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**TUESDAY
14 APRIL
2020
7th Edition**

Message from:
Tanya Stone

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Dear Fellow Rotarians

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter weekend under the lockdown circumstances.

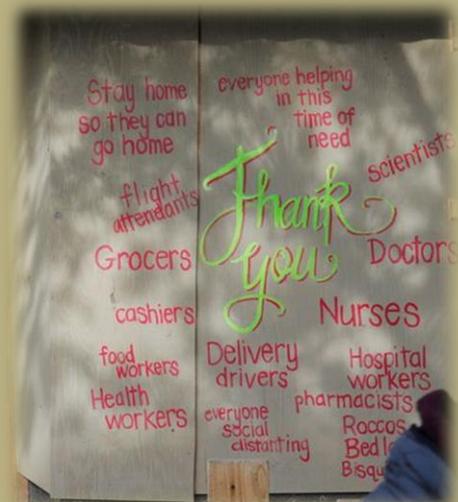
The COVID-19 pandemic is quite daunting and surreal.
The news is everywhere and it can cause depression and anxiety among people.

It is important to keep updated with news but sometimes too much is enough. My means of coping is to remain busy. I don't think I have ever had such a clean house before, I can bake bread blindfolded and now I have embarked on a 1000 piece puzzle. Perhaps a very mild form of OCD.

It makes me feel good to be busy, neat and tidy AND be creative all at once. At least I get my exercise and steps in!!

You are most welcome to share your stories for me to publish in the newsletter. It will be interesting to find out what you have been up to.

Thank you COVID-19 frontline workers





**Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak situation
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2020**

PLEASE NOTE: Figures are time of publish and fluctuate constantly

1,929,227

Confirmed cases

Updated: 14 April

119,758

Confirmed deaths

Updated: 14 April

452,955

Recovered

Updated: 14 April

209

**Countries, areas or
territories with cases**

Updated : 14 April

UPDATE

SOUTH AFRICA

Monday 14 April 2020

South Africa now has **2,272** confirmed cases.
South African statistics from Worldometer and Department of Health SA
on COVID-19

2,272
Positive Cases Identified
Updated: 14 April

410
Recovered
Updated: 14 April

27
Deaths
Updated: 14 April

83,693
Tests conducted
Updated: 14 April

NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA



ECONOMIC MITIGATION AND RELIEF MEASURES

What measures are being taken to protect jobs and livelihoods and support the economy during the COVID-19 epidemic?

Support for:

Credit and financial markets
Workers and individuals
Businesses
Grants of loan funding
Economy

VISIT:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/faqs-economic-support-measures.pdf>

PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA WELCOMES FOSAD'S DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLIDARITY FUND

April 13th, 2020

MEDIA STATEMENT TO ALL NEWS EDITORS /MEDIA

President Cyril Ramaphosa has welcomed the decision of the Forum of South Africa's Directors-General (FOSAD) members to contribute to the Solidarity Fund.

FOSAD members met on Sunday, 12 April 2020 where a decision was made to support the call by National Coronavirus Command Council for members of political leadership and executive layer of the Public Service, to make contributions to the Solidarity Fund.

READ MORE:

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/2020/04/13/president-ramaphosa-welcomes-fosads-decision-to-contribute-to-the-solidarity-fund/>

*Issued by the Presidency of the Republic of South Africa
Pretoria*

SA's Covid-19 infection plateau is unprecedented: ministerial adviser

By ANA Reporter
IOL

Cape Town - The manner in which South Africa's rate of Covid-19 infection has slowed has not been seen anywhere else in the world, Professor Salim Abdool Karim, a special advisor to Health Minister Zweli Mkhize, said on Monday.

"We now know that we have a different trajectory than we have seen anywhere else in the world," Karim told a media briefing, where he attributed the decline in the exponential increase in cases to rapid interventions by the government.

Karim said South Africa had been braced for a rapid exponential increase in Covid-19 infections, once the disease arrived in the country in March with citizens who had travelled abroad, and this was the case in the first fortnight after the first case was confirmed.

During this period, infections followed the same, predictable trajectory evidenced in the United Kingdom and other countries now battling severe outbreaks of the novel coronavirus.

