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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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## EPIDEMIOLOGY

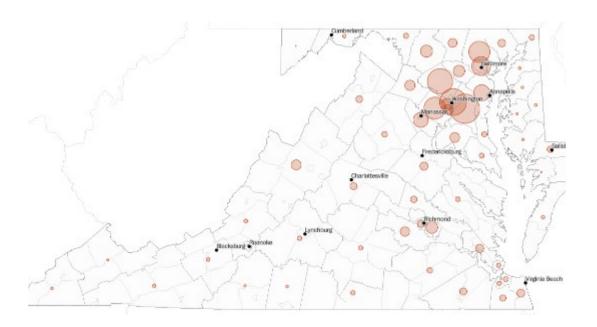
### Known coronavirus deaths and cases in D.C., Maryland and Virginia

There are a total of 1,185 deaths and 28,295 cases confirmed in the region.

District of Columbia
127
3,210 cases

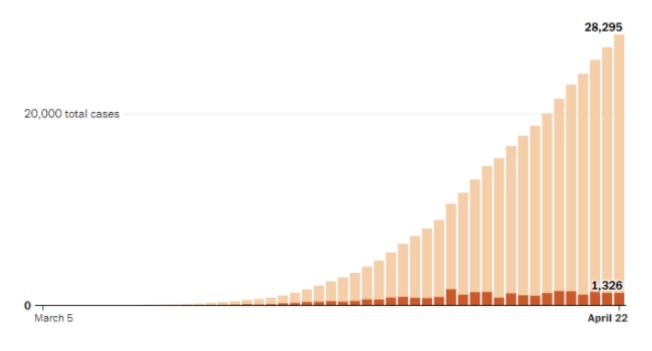
705 14,788 cases Virginia 353 10,297 cases

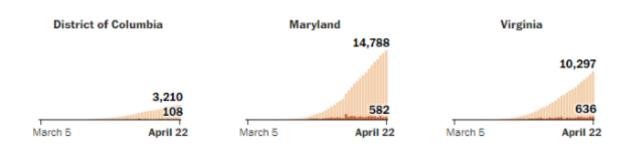
By Rebecca Tan, Fenit Nirappil, Kevin Uhrmacher, Gabriel Florit and Danielle Rindler
Updated April 22 at 5:08 p.m.

