

## Pandemic Articles recommended by Chris Weegar

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### \*\*\*\*\* Mapping the World Wide Spread of Coronavirus

My #1 go to article/reference site for getting an accurate and timely set of reported statistics along with non-biased suggestions for interpreting the numbers.

This interactive web page, maintained by the Washington Post, provides **world wide mapping of the coronavirus spread**. Statistics supporting the graphics are updated multiple times every day. The time/date of the most recent update is displayed with the title. Raw numbers as well as in relation to population are presented on a world map that **offers "drill down" capability**. A number of different views are available. The article ends with a list of other current URLs related to coronavirus issues.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/mapping-spread-new-coronavirus/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_post\\_most&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_most](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/mapping-spread-new-coronavirus/?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_most)

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### Mapping the Spread of Coronavirus in the U.S.

If you want to focus on U.S. statistics rather than the whole world, this article/reference site is where to do it. Approach is very similar to the word wide mapping cited in my previous (#1 above) recommendation.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/coronavirus-us-cases-deaths/?itid=lb\\_coronavirus-what-you-need-to-read\\_4](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/coronavirus-us-cases-deaths/?itid=lb_coronavirus-what-you-need-to-read_4)

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### Hold the Line by Epidemiologist, Johnathan Smith (written April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

This is an Epidemiologist's, plain spoken, explanation to his neighbors why we have to persevere for some time with **social distancing**. Easy to understand. Gets right to the heart of the issue. Quick read.

<https://metropole.at/open-letter-yale-epidemiologist/>

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### Nurse demonstrates how fast and easily germs can spread even if you're wearing gloves.

Quick video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUOGip3xHX0>

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**Why outbreaks like coronavirus spread exponentially, and how to “flatten the curve**

If you are still trying to understand the importance of flattening the curve and exactly what that means, this is the article for you. It has an excellent set of simulations that really clarify the concept. Quick read unless you get caught up experimenting with the simulations.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_post\\_most&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_most](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_most)

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**Visualization of pandemic/plagues' death toll since Christ**

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/history-of-pandemics-deadliest/>

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**Projections of virus peaks in the U.S.**

This is interesting for those really in to statistics. From the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluations. On-going it uses already recorded coronavirus counts to project curve peaks going forward for the virus in various elements of the medical system for each state and country.

Where it says "United States of America" in the upper center, use the drop down to select and check any state. That projections apply ONLY if the subject population is still trying to follow social distancing guidelines.

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>