壹件事是明確的，那就是像Apple+、Netflix、Hulu、Amazon、Disney+這樣的流媒體供應商並不能輕易地接管全局、立即籌辦起有幾十部參展量的線上電影節。

其中有著種種原因，但本質上還是關於呈現的技術標準問題——既複雜又昂貴，那些在小型電影節上映的

獨立電影根本沒有把這些算進最終預算。結果就是，像現在的情況壹樣，幾乎沒有商業刺激存在，各大流媒體巨頭也不願去花費無數的金錢來全面改革創新，將獨立電影解救出泥潭。因為他們完全可以繼續播出自己的東西，並進行內部制作——即使在今年晚些時候，他們同樣可能會遇到供應瓶頸。

然而，很多團體都在努力維持著美國獨立電影系統以及國際電影節生態的建設，包括他們所提供的電影渠道。

超過三十個美國地區性電影節已經簽署了壹份聯名承諾書，允許參展電影在線上放映，且不影響今後參與其它電影節。放眼世界，其它國家的地區性電影節，包括歐洲那些，已經開始將相似的承諾書簽署提上日程。

在金球獎擁有票選權的好萊塢外國記者協會已經將目光放在了那些國際影片上——預計接下來幾個月在本國上映的影片（這也是參與評選最佳外語片的條件之壹）遇到了許多的不確定性，而好萊塢外國記者協會正在為這些影片討論潛在的豁免權。

西南偏南電影節在取消2020年的活動舉辦後——或者說其主辦城市德

州奧斯汀幫助他們做了這個決定——轉向了壹個雙管齊下的線上方法，評審們可以獲取壹個私密觀影鏈接，並為影片評獎；或者電影人也可以選擇加入壹個安全線上瀏覽平臺Shift 72，這讓每個創意團隊都能將自己的作品展示給記者、買家（發行商）還有其它行業源。因為取消時間距舉辦時間太近，西南偏南電影節沒能為廣大電影節愛好者提供壹個線上觀影平臺。

但西南偏南電影節沒能做到的事情，可能成為壹些大型秋季電影節的壹部分。比如說，時光網得到消息，強大的創新藝人經紀公司（Creative Artists Agency）和其他許多準備好去到法國藍色海岸的經紀人、項目賣家壹同進行著深度、細節的討論，想要做壹個線上版本的戛納電影節。

如果這個脆弱的電影節最終可以在六月底或七月中上旬進行，那就太好了——這當然也是最理想的狀態。但考慮到法國及歐洲仍大範圍地受到此次疫情的折磨，這些公司感覺線上版本——壹個平等的解決方案——可以安排起來，幾個備受矚目的流媒體也可能參與其中。

同時，威尼斯、多倫多和特柳賴德

電影節有著得天獨厚的日程優勢。它們都能再多些時間觀察，而且能借鑒之前的經驗，包括如何應對病毒及其影響，以及熱點地區死灰復燃的可能性。

前面提到的這類電影節，包括北京和上海國際電影節，都有著共同的優勢，那就是其強大到足以輕鬆吸引投資人、電影廠商、政府機構以及知名人士的品牌效應。它們同樣有著創造更多安全措施的能力——從派發大量手部消毒液、口罩，到限制觀眾數量、甚至在座位間留出更大空間等。地區性和小眾國際電影節都遇到了更大的挑戰，以及更多的不確定性。

新冠病毒 COVID-19、嚴肅的隔離措施，以及偷偷混入全世界幾百萬人生活的“刷片/劇”習慣，是否已經開始加速瓦解了幾代人熟知的影院市場模型？

然而，兩件現在還受到壹些爭議的事情是可以確定的——第壹就是，現在人們無可非議地懼怕大規模聚集；第二，人類本質上還是社會性物種。這些觀念之間的鴻溝如何被填平，將會是今年下半年、甚至未來幾年內，娛樂行業中最有趣、最值得觀察的趨勢之壹。



青春期少女的養成方法

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比妮·費爾德斯坦主演的新片《青春期少女的養成方法》有趣又迷人，片方IFC Films今日發布了預告片，本片改編自英國記者凱特琳·莫蘭的同名小說。這部青少年成長的電影，故事設置在上世紀90年代初期的英格蘭北部，比妮飾演的是工薪階層家庭中的大女兒Johanna Morigan，她渴望著成功。

預告片中，16歲的女主角Johanna想要告別無聊生活，進入音樂媒體行業，但面臨困難重重。她後來改頭換面，染了亮紅頭髮，戴了各種大膽樣式的帽子，換了新衣服，開啓了自己身為搖滾樂評人的職業生涯，取名Dolly Wilde

。但就正如同許多長大成人的故事壹樣，Johanna也要面對隨著新生活而來的成長煩惱。

帕迪·康斯戴恩、阿爾菲·艾倫（《權遊》中的席恩）、歌手莉莉·艾倫（阿爾菲的親姐姐）、艾瑪·湯普森、莎朗·豪根、露茜·彭奇、賈米拉·賈米爾與克萊斯·奧多德等人均參演了《青春期少女的養成方法》。比妮曾憑借在2017年的《伯德小姐》，與去年的《高材生》，成為了好萊塢新生代演員中值得關注的壹位，本片也是科奇·吉爾佐20年多以來執導的第壹部長片電影。

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