[READ MORE](#)

Authorities clamp down on lockdown regulations violations

By eNCA



JOHANNESBURG - The call among other things on day 18 of the nationwide lockdown has been for people to stay at home.

However, this seems to be a problem in some areas and authorities are clamping down.

The South African Police Service, together with Johannesburg Metro Police Department and the South African National Defence Force are conducting compliance operations in the south of Johannesburg.

North West doctor tests positive for COVID-19

Courtesy #DStv403

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy Health Minister Joe Phaahla says he's satisfied with the steps taken in the North West to deal with the case of a doctor who tested positive for COVID-19.

At least 56 patients and 44 healthcare workers were in contact with the Klerksdorp doctor, and some are now under quarantine.

Provincial health officials are trying to trace six patients who had contact with the doctor.

"Necessary steps are being taken in terms of making sure that all the 44 staff members are in isolation or self-quarantined, those who have facilities, those who don't have facilities are being looked after the state," Phaahla said.

COVID-19: SAA to bring South Africans stuck abroad home

By eNCA



JOHANNESBURG - Many South Africans stuck abroad are desperate to get back home.

South African Airways is undertaking repatriation flights to reunite people with their families and loved ones.

SAA spokesperson Tlali Tlali said seven flights are scheduled to repatriate South Africans in Germany and United States. "SAA received a lot of inquiries from foreign governments who were requesting us to provide a service in the form repatriation of foreign nationals to their respective home countries," said Tlali Tlali. He said SAA has operated 18 passenger flights all over the world and two charter flights.

Meanwhile, SAA is still operating its cargo department. "To date, we have been able to transport a total of 334,000 kilograms of cargo and receive 184,000 kilograms cargo that was inbound. This morning there was yet another arrival of cargo that arrived from China that was bringing a number of supplies, including pharmaceutical supplies, medical supplies as well as COVID-19 test kits," said Tlali Tlali.

Uber Eats join forces with essential good providers to support the South African community

By Uber eats
Daily Maverick



Uber Eats has accelerated its push into grocery delivery and has joined forces with essential good providers to help deliver everyday products to South African households consistent with all hygiene measures and delivery restrictions laid out by the South African government.

What Eaters need to know:

- Grocery and convenience stores, pharmacies (excluding scripts) and frozen meal options will be available for delivery with a minimum delivery fee of R25.
- Hours will be limited to the operating hours of stores, between 9am – 5pm daily and Uber Eats will work around standard operating hours directed by the Government.
- Expect deliveries within the hour by a delivery person using the Uber Eats application and relying on all health and safety guidelines shared by the Government. Delivery times might vary due to demand, please check the app for delivery times.

From fresh fruit juices and ready-made healthy meals to toiletries, household goods and vitamins, Eaters will get the items they need, with the option of no-contact delivery. Uber Eats encourages Eaters to check the app often as new staples and convenience products are being added daily from local partners and stores nearby.

“Partnering with essential service providers across South Africa, to help deliver everyday items via Uber Eats will allow people to stay at home and help flatten the curve of community spread. Safety is essential to Uber and it’s at the heart of everything we do – all deliveries requested through Uber Eats are contactless, meaning users can have deliveries left on their doorstep. We remain in close contact with the local public health authorities and stand ready to provide additional support as required,” Ailyssa Pretorius, Uber Eats General Manager.

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The safety of the South African communities is a top priority for both Uber Eats and our partners, and we are determined to fight together against the spread of the epidemic. All deliveries placed via the Uber Eats application have the option of being contactless. To help limit the spread, Uber Eats recommend that customers avoid all contact and comply with the health guidelines shared by the Government.

How to do it?