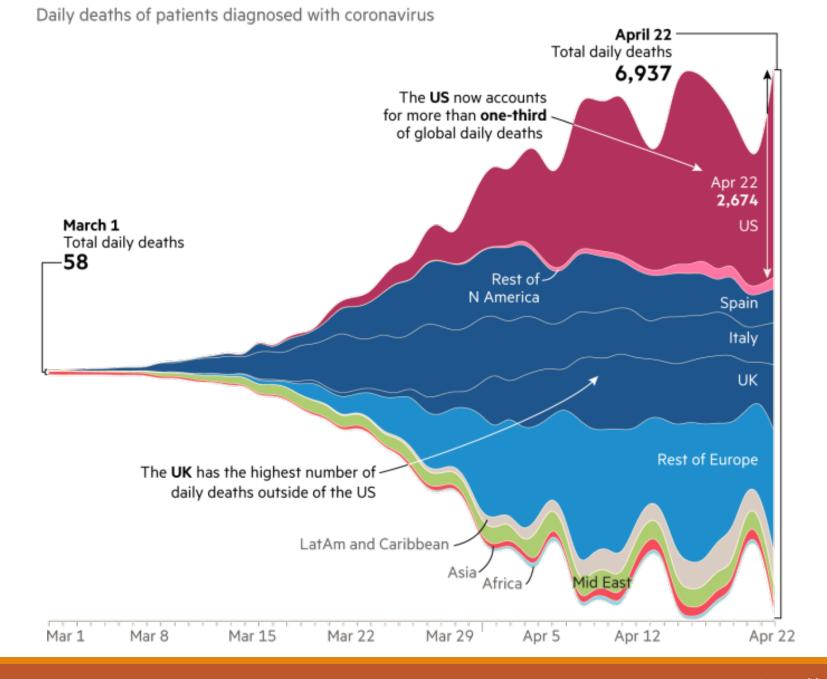


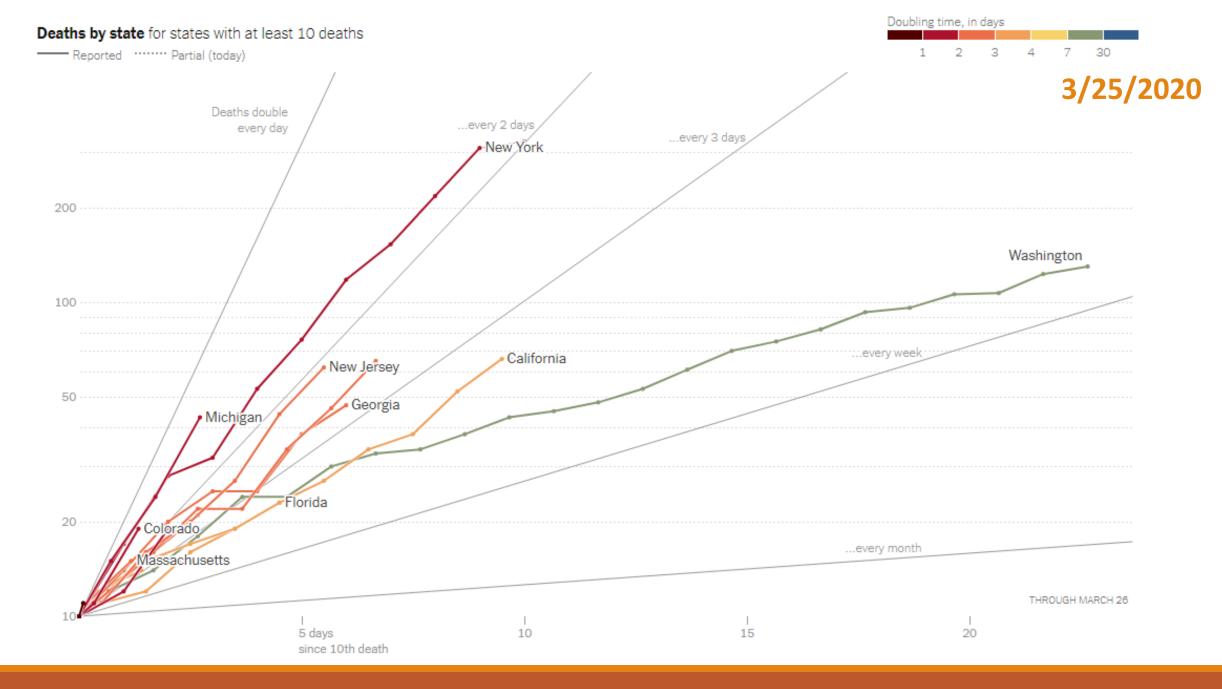
### Total cases reported in the District, Maryland and Virginia

