

COVID-19 IN AMERICA: RESPONSE, ISSUES, AND LAW

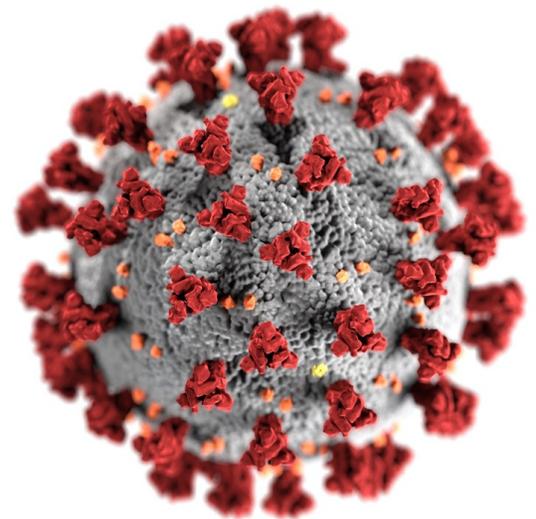
A WHOLE NEW WORLD: NAVIGATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- **Find factual information** about how COVID-19 has impacted public health, economics, society, and the world
- Access **hundreds of Congressional Research Service (CRS) and Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports**, updated regularly as this fluctuating situation evolves
- Discover **a curated list of relevant scholarly articles and external links** to supplement your COVID-19 research

About the Pandemic

2020 had barely begun when life as the world knew it was upended and redefined. Reports at the end of 2019 of a mysterious disease spreading rapidly through Wuhan, China made headlines in the United States, but were not met with alarm by the general American public. It was later determined that the disease that we now know as COVID-19 was caused by SARS-CoV-2, a coronavirus.

As of July 2020, there have been almost 17.5 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide and nearly 675,000 deaths. Maintaining social distance and complying with state-issued orders to wear masks have become flashpoint political issues. As the year turns towards autumn, states across the country grapple with whether to open schools for in-person instruction and whether to require students to wear masks. 17.8 million Americans who were suddenly unemployed by the pandemic wait to see if the extra federal unemployment benefit of \$600 per week will be extended past the end of July.



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About the Database

While we may not know what the next months will bring in the COVID-19 pandemic, HeinOnline has launched **COVID-19 in America: Response, Issues, and Law** to empower its users with information.

Publications from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and Government Accountability Office (GAO) analyze the various ways COVID-19 has impacted every aspect of life, from testing issues in the medical field to unemployment and economic impact. These reports provide insight into federal response to the pandemic, discussing not only those issues that are highly prevalent in the media (for example, the process of vaccine development), but also those that may not have been considered by the casual researcher—for example, the pandemic's effect on organ donation and transplantation, the U.S. blood supply, support for the homeless, and the implications of digital surveillance of carriers.

For ease of access, content in the database has been grouped around the areas of life in America impacted by the disease: **Economics**, **Health**, and **Society**. An additional subcollection entitled **Global Impact** has been dedicated to analyses of the pandemic's effect on the rest of the world. Finally, an expanding curated list of related scholarly articles* and external links allow researchers to take their learning beyond HeinOnline. This database, much like our understanding of the disease, will continue to evolve over the coming months and years as new content is published and integrated with regular updates.

The screenshot shows a web browser interface for a HeinOnline database. The breadcrumb trail at the top reads: Databases > COVID-19 in America: Response, Issues, and Law > Society > Another Coronavirus Emerges: U.S. Domestic Response to 2019-nCoV > LibGuide. Below the breadcrumb trail are buttons for 'Contents (click to toggle)' and 'Cite', followed by a row of utility icons including print, download, email, document, link, bookmark, search, navigation, and refresh. The main content area features the Congressional Research Service logo on the left and the word 'INSIGHT' in a black box on the right. The title of the report is 'Another Coronavirus Emerges: U.S. Domestic Response to 2019-nCoV', dated January 29, 2020. The subheading is 'The Emergence of 2019-nCoV'. The text begins with: 'On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was informed of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China. Illnesses have since been linked to a previously unidentified strain of coronavirus, designated 2019 novel Coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV. To date, thousands have been infected, mostly in China, and over 100 have died. The disease has spread to several other countries, including the United States. As the scope of the epidemic widened in China, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated on January 27, 2020, that "the immediate health risk from the new virus to the general American public is low currently." With the situation rapidly changing, both WHO and CDC post frequent updates. Coronaviruses (see Figure 1) are common respiratory pathogens, usually causing mild illnesses such as the common cold. The global health community is closely monitoring 2019-nCoV because of the severity of symptoms (including death) among those infected, and the speed of its spread worldwide. 2019-nCoV'.

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