

COVID-19 Lockdown Exit Analysis

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Overnight News RoundUp

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- In May, when the CDC said fully vaccinated people could ditch masks and social distancing, it seemed to signal a return to normalcy. But epidemiologists cautioned at the time that the move wasn't likely to be permanent, and shouldn't be interpreted as the end of Covid-19 as a daily concern. Colder weather or a right hook in the virus's evolution could bring restrictions right back.
- Still, Americans seem shocked by the recent turn of events. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised everyone - even those who have had COVID shots - to go back to indoor masking, a decision driven by new data showing the hyper-contagious Delta Variant colonizes the nose and throat of some vaccinated people just as well as the unvaccinated, meaning they may just as easily spread this new version of the virus, while still being protected against the worst manifestations of the disease.
- **[The prospect of contending with a prolonged outbreak phase - and adjusting to a constantly evolving roster of restrictions - has brought back another feature of pandemic living in America: anger.](#)**
- This time it's not just the mostly Republican anti-masking refrain rearing its defiant head (though fights over school mask mandates have returned with a vengeance). Coast to coast, and across the political spectrum, contempt for unvaccinated people is rising. 'It's the unvaccinated folks that are letting us down.,' Governor Kay Ivey, a Republican, said on July 22, as her state (Alabama), with one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country, reeled from a 530% rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations in just three weeks.
- Among the vaccinated, there's a sense that the freedoms they gained by getting the shots - travel, eating out, concerts, sports, school, seeing friends - are now being jeopardized by those who are still holding out.
- **Though this new flavour of outrage might look and sound like righteous indignation, health professionals says that what's behind it is fear.**
- 'It's scary to admit that somebody else has power over you and you're at their mercy and you're afraid of them, but showing that is not a very American ideal,' said David Rosmarin, an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a clinician at McLean Hospital. 'Instead of expressing that fear, it's a lot more comfortable to blame somebody else.'
- Anger is what people in his profession refer to as a 'secondary emotion.' It's a feeling that arises in response to a more primal emotion, like fear and anxiety over having some aspect of your life threatened. 'The reality is that there are millions of people who are miseducated about something, they're making a big mistake that will have massive consequences that might affect you and your family and that makes you scared,' Rosmarin said. 'But nobody is saying that.'

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Huge queues have built up at Heathrow Airport amid a suspected Covid outbreak among staff, it has been reported. Frustrated passengers have been stuck waiting for hours at the London airport today. Some reported tension within the queues, with people jostling and pushing just to get into the terminal. The lack of social distancing has led to concerns among some that the virus could spread as crowded people wait to get on their flights. Problems with the e-gates and sickness among Border Force staff are behind the delays, The Times reports.

https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/massive-quarter-mile-queues-heathrow-24669645?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sharebar

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COVID hospitalizations in Louisiana and Florida have surged to their highest points of the pandemic, leading overwhelmed doctors on Monday to plead with the unvaccinated to get inoculated against the Delta variant. More than 10,000 patients were hospitalized in Florida on Sunday, surpassing that state's record. The surging Delta variant led Louisiana's governor to reinstate a statewide indoor mask mandate, with that state expected to break its record on COVID hospitalizations within 24 hours. Hospitalizations in Arkansas are also soaring and could eventually break records

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/covid-vaccine-or-test-mandated-new-york-transport-workers-governor-2021-08-02/>

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has turned down President Joe Biden's request for a new scaled-down pandemic-related moratorium on residential evictions, citing a lack of legal authority to take the action, the White House said on Monday. The previous moratorium, which protected millions of Americans behind on their rent from being tossed out of houses and apartments, expired at midnight on Saturday, with Congress failing to renew it as Biden had asked. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi earlier on Monday pressed Biden to have his administration renew the ban without congressional action.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/pelosi-urges-white-house-reinstate-expired-covid-19-eviction-moratorium-2021-08-02/>

