

《美国首都华盛顿特区“居家令”延长至6月8日》

美国首都华盛顿哥伦比亚特区市长鲍泽近日宣布，华盛顿特区的“居家令”将延长至6月8日，届时再考虑该地区的重启计划。



File photo: the White House in Washington DC. [Photo/VCG]

The District of Columbia, seat of the US federal government, extended its stay-at-home order through June 8, the mayor said on Wednesday.

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The stay-at-home order, intended to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, had been scheduled to end on May 15.

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Mayor Muriel Bowser left open the possibility that the US capital could reopen sooner, telling reporters that if it hit certain metrics including a declining number of cases over 14 days and sustained low transmission rate, she could move to open sooner.

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Washington has reported 6,584 cases of the coronavirus and 350 deaths so far. Though Bowser said the data reflected some encouraging signs, she said, "We are not there yet."

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'We're not there yet and not quite ready to begin that phased new opening,' Bowser said at a press briefing.

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'We will continue to follow the advice of our health officials. Rushing to reopen could have tragic results.'

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Medical experts recommend states and regions do not reopen until they have recorded a 14-day decline in new coronavirus cases.

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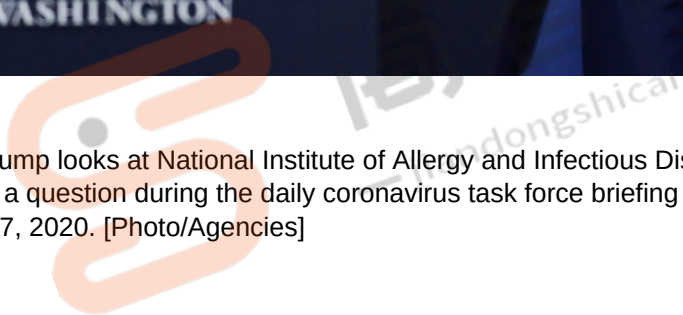
Other criteria for reopening have been met, however, including the required capacity for testing, Bowser said.

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The announcement came as the White House pushes for states to reopen businesses while public health experts urge caution. Top US infectious diseases expert Anthony Fauci testified in the Senate on Tuesday his concerns that ending lockdowns could lead to uncontrollable outbreaks.

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Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told a Senate panel the virus epidemic is not yet under control in areas of the nation and urged states to follow advice of witnessing a declining number of new infections before reopening.



ump looks at National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
a question during the daily coronavirus task force briefing
7, 2020. [Photo/Agencies]

pandemic by August - an increase of 10,000 on projections from just two days ago - due to the easing of social distancing measures across much of the US.

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