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## COVID-19 Integration and Coordination Group

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(U) The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the novel coronavirus a global pandemic.

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(U) Over the past 72 hours and according to open-source information:

- (U) A U.S. senator is the third member of Congress to test positive for COVID-19. All U.S. senators will be tested as a precautionary measure.

- (U) Nearly one in three Americans was under gubernatorial decree on 22 March 2020 to stay home to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic as Delaware, Louisiana, and Ohio became the latest states to enact broad restrictions, along with the city of Philadelphia. The three states join California, Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York—home to 101 million Americans combined—in issuing the order.
- (U) The Food and Drug Administration has authorized the use of a rapid diagnostic test that can detect the novel coronavirus in 45 minutes. Tests will begin shipping this week to select hospitals.

- (U) POTUS announced that the federal government has activated the National Guard to assist California, New York, and Washington—three of the states hit hardest by COVID-19.

- (U) The WHO announced a large global trial, called SOLIDARITY, to tackle COVID-19 treatment efforts. The effort is an unprecedented, coordinated push to collect robust scientific data rapidly during a pandemic. The study, which could include many thousands of patients in dozens of countries, has been designed to be as simple as possible so that even hospitals overwhelmed by an onslaught of COVID-19 patients can participate. Scientists have suggested dozens of existing compounds for testing but WHO is focusing on what it says are the four most promising therapies: an experimental antiviral compound called remdesivir; the malaria medications chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine; a combination of two HIV drugs, lopinavir

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and ritonavir; and that same combination plus interferon-beta, an immune system messenger that can help cripple viruses.

- (U) Schools have closed in 46 states, affecting 55 million students. The governor of New York requested that POTUS authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to set up temporary hospitals across the state.
- (U) On 22 March 2020, The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Vaccine Research Center in Bethesda, MD, requested incident management support from the USCG National Strike Force because of a worker testing positive for COVID-19 at the NIAID facility. A USCG Incident Management Team will assist NIAID in getting its research center back in operation.
- (U) USCG reports Cruise Ship NORWEGIAN JEWEL arrived in Honolulu; passengers will be allowed to disembark, board chartered flights, and return to their home of residence (HI, DoS, and CDC are coordinating offload efforts). USCG is tracking 12 cruise ships at sea with 12,636 passengers abroad.
- (U) FEMA and HHS have supplied states/private partners with enough supplies to operate 40 Community Based Testing Sites across the United States. FEMA NRCC remains at Level I in a unified effort with HHS SOC. All Regional Response Coordination Centers are activated.

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