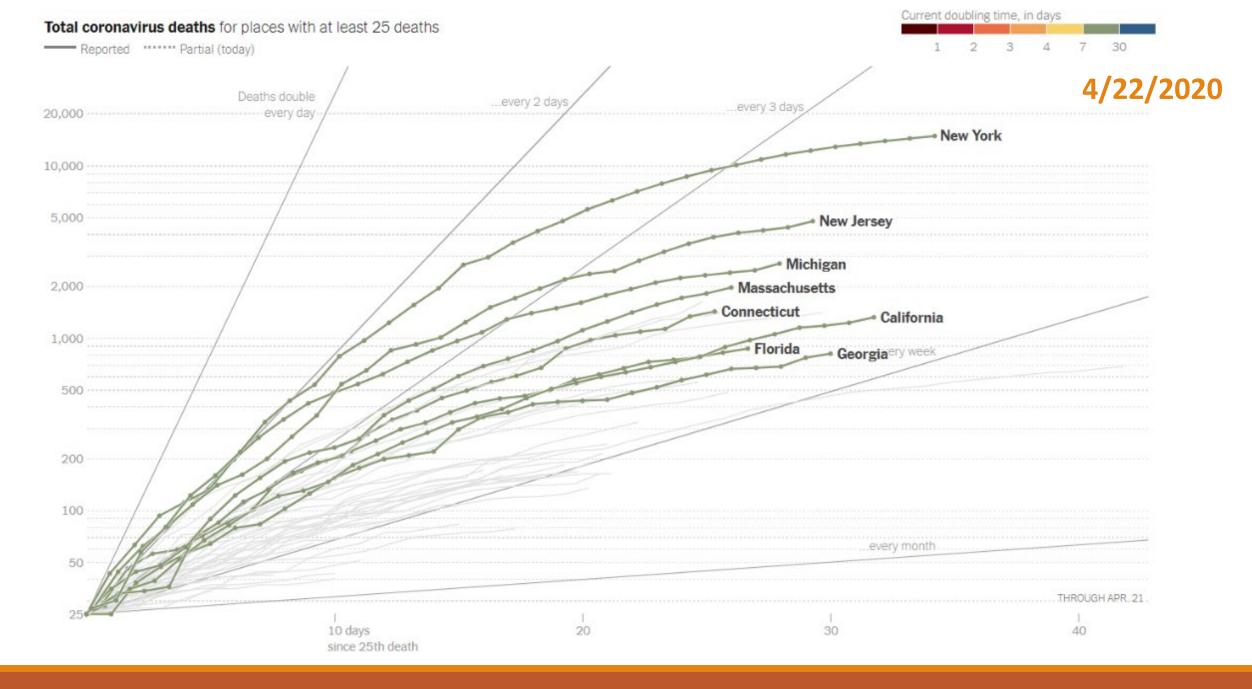
New cases each day





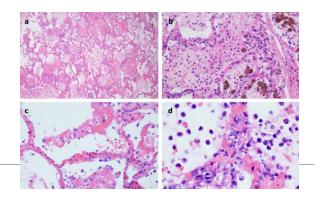






## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## Coagulopathy



> Transl Res. 2020 Apr 15;S1931-5244(20)30070-0. doi: 10.1016/j.trsl.2020.04.007. Online ahead of print.

Complement Associated Microvascular Injury and Thrombosis in the Pathogenesis of Severe COVID-19 Infection: A Report of Five Cases

Cynthia Magro <sup>1</sup>, J Justin Mulvey <sup>2</sup>, David Berlin <sup>3</sup>, Gerard Nuovo <sup>4</sup>, Steven Salvatore <sup>1</sup>, Joanna Harp <sup>5</sup>, Amelia Baxter-Stoltzfus <sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey Laurence <sup>6</sup>
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PMID: 32299776 PMCID: PMC7158248 DOI: 10.1016/j.trsl.2020.04.007

- Skin (n=3) and lung (n=5) tissues
- Pneumonitis pattern was predominantly a pauci-inflammatory septal capillary injury with significant septal capillary mural and luminal fibrin deposition and permeation of the inter-alveolar septa by neutrophils.
- No viral cytopathic changes were observed and the diffuse alveolar damage (DAD) with hyaline membranes, inflammation, and type II pneumocyte hyperplasia, hallmarks of classic ARDS, were not prominent
- These pulmonary findings were accompanied by significant deposits of terminal complement components C5b-9 (membrane attack complex), C4d, and mannose binding lectin (MBL)-associated serine protease (MASP)2, in the microvasculature, consistent with sustained, systemic activation of the alternative and lectin-based complement pathways
- The purpuric skin lesions similarly showed a pauci-inflammatory thrombogenic vasculopathy, with deposition of C5b-9 and C4d in both grossly involved and normally-appearing skin.
- Severe COVID-19 may define a type of catastrophic microvascular injury syndrome mediated by activation of complement pathways and an associated procoagulant state

### COVID-19 DERMATOLOGY REGISTRY

> Biol Reprod. 2020 Apr 16;ioaa050. doi: 10.1093/biolre/ioaa050. Online ahead of print.

