

| Cases by the Numbers, United States - Centers for Disease Control (CDC) |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Confirmed Cases   | Total Recovered | Total Deceased |
| 7,038   | 106             | 97             |

| Cases by the Numbers, Global - Worldwide Impact |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Confirmed Cases                                 | Total Recovered | Total Deceased |
| 222,643   | 84,506          | 9,115          |

| Financial Markets Update         |   |
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| Source                           | Numbers   |
| <a href="#">Dow</a>              | <b>19,898.92 -1,338.46 (-6.30%)</b><br>At 5:41 PM EDT |
| <a href="#">S&amp;P</a>          | <b>2,398.10 -131.09 (-5.18%)</b><br>At 5:41 PM EDT    |
| <a href="#">NASDAQ Composite</a> | <b>6,989.84 -344.94 (-4.70%)</b><br>At 5:15 PM EDT    |
| <a href="#">World Indices</a>    | See link.   |

## Latest News

### 8:30 a.m. Briefing

- [Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart and Ben McAdams become first members of Congress to test positive for coronavirus—CNN](#)  
Florida Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart and Utah Rep. Ben McAdams have become the first members of Congress to test positive for coronavirus. The announcements come the same day President Donald Trump signed a coronavirus relief package that includes provisions for free testing and paid emergency leave.
- [Chicago mayor suspends all debt collections due to coronavirus—Fox News](#)  
Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced Wednesday she would be temporarily suspending the city's debt collection in an effort to provide financial relief and "breathing room" for constituents grappling with the coronavirus pandemic.
- [President Trump Signs Coronavirus Emergency Aid Package—NPR](#)  
The economic relief bill marks the second such aid package in a matter of weeks. The legislation passed Wednesday provides paid sick and family leave for some for U.S. workers impacted by the illness, expands unemployment assistance, includes nutrition assistance and increases resources for testing. Efforts are already underway to put together a third, larger relief measure that could total \$1 trillion.
- [China Hits a Coronavirus Milestone: No New Local Infections—New York Times](#)  
China on Thursday reported no new local infections for the first time since the coronavirus crisis began three months ago, reaching a milestone in its battle with the deadly outbreak that has upended daily life and economic activity around the world.
- [12 changes to the US immigration system during the coronavirus pandemic—CNN](#)

In a little over a week, there have been a dozen changes, ranging from postponing immigration hearings to pausing deportation flights to certain countries and suspending refugee admissions. The tweaks to the system are being made incrementally, though rapidly, as the pandemic spreads across the country.

- [Younger Adults Make Up Big Portion of Coronavirus Hospitalizations in U.S.](#)

New C.D.C. data showed that nearly 40 percent of patients sick enough to be hospitalized were aged 20 to 54. But the risk of dying was significantly higher in older people.

- [Australia and New Zealand closing borders to all non-residents--Axios](#)

Australia and New Zealand announced Thursday they're closing their borders to foreign travelers in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak. Citizens can still return from overseas, but they must self-isolate for 14 days.

## Corporate / Business Response

### 8:30 a.m. Briefing

- [Tesla's](#) main factory in Fremont has remained open despite an Alameda County shelter-in-place order exempting only "essential" businesses, but on Wednesday, county officials stated the factory will dramatically cut its workforce from 10,000 to 2,500, and the plant will remain open with only essential staff present. On Thursday, [Elon Musk](#) announced via Twitter that Tesla will make ventilators if there is a shortage.
- [The Simon Property Group](#) announced on Wednesday that it would be closing all of its U.S retail properties — which include over 200 shopping malls and retail outlets — in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Beginning Thursday, many of [Walmart's](#) 4,700 US stores will be open from 7 am to 8:30 pm until further notice. It's the second adjustment the retailer made to its hours within a week.
- [Amazon](#) has temporarily closed its Queen's warehouse facility for additional cleaning and has sent workers home with full pay after a warehouse worker has tested positive for coronavirus.
- The European Union is urging [Netflix](#) and other streaming platforms to stop showing video in high definition to prevent the internet from breaking under the strain of unprecedented usage due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Following Australia's announcement to avoid overseas travel, [Qantas Group](#) is halting all international flights Scheduled international flights operated by Qantas and Jetstar will continue until late March to help repatriate Australians, and will then be suspended until at least the end of May,

## CSR Response

### 8:30 a.m. Briefing

- Several Beauty & Fashion Brands, including [Aritzia and Kendra Scott](#) Are Giving Back During Coronavirus To Those Affected
- [Uber and Sweetgreen](#) are giving back to the medical professionals who are working around the clock during the coronavirus outbreak by offering free meals to healthcare workers and first responders in the coming days.
- [OneDine](#), a touchless restaurant technology platform used by merchants and guests, has announced they are providing their Touchless System of Tap & Order and Tap & Pay for free to all restaurants in response to the pandemic.
- To help struggling families amid the coronavirus outbreak, [Burger King](#) is giving away two kids meals with any purchase made via the Burger King app starting next week.
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## Interesting Angles

**8:30 a.m. Briefing**

- [Can Smart Thermometers Track the Spread of the Coronavirus?—New York Times](#)
- [Younger Adults Comprise Big Portion of Coronavirus Hospitalizations in U.S. —New York Times](#)
- [About 120,000 Entertainment Industry Crew Jobs Lost Due to Coronavirus—Variety](#)
- [Why Covid-19 is worse than the flu, in one chart—Vox](#)
- [What Is a College Education in the Time of Coronavirus?—New York Times](#)
- [The coronavirus is crippling entire industries, but the private jet business is booming and high-end spas are offering virus-anxiety packages. Here's how the luxury travel world is coping with the pandemic.—Business Insider](#)
- [What Can Brands Do if the Coronavirus Crisis Drags on for Months? -- AdWeek](#)

**Georgia-Specific News****8:30 a.m. Briefing**

- [Georgia state senator tests positive for coronavirus—AJC](#)
- [3 more patients die of coronavirus in Georgia, bringing death toll to 4—WSB-TV](#)
- [Georgia's judicial system under pressure responding to coronavirus crisis—WSB-TV](#)
- [Entire Georgia Senate told to self-quarantine over senator's coronavirus case—Axios](#)