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Serbia is benefiting from COVID-19 'quarantine tourism' as thousands of Indians make a two-week stopover on the way to other countries. India has registered more coronavirus cases than any other country except the United States. Its citizens are barred from entering many countries during the pandemic unless they spend two weeks in another country en route.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/serbia-benefits-covid-19-quarantine-tourism-indians-visit-2021-08-02/>

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It suggests the Government could soon start offering antibody tests to young people who are yet to receive both jabs, and for those that refuse to take a coronavirus vaccine.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/government-124-million-contract-home-antibody-test-kits-vaccine-uptake-low-young-1129382>

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Salimullah, a Rohingya refugee, has been living in the Indian capital of New Delhi since 2013 when he fled violence in Myanmar. Stateless, and now homeless after a fire razed his camp, the 35-year-old lives in a tent with as many as 10 other people at a time. Before the pandemic, he ran a small business selling groceries from a shack. But that was closed during India's harsh, months-long lockdown, and his savings are gone. He and his family have been surviving on donated food, but he has to return to work soon, despite the risk of getting COVID-19 and infecting others.

<https://apnews.com/article/africa-science-health-migration-coronavirus-pandemic-b0bf88f346fd0dcaa83be8d3a3f3d47a>

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The NHS is facing pressure to redistribute tens of thousands of vaccine doses nearing expiry as demand from younger adults drops. An internal email seen by the Guardian warned of 170,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine at risk of expiry within the next fortnight, as doctors across England have raised alarm at the unpredictability of vaccine take-up among young people meaning more doses will go to waste. The government is to unveil a raft of new initiatives to increase vaccine uptake among young people, including discounts on car-hailing companies such as Uber and Bolt, as well as the delivery service Deliveroo.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/aug/01/nhs-urged-to-redistribute-near-expiry-coronavirus-vaccines-as-take-up-slows-in-young>

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Cambodia will begin offering a booster shot against Covid-19, switching between the AstraZeneca and Chinese COVID-19 vaccines in an effort to fight the spread of the coronavirus in the Southeast Asian country. Prime Minister Hun Sen, launching the vaccination campaign for 12-17 years old, said on Sunday that the third dose will be offered to between 500,000 to one million frontline workers as a priority.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/cambodia-mix-vaccines-booster-shots-fight-covid-2021-08-01/>

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McDonald's Corp confirmed that all its customers and staff will need to start wearing masks again inside its U.S. restaurants in areas with high or substantial transmission, regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not. The resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the United States due to the Delta variant and the new guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that requires fully vaccinated individuals to wear masks have led companies to change their plans on vaccinations and masking

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/mcdonalds-makes-masks-mandatory-all-customers-staff-2021-08-02/>

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The United Arab Emirates will start providing China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 3-17, the UAE government said on Twitter on Monday. It cited the health ministry as saying the decision comes after clinical trials and extensive evaluations, without providing any details. Authorities said in June the trial would monitor the immune response of 900 children.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/uae-rolls-out-sinopharm-covid-19-vaccine-children-aged-3-17-2021-08-02/>

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Stefanie Watts admits she's worried about sending her granddaughter and her son back to school on Monday. "I'm scared," Watts told CNN at a vaccination event in DeKalb County, Georgia. "I'm not gonna tell no lie. I am scared." But that's why Watts is getting the teens vaccinated, hoping it will keep them healthy and safe from Covid-19 when they go back to their Atlanta-area schools.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/02/us/georgia-schools-reopening-covid/index.html>

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To avoid lockdowns, people in the United States will have to do things that they won't necessarily want to do, such as wearing masks at indoor gatherings even if they're vaccinated and having kids mask up in schools, the director of the National Institutes of Health said Monday. "We want to avoid lockdowns at all costs, but that means we're going to have to do some other things that won't necessarily be welcomed by people," Dr. Francis Collins said on ABC's "Good Morning America" when asked how he saw the fall playing out.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/02/health/us-coronavirus-monday/index.html>

SA COVID-19 density restrictions to ease as locals warned to consider returning from Queensland

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South Australia will ease some of its heightened coronavirus restrictions from Thursday. Premier Steven Marshall has urged South Australians in south-east Queensland to consider whether they should return home. Mr Marshall also announced the state would ease strict density limits on businesses in the wake of the recent lockdown.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-02/sa-to-ease-some-covid-restrictions-amid-warning-for-queensland/100341996>

COVID-19: Who will get a booster coronavirus vaccine first - and when?

