

《全球疫情汇总：美国可能数百万人感染 英国需半年“恢复正常”》

美国国家过敏症和传染病研究所所长福奇近日在访谈中估计，新冠肺炎疫情在美国可能导致10万至20万人死亡，数百万人感染。英国官员称，英国可能需要6个月甚至更长时间才能恢复正常生活……来看全球疫情最新进展。



Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, attends the daily coronavirus response briefing at the White House in Washington, US, March 27, 2020. [Photo/Agencies]The coronavirus pandemic could kill up to 200,000 Americans and millions more could be infected, the US government's leading expert has warned.

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Dr Anthony Fauci, the face of the Trump administration's coronavirus task force, made the prediction on Sunday.

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"Looking at what we're seeing now, I would say between 100,000 and 200,000 deaths," he told CNN.

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But he quickly urged caution. "It's such a moving target," he said.

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Dr Fauci added that the US, which now has the most recorded cases of the virus in the world, was the "focus" of the global outbreak.

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"We've got a serious problem in New York, we have a serious problem in New Orleans, and we're going to be developing serious problems in other areas," he said.

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"I want to see that tests are being implemented on the ground," he added. "If we can do that... then I think we can pull back on some of the restrictions."

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There are at least 125,433 confirmed cases across the country, with 2,201 deaths. The United States overtook both China and Italy last week for the number of reported cases.

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But its death toll remains lower than that in other global hotspots, such as Italy, Spain and China.

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A hospital worker readies a nasal swab during drive-thru tests for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Indian Wells, California, US, March 26, 2020. [Photo/Agencies]????????

Dr Fauci's prediction came as cities across the country warned that they may soon run out of key medical supplies. Detroit, New York, and New Orleans have all sounded the alarm.

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"We have nurses wearing the same mask from the beginning of their shift until the end, masks that are supposed to [be used] for one patient," Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer told CNN.

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A major concern among health professionals is the number of available ventilators. Demand has surged as the virus has spread, and a number of states have warned that they will soon run out.

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President Donald Trump has ordered a car manufacturer in Detroit to produce more ventilators to satisfy demand.

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Meanwhile, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo reported 7,195 new Covid-19 cases across the state on Sunday. It brought the total number of cases there to 59,513.

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New York is at the heart of the US outbreak and is home to just under half the total cases across the country.

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On Saturday, President Trump said he was considering quarantining the state in a bid to slow the spread of the virus.

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He later commented that it was not necessary after Mr Cuomo said doing so would be "preposterous".

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Mr Trump tweeted that instead of quarantine, a "strong travel advisory" would be issued to New York, New Jersey and Connecticut by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Saturday also saw the first death in the US of an infant who had tested positive for coronavirus. The baby died in Chicago.

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Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson appears on a monitor for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) meeting in London, Britain March 28, 2020. The prime minister chairs the morning update meeting on the coronavirus remotely from Number 11 Downing Street, since self-isolating after testing positive for the virus.
 [Photo/Agencies]

More than 30,000 people have now died of the virus worldwide, with more than 685,000 cases

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In the UK, another 209 people were confirmed to have died over the past 24 hours. A senior medical official warned it could be six months until "life returns to normal"

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Spain, France and Italy all recorded another surge in deaths. But Italy's increase was less than the previous two days

South Korea said all overseas arrivals will go into mandatory quarantine for 14 days as of 1 April

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Australia tightened its restrictions. It is limiting public gatherings and closing all playgrounds and parks from Monday

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And in India, the prime minister asked for forgiveness after imposing a sweeping lockdown that he said had hurt millions of poor people

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