### Absence of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in Semen and Testes of COVID-19 Patients

Ci Song <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>, Yan Wang <sup>3</sup>, Weigin Li <sup>4</sup>, Bicheng Hu <sup>5</sup>, Guohua Chen <sup>5</sup>, Ping Xia <sup>5</sup>, Wei Wang <sup>5</sup> , Chaojun Li 1, Feiyang Diao 1 6, Zhibin Hu 1 2, Xiaoyu Yang 1 6, Bing Yao 7, Yun Liu 8

PMID: 32297920 DOI: 10.1093/biolre/ioaa050

Gastroenterology 2020; ■:1-3

**№ 2** Evidence for Gastrointestinal Infection of SARS-CoV-2

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CORRESPONDENCE

Rhabdomyolysis as Potential Late Complication Associated with COVID-19

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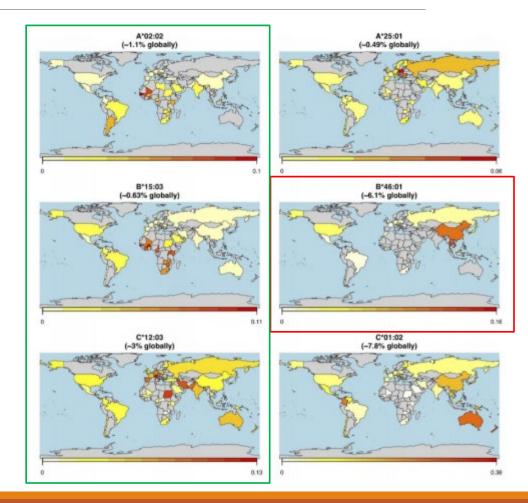
Research Letter

Guillain-Barré Syndrome Associated with SARS-CoV-2



## HLA-associated variation in susceptibility?

- The SARS-CoV-2 proteome is successfully sampled and presented by a diversity of HLA alleles
- However, different alleles are associated with presentation of different (variable vs. conserved) viral peptides, potentially resulting in different levels of cross-protection
- HLA-B\*46:01 had the fewest predicted binding peptides for SARS-CoV-2, suggesting individuals with this allele may be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19
- Alleles HLA -A\*02:02, HLA -B\*15:03, and HLA -C\*12:03 were the top presenters of conserved peptides
- Pairing HLA typing with COVID -19 testing where feasible could improve assessment of viral severity



# TESTING

## **PCR Testing News**



THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

### Study Raises Questions About False Negatives From Quick COVID-19 Test

April 21, 2020 · 6:07 AM ET Heard on Morning Edition

Researchers at the Cleveland Clinic tested 239 specimens known to contain the coronavirus using five of the most commonly used coronavirus tests, including the Abbott ID NOW. The ID NOW has generated widespread excitement because it can produce results in less than 15 minutes.

But the ID NOW only detected the virus in 85.2% of the samples, meaning it had a false-negative rate of 14.8 percent, according to Dr. Gary Procop, who heads COVID-19 testing at the Cleveland Clinic and led the study.

#### HEALTH

### FDA greenlights first Covid-19 test with at-home sample collection

By ERIN BRODWIN @erbrod / APRIL 21, 2020



President Donald Trump holds swabs that can be used in Covid-19 testing. The FDA has authorized the first diagnostic that has an option to collect samples at home using a nasal swab.

## **Antibody Testing News**



Fears of 'Wild West' as COVID-19 blood tests hit the market

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The Promise and Peril of Antibody Testing for COVID-19

Jennifer Abbasi

s coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) raged around the globe in late March, hundreds of San Miguel County, Colorado, residents turned out for a blood test. Standing 6 feet apart outside a

Telluride school
gym, they waited
for the blood draw
that would tell
Video them whether they

immune response to the disease-causing virus, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)—a sign that they'd been infected.

had mounted an

In the first such community-wide campaign in the US, the San Miguel County Department of Health offered the voluntary screening to most of the area's 8000 residents over 2 weeks. Just 8 of the 986 indi-



Health

## Early antibody testing suggests COVID-19 infections in L.A. County greatly exceed documented cases

USC and L.A. County Department of Public Health officials have released the preliminary results of their antibody tests, which show a surprising number of residents have been infected with the coronavirus.