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The UK government plans to give booster COVID-19 jabs to the most vulnerable groups from September. The current COVID vaccines have been shown to give good protection against severe disease for at least six months, and there is also evidence of longer-lasting protection. But because any rise in cases would place pressure on the NHS, a booster protection plan for winter has been deemed necessary.

<https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-who-will-get-a-booster-coronavirus-vaccine-first-and-when-12370724>

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Text message reminders could increase Covid-19 vaccine uptake by as much as 26%, according to research published in Nature on Monday. Researchers at UCLA and Carnegie Mellon University in the US conducting two randomised controlled trials involving 100,000 patients found simple texts successfully boosted vaccine appointments by as much as 84% and actual vaccinations by as much as 26%. Including "ownership language" in the form of phrases such as "the vaccine has just been made available to you" and "claim your dose today" further increased appointment and vaccination rates at UCLA Health by 1.51 and 1.09 percentage points respectively.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/aug/02/text-reminders-could-boost-vaccine-uptake-by-26-study-finds>

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A privileged minority of nations are able to provide coronavirus vaccinations to the bulk of their populations. These are chiefly in the West, where governments in the United States, Canada and Europe managed to obtain vast supplies of doses even as countries in the developing world struggle to vaccinate their medical workers. The jabs were made free and widely available to the public, though the speed of their rollout varied on both sides of the Atlantic. But amid the surge of the highly transmissible delta variant — and the refusal of significant numbers of people to get vaccinated — governments are finding that more needs to be done.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/08/02/clamor-against-vaccine-grows/>

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Vulnerable 12- to 15-year-olds will be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine from next week and residents in Queensland's COVID-19 hotspot are being urged to get any available vaccine as outbreaks worsen around the country. Fast coronavirus testing could also become more widely available as trials of the rapid antigen tests continue in aged care facilities around NSW.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/vulnerable-12-to-15-year-olds-eligible-for-pfizer-vaccine-from-next-week-20210802-p58f7b.html>

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Shouts of "Liberty!" have echoed through the streets and squares of Italy and France as thousands show their opposition to plans to require vaccination cards for normal social activities, such as dining indoors at restaurants, visiting museums or cheering in sports stadiums. Leaders in both countries see the cards, dubbed the "Green Pass" in Italy and the "health pass" in France, as necessary to boost vaccination rates and persuade the undecided. Italian Premier Mario Draghi likened the anti-vaccination message from some political leaders to "an appeal to die."

<https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-europe-business-health-travel-e9aebd606f9dce666b13442919aace0c>

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Ellie Zeiler, 17, a TikTok creator with over 10 million followers, received an email in June from Village Marketing, an influencer marketing agency. It said it was reaching out on behalf of another party: the White House. Would Ms. Zeiler, a high school senior who usually posts short fashion and lifestyle videos, be willing, the agency wondered, to participate in a White House-backed campaign encouraging her audience to get vaccinated against the coronavirus?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/01/technology/vaccine-lies-influencer-army.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Let's start with the good news: Vaccination rates in the US are ticking back up. Sunday marked the fifth straight day of the CDC recording more than 700,000 shots in arms across the country. Now to the bad news, and there's a lot of it. "The Biden administration's handling of the Delta surge has left Americans confused and frustrated, fueling media overreaction and political manipulation," as Mike Allen and Caitlin Owens wrote for Axios. Comms failures by the CDC and other agencies have been at the root of the problem. News outlets' sensational headlines and faulty frames have compounded the problem.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/08/01/media/covid-news-coverage-reliable-sources/index.html>