1. Order essentials in two ways: On the app: Download the Uber Eats app to get started OR visit ubereats.com to get started.
2. Sign in (or create an account) and set your delivery address.
3. Choose the store you want to order from.
4. Select your items and tap “Add to Cart”.
5. Finalize your order and review your basket.
6. We have made it easy for you to request no-contact delivery, meaning your delivery person will leave your order at the door. Simply select the delivery option “Leave at the door” at checkout.
7. Add instructions if you want to tell the delivery person where to drop off your order (e.g. “Drop my order in the lobby”).
8. When everything looks right, just tap place order—and that’s it. We are promoting contactless transactions and will only accept payment by credit or debit card.
9. Follow your order in the app. First, you’ll see the grocery or convenience store accept and start prepping. Then, when the order’s almost ready, a delivery person will go to the store to pick it up. Next, they’ll drive to you. You’ll be able to see their name and photo and track progress on the map.
10. You also have the option to tip your delivery person who is working hard to get your items to you.
11. Avoid contact when retrieving your order.

Pretorius concludes, “Thank you to the healthcare workers who are saving lives and to all essential service workers helping us with our daily needs. Thank you to the drivers, delivery people and stores who are supporting them. And thank you to all South Africans who are doing their part by staying home. We are in this together.”

Let’s not.....



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD



UNITED STATES

U.S. now has most COVID-19 deaths after surpassing Italy

By Jerry Omondi
April 11, 2020
CGTN

The United States has now recorded more COVID-19 deaths than any other country after surpassing Italy's tally.

Figures from the Johns Hopkins University show that the U.S. now has over 1,900 COVID-19 deaths.

These latest figures show that despite having less than 5 percent of the world's population, the U.S. accounts for nearly 30 percent of the world's confirmed COVID-19 cases and over 17 percent deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

Authorities are however confident that measures taken by the government are yielding results. Recent figures show a decrease in new COVID-19 related hospitalizations even though deaths continue to surge.

"At the same time as we're seeing the increase in deaths, we're seeing a rather dramatic decrease in the need for hospitalizations," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, at a White House briefing on Thursday.

"That means that what we are doing is working and therefore we need to continue to do it," he added.



The situation in the U.S. has had far-reaching consequences, as the country's economy took a hit while millions of people remain at home.

Around 6.6 million people filed claims for unemployment benefits last week, data released on Thursday show. In total, more than 16.8 million Americans have sought unemployment aid since mid-March.

President Donald Trump is however optimistic that the country will get right back on track soon. "This week, in only 4 days, we had the biggest Stock Market increase since 1974. We have a great chance for the really big bounce when the Invisible Enemy is gone," the president wrote on Twitter.

CHINA

Wuhan ends coronavirus lockdown



Medical workers from the First Bethune hospital of Jilin University cheer during a ceremony at the airport as they prepare to leave the city

After 76 days sealed off from the world, the central Chinese city of Wuhan, where the coronavirus pandemic began, has opened its doors again. At midnight on Wednesday, authorities allowed residents to leave the city for the first time since 23 January, when 11 million people were put under lockdown to contain the quickly spreading virus.

Some countries look towards easing lockdowns

The Guardian

Following in the footsteps of China, a number of countries announced plans to relax restrictions they had put in place to stop the spread of the virus. On Wednesday, China, lifted its 11-week lockdown in Wuhan where the outbreak began.

The following day, the Czech Republic allowed bicycle shops and DIY, hobby and hardware stores to reopen.

After the Easter break, Austria will let small shops, DIY stores and garden centres return to business, while Denmark plans to reopen kindergartens and primary schools. But with the virus still present and large numbers of people still vulnerable to infection, health officials are watching closely for cases to surge again. As Denmark's prime minister, Mette Frederiksen, commented: "It's like walking a tightrope."

US - TEXAS

Now, this is fantastic!

Matthew McConaughey Melts Everyone's Hearts By Hosting A Bingo Game For Isolating Elders

By Judita Kusaitytė
BoredPanda staff

While many senior citizens are forced to isolate themselves completely, with no family visits or social events, Matthew McConaughey, American actor, figured out how to brighten up their lives. He and his family hosted a virtual game of bingo for a senior facility in his home state of Texas.

While the novel coronavirus has changed the daily routines of many people across the globe with governments putting them in lockdown, people are still trying to find the best ways to carry on with their daily lives as normally as possible.