BY Leigh Hopper • APRIL 20, 2020

- 4.1% (95% CI: 2.8-5.6%) of the county's adult population has IgM or IgG to SARS-CoV-2
- Estimate of 221,000 to 442,000 adults in the county infected by early April – 28 to 55 times higher than the 7,994 lab-confirmed cases
- With 600 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in the same population and time, CFR would be 0.1-0.2%
- Assessments from other cities: even higher
- Interpret "hotspot" results with caution



Stanford University researchers conducted blood tests in Santa Clara county to reveal the prevalence of antibodies to the pandemic coronavirus. BAY CHAVEZ/MEDIANEWS GROUP/THE MERCURY NEWS VIA BETTY IMAGES.

Antibody surveys suggesting vast undercount of coronavirus infections may be unreliable

By Gretchen Vogel | Apr. 21, 2020, 6:30 PM

- Discrepancies between maker-reported
   Sn/Sp and results of use in the field
- Especially error-prone when using in a low-prevalence settings

## TREATMENT

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Treatment Guidelines

**VIEW GUIDELINES** 

Credit NIAID-RML

### **Summary Recommendations**

At present, no drug has been proven to be safe and effective for treating COVID-19. There are no Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drugs specifically to treat patients with COVID-19. Although reports have appeared in the medical literature and the lay press claiming successful treatment of patients with COVID-19 with a variety of agents, definitive clinical trial data are needed to identify optimal treatments for this disease. Recommended clinical management of patients with COVID-19 includes infection prevention and control measures and supportive care, including supplemental oxygen and mechanical ventilatory support when indicated. As in the management of any disease, treatment decisions ultimately reside with the patient and their health care provider.

### <u>Insufficient clinical data</u> to recommend <u>either for or against</u> (AIII):

- Chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine
- Remdesivir
- IL-6 or IL-1 inhibitors
- Convalescent plasma or hyperimmune immunoglobulin

### Except in the context of a clinical trial, recommend <u>against</u> (AIII):

- Hydroxychloroquine + azithromycin in combination
- HIV protease inhibitors, interferon  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ , or JAK inhibitors

# Summary of NIAID Treatment Recommendations

### **ACE inhibitors or ARBs:**

- Continue if already prescribed for cardiovascular disease or other indications (AIII)
- Do not start for treatment of COVID-19 specifically, unless as part of a clinical trial (AIII)

### **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins):**

- Continue if already prescribed for treatment or prevention of CVD (AIII)
- Do not start for treatment of COVID-19 specifically, unless as part of a clinical trial (AIII)

### **Corticosteroids:**

- For mechanically ventilated patients without ARDS: do not use (AIII)
- For mechanically ventilated patients with ARDS: insufficient evidence to recommend for or against (CI)
- For patients in refractory shock: recommend using low-dose corticosteroid therapy (BII)
- For hospitalized, non-critically-ill patients: do not use unless already on chronic corticosteroids (AIII)
- Continue inhaled corticosteroids if prescribed for treatment of asthma or COPD (AIII)

### **NSAIDs:**

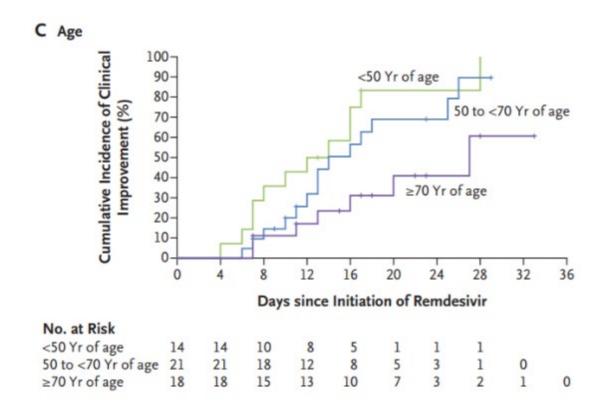
- Continue if already taking for management of a chronic condition (AIII)
- No difference in the use of antipyretic strategies (e.g., with acetaminophen or NSAIDs) (AIII)