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Republican U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham revealed on Monday that he has tested positive for COVID-19 despite being vaccinated, has flu-like symptoms and will be self-quarantining for 10 days. The announcement on the heels of a weekend gathering of senators that Graham attended, sent lawmakers scrambling for COVID-19 tests and raised the possibility of a congressional outbreak as the Senate prepares to advance President Joe Biden's agenda with a landmark \$1 trillion infrastructure bill.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/lindsey-graham-says-he-has-tested-positive-covid-19-2021-08-02/>

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Young people could have been put off getting a coronavirus jab due to an implication that "infections don't matter," a leading psychologist has said. Stephen Reicher, professor of psychology at the University of St Andrews, said more must be done to make younger adults aware that vaccination is a matter of personal and social responsibility. The expert, who sits on the government advisory group Scientific Pandemic Insights Group on Behaviours (Spi-B), called for clear and consistent messaging to signal that the pandemic is not over. "In many ways the implication has been there that infections don't matter," he told Times Radio.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/covid-vaccine-young-infections-dont-matter-stephen-reicher-b948745.html>

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Still in the grips of COVID-19 surges mainly fueled by the Delta (B1617.2) variant, Thailand and Vietnam extended lockdowns and other measures for the worst-hit parts of the countries. In other global developments, an outbreak in Australia's Queensland state flared again, and the greater Sydney area continues to report high daily case totals.

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/08/thailand-and-vietnam-extend-covid-measures>

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Thailand on Sunday extended tighter containment measures in the capital and high-risk provinces probably until the end of August in a bid to slow the spread of COVID-19 as the country deals with its biggest outbreak to date. Thailand reported 18,027 infections and 133 deaths on Sunday, bringing the cumulative total to 615,314 cases and 4,990 fatalities, mostly from an outbreak since April that is being fuelled by the highly transmissible Alpha and Delta variants.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/thailand-extends-strict-covid-19-measures-until-end-august-2021-08-01/>

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Indonesia extended restrictions outside Java island by another week in efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus, local media reported on Sunday citing an interior ministry senior official. The highest level of restrictions was extended until Aug. 9 for regions outside Java categorised as "Level 4" areas, or areas that have a high level of infections and hospital's bed occupancy rate, Safrizal Z.A., a senior official at the Home Affairs Ministry, told local media. Workers employed by non-essential businesses will continue to work from home and shopping malls will remain closed.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/indonesia-extends-covid-19-restrictions-outside-java-local-media-2021-08-01/>

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The Philippines will extend a night curfew in Manila amid a tightening of restrictions to combat a potential surge in cases of the Delta variant of the coronavirus, a government official said on Monday. Metropolitan Manila, already subject to a six hour curfew from 10:00 p.m. (1400 GMT), will bring forward that curfew by two hours to 8:00 p.m. (1200 GMT), said Benjamin Abalos, chair of the region's governing body. "This will stop the virus for the meantime. What's important is our hospitals don't get full," Abalos told a briefing.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/philippines-extend-night-curfew-manila-amid-covid-19-surge-2021-08-02/>

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Millions of people have been confined to their homes in China as the country tries to contain its largest coronavirus outbreak in months with mass testing and travel curbs. China reported 55 new locally transmitted coronavirus cases on Monday as an outbreak of the fast-spreading Delta variant reached more than 20 cities and more than a dozen provinces. Local governments in major cities including Beijing have now tested millions of residents, while cordoning off residential compounds and placing close contacts under quarantine.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/aug/02/millions-under-strict-lockdown-china-covid-outbreak?utm_term=Autofeed&CMP=tw_t_b-gdnnews&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1627904241

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Over the weekend, COVID-19 cases continued to surge across the country with Florida experiencing record daily highs of new cases and hospitalizations. The current surge of virus activity is due to the highly transmissible Delta (B.1.617.2) variant. Yesterday the country reported 25,141 new COVID-19 cases, and 71 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins COVID-19 tracker. In total, America has confirmed 35,020,438 COVID-19 cases, including 613,254 deaths. The 7-day average of new daily COVID-19 cases is 78,472, according to data from the Washington Post. New daily cases rose 54.2% over the past week, while deaths rose by 31.6% and hospitalizations by 42.2%.