We've already seen examples of people managing to have social experiences with as little risk as is still possible these days. However, one thing is certain—no place is safer than your own home

PAKISTAN/INDIA

By
Marko Korosec

The Himalayas visible from the plains of India and Pakistan for the first time in 30 years – significant air pollution levels decline due to coronavirus.



Sialkot Punjab – Kashmir's mountains are clear as the weather clears

Here is something positive from the coronavirus outbreak and the national lockdown – for the first time in decades, residents of northern India and Pakistan plains are reporting they can see the distant snow-capped Himalayas. At a distance of 150-200 km. Yes, although it might sound unreal for some, this is an exceptional and rare event!

With the worldwide spread of coronavirus, many countries including India made a very robust national lockdown to prevent the virus spread. This led into a very significant decline of air pollutants and clearing the skies.

ETHIOPIA

A Million People Face Food Shortage in Ethiopia Due to Locusts

By
Samuel Gebre
Bloomberg Green

One million people are in need of emergency food assistance in Ethiopia after the worst desert locust outbreak in decades.

Nearly 200,000 hectares of cropland were damaged by the insects, leading to the loss of over 356,000 tons of grain including sorghum, maize and wheat, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization said Monday. An additional 1.3 million hectares of pasture have been affected, reducing the area by as much as 61% in the Somali region.

The battle against the locust invasion has been exacerbated by the **coronavirus** crisis. Following ample rain in March, new swarms of the pest are forming and threaten not only Ethiopia, but Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Yemen, Iran and Saudi Arabia, the UN agency said.



AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

New Ebola case confirmed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

10 April 2020

News release

WHO

A new case of Ebola virus disease was confirmed today in the city of Beni in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

“While not welcome news, this is an event we anticipated. We kept response teams in Beni and other high risk areas for precisely this reason,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

As part of the active Ebola surveillance system in place to respond to this ongoing outbreak in DRC, thousands of alerts are still being investigated every day. An alert is a person who has symptoms that could be due to Ebola, or any death in a high risk area that could have been as result of Ebola.

As with all confirmed cases, efforts are already underway to find everyone who may have been in contact with the person in order to offer them the vaccine and monitor their health status.



“WHO has worked side by side with health responders from the DRC for over 18 months and our teams are right now supporting the investigation into this latest case,” said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. “Although the **ongoing COVID-19** pandemic adds challenges, we will continue this joint effort until we can declare the end of this Ebola outbreak together.”

The news of the confirmed case came minutes after the conclusion of a meeting of the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee on Ebola in DRC. The Emergency Committee will reconvene next week in order to re-evaluate their recommendations in light of this new information.

Prior to this, the last person who was confirmed to have Ebola in DRC tested negative twice and was discharged from a treatment centre on 3 March 2020.

As of 10 April 2020, 3456 confirmed and probable cases and 2276 deaths have occurred as a result of the outbreak.

Climate crisis: in coronavirus lockdown, nature bounces back – but for how long?

Article by: The Guardian

The environmental changes wrought by the coronavirus were first visible from space. Then, as the disease and the lockdown spread, they could be sensed in the sky above our heads, the air in our lungs and even the ground beneath our feet.

While the human toll mounted horrendously from a single case in Wuhan to a global pandemic that has so far killed more than 1 million people, nature, it seemed, was increasingly able to breathe more easily.

As motorways cleared and factories closed, dirty brown pollution belts shrunk over cities and industrial centres in country after country within days of lockdown. First China, then Italy, now the UK, Germany and dozens of other countries are experiencing temporary falls in carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide of as much as 40%, greatly improving air quality and reducing the risks of asthma, heart attacks and lung disease.

For many experts, it is a glimpse of what the world might look like without fossil fuels. But hopes that humanity could emerge from this horror into a healthier, cleaner world will depend not on the short-term impact of the virus, but on the long-term political decisions made about what follows.

After decades of relentlessly increasing pressure, the human footprint on the earth has suddenly lightened. Air traffic halved by mid-March compared with the same time last year. Last month, road traffic fell in the UK by more than 70%, to levels last seen when the Beatles were in shorts. With less human movement, the planet has literally calmed: seismologists report lower vibrations from “cultural noise” than before the pandemic.