NEXT WEEK: Critical Care Recommendations

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Remdesivir

### Compassionate Use of Remdesivir for Patients with Severe Covid-19



No. of Patients in Oxygen-Support Group at Baseline (%)		
Invasive Noninvasive Low-flow oxygen (N=34) (N=7) (N=10)	Ambient air (N=2)	
<b>→</b> 5 4 3	2	
6 6 (18) 1 (14) 0	0	
5 9 (26) 1 (14) 0	0	
4 3 (9) 0 0	0	
3 0 0 0	0	
2 8 (24) 0 0	0	
1 8 (24) 5 (71) 10 (100)	2 (100)	
19 (56) 5 (71) 10 (100)	2 (100)	
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Figure 1. Oxygen-Support Status at Baseline and after Treatment.

For each oxygen-support category, percentages were calculated with the number of patients at baseline as the denominator. Improvement (blue cells), no change (beige) and worsening (gray) in oxygen-support status are shown. Invasive ventilation includes invasive mechanical ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), or both. Noninvasive ventilation includes nasal high-flow oxygen therapy, noninvasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV), or both.

## Race and Disparities

- 33% of people who've been hospitalized with COVID-19 are African American, vs. 13% of US population
- No evidence of biologically inherent difference in severity
- However multiple epidemiologic and social factors:
  - Urban epicenters, redlining
  - Economic hardship
  - Ability to self-isolate
  - Working essential or caregiver jobs
  - Discrimination and structural barriers
- Higher prevalence of CVD, DM2, CKD, asthma, COPD
- Access to testing
- Access to timely care
- Stress, resilience, and community



A Pew Research Center survey conducted this month among 4,917 U.S. adults found that 27% of black people personally knew someone who was hospitalized with or died from COVID-19, compared to just 1 in 10 white and Hispanic people.

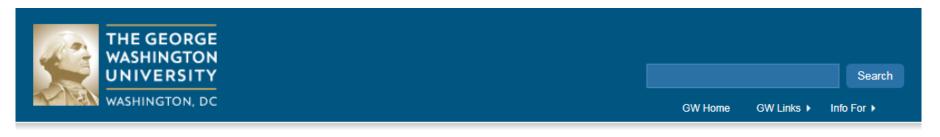
The results highlight how coronavirus is disproportionately affecting lower-income people of color.

The survey asked people how concerned they were about contracting coronavirus; of those polled 24% say they are very concerned about getting the virus. Of that group, one-third had lower incomes, versus just 17% classified as upper-income. Of that very concerned population, 43% were Hispanic, 31% black and 18% white.





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### COVID-19 Research Fund

GW scholars and researchers are stepping forward to dedicate their efforts and expertise to understanding COVID-19 and mitigating the impacts of the current pandemic. These new projects have the potential to prevent suffering, inform policy and responses to future outbreaks, and strengthen the resiliency of individuals and communities. Discovering and disseminating new knowledge for the public good is at the heart of GW's mission. In support of that mission and our innovative research community, the Office of the Vice President for Research in collaboration with the Milken Institute School of Public Health and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences announces a new special funding opportunity, the COVID-19 Research Fund.

The goal of the COVID-19 Research Fund is to support as many high-impact projects as possible with the allocated funding. In anticipation of a high volume of proposals, we ask that applicants only request funding that cannot be secured elsewhere and that is critical to achieve the project's objectives.

### Important Documents -COVID-19 Research Fund

Relevant Documents

COVID-19 Research Fund FY21 Call for Proposals (PDF)

Budget Template (XLS)

Department Chair Support Form

- PDF
- Word