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"Wasting" my money on take out because I'm lazy? I think you mean "stimulating the local economy" and a "hometown hero"



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GOING VIRAL

1. In the US, Covid-19 deaths have plateaued at a high level, but the number of new cases is slowly dropping.

Yesterday saw more than 2,700 deaths nationwide, and the seven-day moving average is essentially flat. It appears, at least for the moment, that the country has reach a death plateau, albeit at a level higher than any country in the world. The better news is that the number of confirmed cases in the US seems to have peaked and is slowly trending downward. If the trend holds, total US cases, currently more than 800,000 and increasing at about 40,000 each day, should cross the one-million-mark next week. But we should see fewer deaths in a couple of weeks. Also notable on a national level is that the hotspots for the outbreak are shifting away from major gateway cities and popping up in more obscure communities. On a per-capita basis, currently counties in Ohio, Idaho, Arkansas, and Iowa are among the top ten hotspots for new cases in the US.

2. But there's that second wave.

Yesterday, CDC Director Robert Redfield warned that a second wave of Covid-19 could form in the fall and coincide with the seasonal outbreak of flu, overtaxing hospital systems and potentially being more deadly than the first Covid wave. He said as the first wave subsides we should use our time to continue to practice social distancing, accumulate supplies, and gear up our testing efforts, and this fall everyone should get flu shots so they won't be taking up a hospital bed that may be needed by a Covid-19 patient.

3. Covid-19 in February?

So, it looks like coronavirus may have been in the US as early as February –three months ago—and maybe even stretching back to January. New research is pointing to the grim fact that Covid-19 was present in America weeks before anyone realized. Two deaths that occurred in mid-February in California, with the first as early as the 6th, have been linked to the virus. These deaths came before the first “official” coronavirus death in the area which was on March 9th. With this new information, we have to ask where else might it have been present or how many other cases and deaths have we missed?

4. From the Governor today, praise

Governor DeSantis' afternoon [press briefing](#) was packed with updates today as he rolled out the various metrics he's using to measure Florida's efforts in containing Covid-19. Florida's death rate of 4 per 100,000 residents is just a fraction of New York's experience with its rate of

for local governments and some shade for China.

101 deaths per 100,000. Overall hospitalizations per 100,000 is also low at 10 persons in Florida compared to 85 in New Jersey, 56 in Massachusetts and 33 in Michigan. The Governor gave kudos to local leadership throughout the state for flattening the curve. In particular leaders in Hillsborough, Orange and Duval counties were praised for their efforts to ramp up testing and contain spread. The statewide data is laying the groundwork for the Re-Open Florida Task Force, which delved more deeply today into the challenges facing the state's industries as they get ready to reopen their doors for business. DeSantis stressed he's organized the groups not by essential or non-essential businesses, but rather by which professions are most at risk due to interaction with the public and close interaction between employees. The Governor's closing remarks about China were designed to send a message: he'll be reviewing the lawsuit filed by the state of Missouri against China, and he's reached out to legislative leaders regarding potential action in the coming session. At a minimum, he shared, he hopes companies will seriously consider shifting medical manufacturing back to the US; Florida, after all, has a wonderful business climate.

5. Sea turtles are okay on

Some good from all the bad: Florida's sea turtles are thriving. It's currently nesting season for leatherback turtles in Florida with the end of April the time when hatchlings emerge from their nests buried in beach

you staying home.

sand. A reduction in beachgoers gives the tiny hatchlings a better chance of reaching the water, with less plastic being on our shores and the turtle nests most likely having been untouched throughout incubation. The leatherbacks are the first of Florida turtles to nest, with the overall nesting season running into October. Loggerheads will arrive in May and will then be followed later in summer by the green turtles. So far, no hard data on the positive impact, but researchers remain optimistic that there will be a difference this turtle season.



28,576

FL Case Count

2.5% GROWTH SINCE 4/21

927 DEATHS

as reported by FL DOH



846,982

US Case Count

3.3% GROWTH SINCE 4/21



46,609 DEATHS

as reported by Johns Hopkins

2,628,894

Global Case Count

2.9% GROWTH SINCE 4/21

182,992 DEATHS

as reported by Johns Hopkins

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In an effort to give back to those on the frontlines fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, [AAA-The Auto Club Group](#) is now offering free AAA Roadside Assistance to all healthcare workers and first responders in eight Florida metro areas. The offer is available in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Naples, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, and Tampa. Healthcare workers and first responders in these locations can receive free AAA services – including towing, tire changes, fuel delivery, battery service, jumpstarts, and lockout service – through the end of the month, regardless of whether they are AAA members. Eligible non-members can call 833-222-3284 to receive these free AAA Roadside Assistance services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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