Key environmental indices, which have steadily deteriorated for more than half a century, have paused or improved. In China, the world’s biggest source of carbon, emissions were down about 18% between early February and mid-March – a cut of 250m tonnes, equivalent to more than half the UK’s annual output. Europe is forecast to see a reduction of around 390m tonnes. Significant falls can also be expected in the US, where passenger vehicle traffic – its major source of CO₂ – has fallen by nearly 40%. Even assuming a bounceback once the lockdown is lifted, the planet is expected to see its first fall in global emissions since the 2008-9 financial crisis.

WHEN THE HUMANS ARE AWAY, THE ANIMALS WILL PLAY

All around the world nature is bouncing back as humans are forced to stay indoors due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Western Cape is no exception as a huge number of birds flocked to Langebaan while locals stayed inside.

A resident from Langebaan, who posted the picture from his home, said he had never seen anything like this in Langebaan. He compared it to the Sardine run.



Seabirds in Langebaan

Iso around the globe:

A puma was spotted roaming in the Chilean capital of Santiago recently.

In Italy and Spain, wild boars have returned; on the Italian island of Sardinia, dolphins have come back in the absence of ferries and in the empty French ski resort of Courchevel, a wolf was recently spotted.

Proof that humans' misfortune is an opportunity for animals!

Children's story book released to help children and young people cope with COVID-19

News release of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee
9 April 2020
News release
UNICEF

A new story book that aims to help children understand and come to terms with COVID-19 has been produced by a collaboration of more than 50 organizations working in the humanitarian sector, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Save the Children.

With the help of a fantasy creature, Ario, "My Hero is You, How kids can fight COVID-19!" explains how children can protect themselves, their families and friends from coronavirus and how to manage difficult emotions when confronted with a new and rapidly changing reality.

The book – aimed primarily at children aged 6-11 years old – is a project of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, a unique collaboration of United Nations agencies, national and international nongovernmental organizations and international agencies providing mental health and psychosocial support in emergency settings.

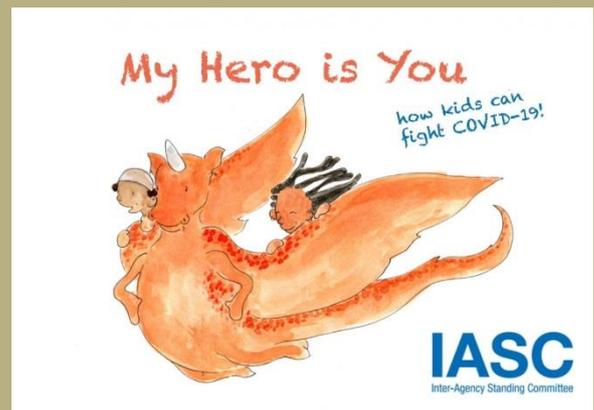


Llandudno in North Wales

Taking advantage of the town's deserted streets because of the coronavirus lockdown, the goats have been branded vandals for munching through gardens



Coyotes have recently been spotted on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.



During the early stages of the project, more than 1700 children, parents, caregivers and teachers from around the world shared how they were coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. The input was invaluable to script writer and illustrator Helen Patuck and the project team in making sure that the story and its messages resonated with children from different backgrounds and continents.

In order to reach as many children as possible, the book will be widely translated, with six language versions released today and more than 30 others in the pipeline. It is being released as both an online product and audio book.

[Download the book here](#)

Covid-19 crisis caused by 'disregard for nature', says primatologist Jane Goodall

By
NEWS WIRES

The novel coronavirus could have been transmitted to humans by a pangolin or a bat.

World-renowned British primatologist Jane Goodall says the coronavirus pandemic was caused by humanity's disregard for nature and disrespect for animals.

Goodall, who is best known for trail-blazing research in Africa that revealed the true nature of chimpanzees, pleaded for the world to learn from past mistakes to prevent future disasters.

During a conference call ahead of the release of the new National Geographic documentary "Jane Goodall: The Hope", the 86-year-old also said everyone can make a difference.

How do you view this pandemic?

Goodall: It is our disregard for nature and our disrespect of the animals we should share the planet with that has caused this pandemic, that was predicted long ago.