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/08/florida-and-texas-lead-us-covid-19-surge>

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The United States will not lock down again to curb COVID-19 but "things are going to get worse" as the Delta variant fuels a surge in cases, mostly among the unvaccinated, top U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Sunday. A sufficient percentage of Americans have now been vaccinated to avoid lockdowns, Fauci said on ABC's "This Week". "Not enough to crush the outbreak, but I believe enough to not allow us to get into the situation we were in last winter," he said.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/fauci-predicts-us-will-not-return-lockdowns-despite-delta-variant-risks-2021-08-01/>

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Tokyo is experiencing a record surge in Covid-19 cases during the Olympic Games as the more infectious delta variant rips through Japan, though contagion among those linked to the event appears to be relatively contained so far. To date, organizers have announced 276 positive cases among people connected to the Olympics, including 24 athletes out of the more than 11,000 who are expected to participate. Of over 400,000 tests conducted so far on athletes and stakeholders, the positivity rate has been only 0.02%, organizers said on Monday.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-02/covid-19-contained-among-olympic-athletes-despite-tokyo-surge>

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Hospitals are surging with unvaccinated patients infected with the Delta variant -- which could affect car accident victims and other non-Covid-19 patients who need hospital care, doctors say. "None of these patients thought they would get the virus, but the Delta variant has proven to be so highly contagious that even the young and the healthy, including pregnant patients, are now starting to fill up our hospitals," said Dr. Neil Finkler, chief clinical officer for AdventHealth Central Florida.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/01/health/us-coronavirus-sunday/index.html>

Bangladesh COVID-19 death toll exceeds 21,000

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Bangladesh reported 15,989 new COVID-19 cases and 246 more deaths on Monday, making the tally at 1,280,317 and the death toll at 21,162, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said. The official data showed that 53,462 samples were tested in the last 24 hours as of 8:00 a.m. local time on Monday across Bangladesh. The total number of recovered patients in the country stood at 1,108,748 including 15,482 new recoveries Monday, said the DGHS. According to the official data, the COVID-19 fatality rate in Bangladesh is now 1.65 percent and the current recovery rate is 86.60 percent.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-08/02/c_1310103304.htm

With expanded FDA nod, Regeneron's COVID-19 antibody drug can help the immunocompromised

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With its rapid mutations, the evolutionary process of the coronavirus makes it a moving target. And so it is with treatments for the disease, which can quickly become in vogue or obsolete. Case in point for the former: Regeneron's antibody cocktail REGEN-COV. Over the last few months, nearly every development in the COVID-19 antibody market has broken in favor of the treatment, a combination of casirivimab and imdevimab. On Friday, the FDA granted emergency use authorization to REGEN-COV as a preventative measure for those who have been exposed to COVID-19 and who are at high risk to progress to a severe case because they are not fully vaccinated or are not expected to mount an adequate antibody response to vaccination.