Because as we destroy, let's say the forest, the different species of animals in the forest are forced into a proximity and therefore diseases are being passed from one animal to another, and that second animal is then most likely to infect humans as it is forced into closer contact with humans.

It's also the animals who are hunted for food, sold in markets in Africa or in the meat market for wild animals in Asia, especially China, and our intensive farms where we cruelly crowd together billions of animals around the world. These are the conditions that create an opportunity for the viruses to jump from animals across the species barrier to humans.

What can we do about these animal markets?

It's really good that China closed down the live wild animal markets, in a temporary ban which we hope will be made permanent, and other Asian countries will follow suit.

But in Africa it will be very difficult to stop the selling of bush meat because so many people rely on that for their livelihoods.

It will need a lot of careful thought on how it should be done, you can't just stop somebody doing something when they have absolutely no money to support themselves or their families, but at least this pandemic should have taught us the kind of things to do to prevent another one.



What can we hope for?

We have to realise we are part of the natural world, we depend on it, and as we destroy it we are actually stealing the future from our children.

Hopefully, because of this unprecedented response, the lockdowns that are going on around the world, more people will wake up and eventually they can start thinking about ways they can live their lives differently.

Everyone can make an impact every single day. If you think about the consequences of the little choices you make: what you eat, where it came from, did it cause cruelty to animals, is it made from intensive farming – which mostly it is – is it cheap because of child slave labour, did it harm the environment in its production, where did it come from, how many miles did it travel, did you think that perhaps you could walk and not take your car.

(Also consider) ways that you could perhaps help alleviate poverty because when people are poor they can't make these ethical choices. They just have to do whatever they can to survive – they can't question what they buy, they must buy the cheapest, and they are going to cut down the last tree because they are desperate to find land on which they can grow more food.

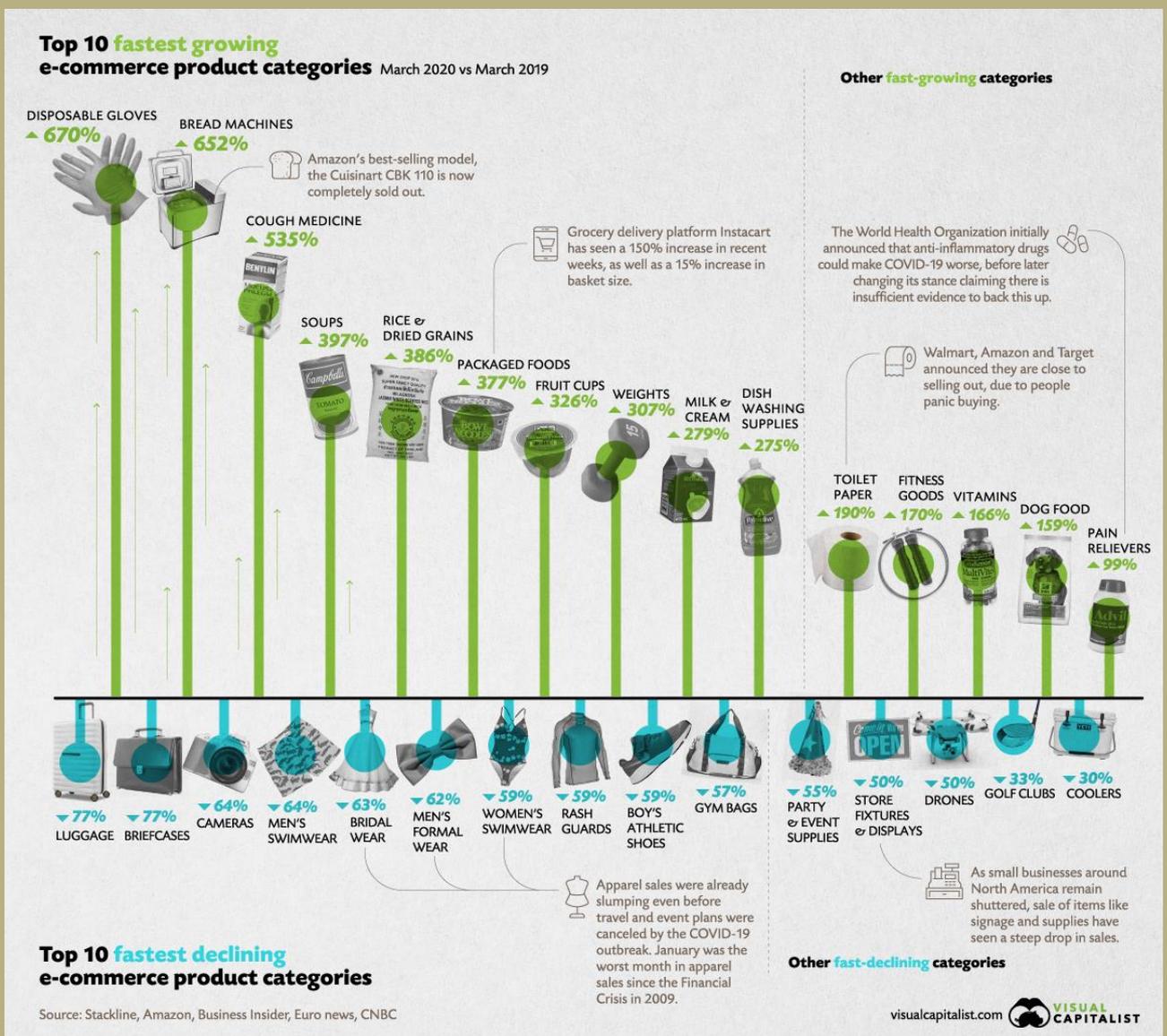
So what we can do in our individual lives does depend a little bit on who we are, but we all can make a difference, everybody can.



The Pandemic Economy: What are Shoppers Buying Online During COVID-19?

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on every aspect of life, including how people shop for their necessities, and their not-so-necessities.

Regardless of which list a product falls under, it is clear that the pandemic has impacted retailers of every kind in both positive and negative ways.

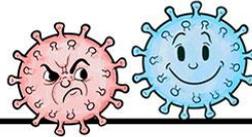


Meanwhile, the question remains: will this drastic change in consumer behaviour stabilize once we flatten the curve, or is this our new normal?

Artist Illustrates The Contagious Behaviours That People Are Falling For

BY Rokas Laurinavičius and Justinas Keturka

THE 2 *OTHER* VIRUSES
GOING AROUND RIGHT NOW



I WENT TO THE STORE WHEN THE CORONAVIRUS
PANIC FIRST STARTED, JUST TO OBSERVE PEOPLE.



SOME WERE HOARDING. OTHERS WEREN'T.



OTHERS DIDN'T START OUT HOARDING, BUT DOVE IN
ONCE THEY SAW OTHERS DOING IT.

IT WAS NUTS. EVEN THOUGH THE
STORE STILL HAD PLENTY...



YOU COULD FEEL THE PANIC
AND DISTRUST IN THE AIR.

IN FACT, THE LONGER I STAYED, THE MORE IT INFECTED ME: THE URGE TO FIGHT OFF ALL THOSE SAVAGE ANIMALS AND GRAB ALL I COULD (EVEN THOUGH MY FAMILY DIDN'T NEED ANYTHING).

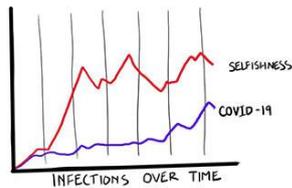
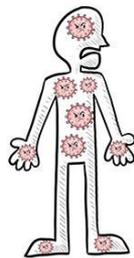
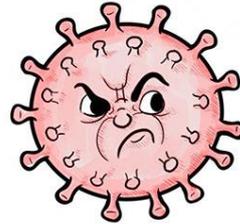


I DIDN'T. BUT I DID SEE SOMETHING QUITE CLEARLY:



PANIC, GREED, AND HYSTERIA ARE CONTAGIOUS.

IN FACT, SELFISHNESS ITSELF IS A *VIRUS*.



AND IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, IT'S INFECTED MILLIONS MORE THAN COVID-19.