<https://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/fda-expands-label-for-regeneron-s-versatile-covid-19-antibody-now-a-preventative-role>

UK conditions are ideal for evolving vaccine-resistant covid variants

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Back in March, an eventual end to the coronavirus pandemic appeared to be in sight. The number of covid-19 cases were plummeting in the UK and the US as vaccination levels rose. It seemed the same might gradually happen in country after country around the world. But then India was hit by a devastating second wave, due largely to a new variant now known as delta. After delta spread to many other countries, case numbers soared once again

https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg25133453-400-uk-conditions-are-ideal-for-evolving-vaccine-resistant-covid-variants/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_campaign=echobox&utm_medium=social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1627894888

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Among US Military Health System (MHS) beneficiaries diagnosed as having COVID-19, obesity was independently and strongly associated with hospitalization, need for oxygen therapy, higher viral load, and an altered immune response, according to a prospective study late last week in the Journal of Infectious Diseases. A team led by researchers from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, used logistic regression models to compare the viral loads and immune responses in obese and non-obese patients at seven military treatment sites, stratified by hospitalization. Patients were included if they had confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or had a recent high-risk exposure to the virus.

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/08/study-severe-covid-higher-viral-loads-immune-response-linked-obesity>

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With a new wave of COVID-19 infections fueled by the Delta variant striking countries worldwide, disease experts are scrambling to learn whether the latest version of coronavirus is making people - mainly the unvaccinated - sicker than before. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that Delta, first identified in India and now dominant worldwide, is "likely more severe" than earlier versions of the virus, according to an internal report made public on Friday.

<https://www.msn.com/en-xl/lifestyle/coronavirus/delta-spreads-like-wildfire-as-doctors-study-whether-it-makes-patients-sicker/ar-AAMQHDC>

AAP urges post-COVID-19 follow-up to monitor for residual symptoms

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New AAP interim guidance on post-COVID-19 conditions in children and adolescents recommends all patients who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection have at least one follow-up conversation or visit with their pediatrician to discuss residual symptoms, explore new symptoms and guide their return to activities. More than 4 million U.S. children have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. Although acute illness may be less severe in children and adolescents than adults, severity does not predict subsequent or ongoing symptoms. According to the guidance, "COVID-19 can lead to many secondary conditions, which can range from subacute to severe. Long-term effects from SARS-CoV-2 infection may be significant, regardless of the initial disease severity."

<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/08/02/post-acute-covid-080221>

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More than 99.99% of people fully vaccinated against Covid-19 have not had a breakthrough case resulting in hospitalization or death, according to the latest data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The data highlights what leading health experts across the country have highlighted for months: Covid-19 vaccines are very effective at preventing serious illness and death from Covid-19 and are the country's best shot at slowing the pandemic down and avoiding further suffering.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/31/health/fully-vaccinated-people-breakthrough-hospitalization-death/index.html>

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The Biden administration's chief medical adviser said he didn't believe the U.S. would return to lockdowns but warned that "things are going to get worse" as a more contagious variant of the coronavirus has led to a surge of new cases. "We are looking, not I believe, to lockdown but we are

looking to some pain and suffering in the future because we are seeing the cases go up,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week.” He added, “The solution to this is, get vaccinated.”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/fauci-warns-on-covid-19-that-things-are-going-to-get-worse-11627838537>

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Arcturus Therapeutics Holdings Inc (ARCT.O) said on Monday its Vietnamese partner received regulatory approval to start a clinical trial of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate in the Southeast Asian country.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/arcturus-to-start-clinical-trial-of-covid-19-vaccine-in-vietnam/ar-AAMQJog>

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Covid cases among younger people in Scotland could rise once the schools go back after the summer break if 12 to 17 year olds are not vaccinated, a leading health expert has said. Linda Bauld, professor of public health at the University of Edinburgh, wants to see children given the coronavirus vaccine that has been successfully rolled out across the country to the majority of the adult population.

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/covid-cases-among-kids-scotland-24666275>

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South Australia will ease some of its heightened coronavirus restrictions from Thursday. Premier Steven Marshall has urged South Australians in south-east Queensland to consider whether they should return home. Mr Marshall also announced the state would ease strict density limits on businesses in the wake of the recent lockdown.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-02/sa-to-ease-some-covid-restrictions-amid-warning-for-queensland/10034199>