LIKE THE GUY IN TENNESSEE WHO HOARDED MORE THAN 17,000 BOTTLES OF HAND SANITIZER.

OR PEOPLE MAKING THE ASININE CLAIM THAT STOCK PRICES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN LIFE.



FRANKLY, THE SELFISH RESPONSE OF PEOPLE TO COVID-19 IS FAR MORE TERRIFYING TO ME THAN ACTUAL COVID-19.



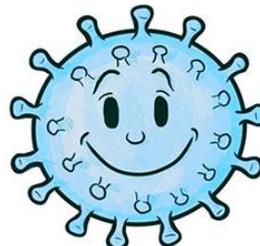
FORTUNATELY, I'VE NOTICED A *THIRD* VIRUS GOING AROUND.

AND IT SEEMS TO BE EVEN MORE CONTAGIOUS THAN COVID-19 OR SELFISHNESS.

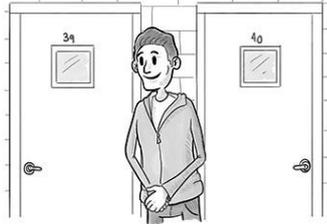
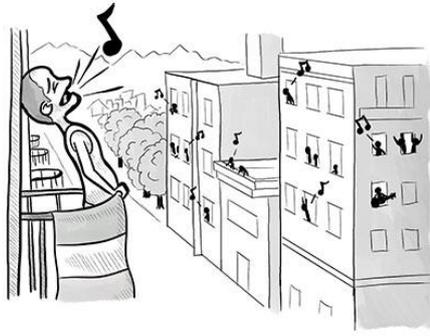


IT'S THE 'WE'RE HUMANS, NOT GREEDY, RAVENOUS ANIMALS' VIRUS.

LET'S JUST CALL IT THE *COMPASSION VIRUS*.



NEIGHBORHOODS SINGING TOGETHER IN ITALY.

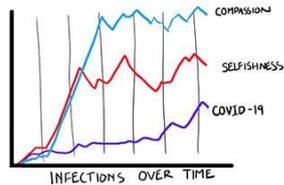
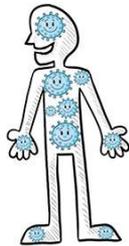


THE LANDLORD IN NEW YORK WHO TOLD HUNDREDS OF TENANTS TO KEEP THEIR RENT FOR THE MONTH AND TO LOOK OUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

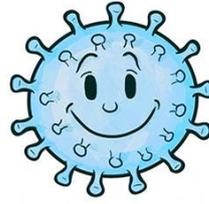
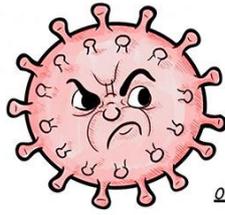
THE MAN IN DETROIT WHO USED HIS SAVINGS TO BUY GAS FOR MORE THAN 50 NURSES.



THE GUY AT WALGREENS WHO SAW AN ELDERLY COUPLE TRYING TO FIND TOILET PAPER AND SPENT HIS AFTERNOON TAKING THEM TO DIFFERENT STORES UNTIL THEY FOUND SOME.



THE COMPASSION VIRUS HAS INFECTED EVEN MORE PEOPLE THAN THE SELFISHNESS VIRUS. SEEING ITS SPREAD HAS GIVEN ME HOPE FOR HUMANS.



SO THERE YOU GO. SELFISHNESS
AND COMPASSION. THOSE ARE THE TWO
OTHER VIRUSES GOING AROUND RIGHT NOW.



AND I THINK THEY'RE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN COVID-19. BECAUSE
UNLIKE COVID-19, WE GET TO CHOOSE WHICH WE PASS ON. AND THAT
CHOICE WILL COME TO DEFINE US BOTH AS INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS.
AND IT IS A CHOICE.



BUT KINDNESS, EVEN THE SMALL STUFF, PASSES ON AN
EVEN MORE POWERFUL INFECTION.



IT'S TIME WE STARTED A NEW PANDEMIC.

Virtual hugs to all.



Stay safe, healthy and take care.

Till next time...