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New York declares measles emergency, blasts misinformation fueling outbreak

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A measles outbreak in Brooklyn, primarily among Orthodox Jewish children, prompted New York City on Tuesday to declare a public health emergency, requiring unvaccinated people in the affected areas to get the vaccine or face fines

The city's largest outbreak since 1991 of the once virtually eradicated virus has mainly been confined to the Orthodox Jewish community in the borough's Williamsburg neighborhood, with 285 cases confirmed since October, Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference. That's up sharply from only two reported cases in all of 2017.

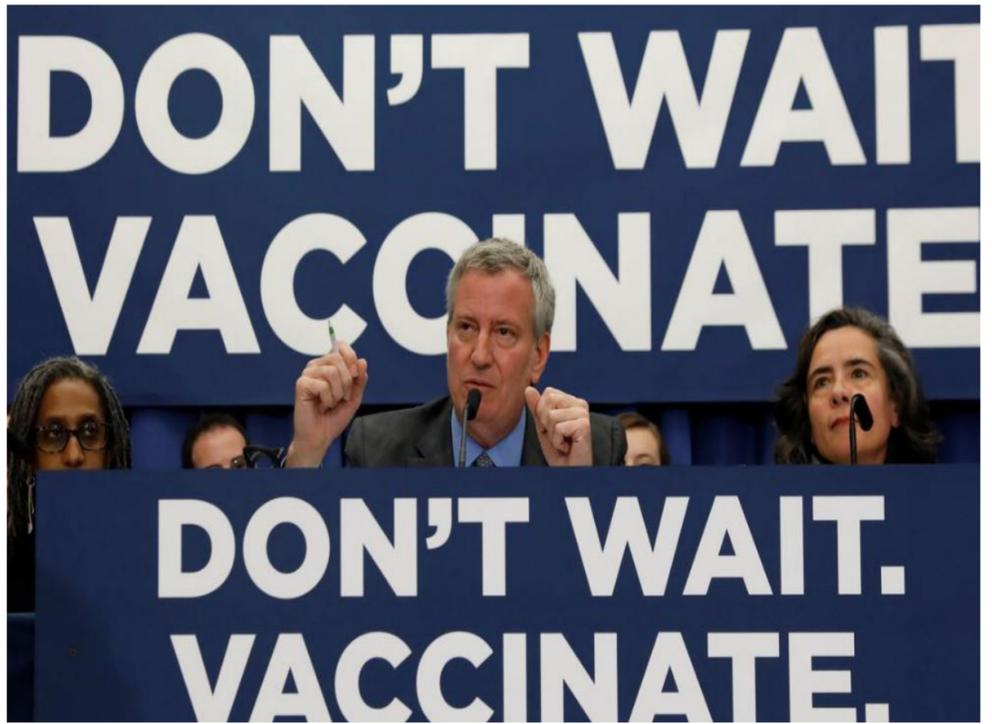
"This is the epicenter of a measles outbreak that is very, very troubling and must be dealt with immediately," de Blasio said. He was joined by city health officials who decried what they called "misinformation" spread by opponents of vaccines.

The measles virus is highly contagious and can lead to serious complications and death. While there have been no confirmed deaths so far, 21 people have been hospitalized, with five admitted to intensive care, officials said. All but 39 of the confirmed cases are in children.

The outbreak is part of a broader resurgence in the United States, with 465 cases reported in 19 states so far this year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The United States in 2000 declared measles eliminated from the country thanks to widespread vaccination, meaning it was no longer constantly present. But vaccination rates have declined in recent years, according to infectious disease experts.

The Brooklyn outbreak has been traced to an unvaccinated child who became infected on a visit to Israel, which is also grappling with an outbreak, according to New York City's Department of Health. Officials from the Department of Health will check vaccination records of anyone who has been in contact with infected patients in certain parts of Brooklyn, officials said.



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks during a news conference declaring a public health emergency in parts of Brooklyn in response to a measles outbreak, requiring unvaccinated people living in the affected areas to get the vaccine or face fines, in the Orthodox Jewish community of the Williamsburg neighborhood, in Brooklyn, New York City, U.S., April 9, 2019. REUTERS/Shannon Staple-

Iran's Khamenei calls U.S. black-listing of Guards a 'vicious move'

DUBAI/LONDON (Reuters) - Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the United States had made "a vicious move" in designating the Revolutionary Guards as a foreign terrorist organization, and Tehran vowed to take action against U.S. forces in the region.

U.S. President Donald Trump's decision on Monday is likely to raise tensions in the Middle East.

"They wish to plot against our Sepah (the Guard corps) ... it is in the front line of confronting enemies of our (1979 Islamic) revolution and has always defended the country ... America has failed to block our advances," Khamenei, who controls the Guards, was quoted as saying by the state media.

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Iran still planning three satellite launches this year, despite ramped up U.S. pressure: minister

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"In spite of all the pressure over the past 40 years, Americans have failed to do a damn thing and their vicious move will bear no fruit."

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani also defended the corps as protectors of Iran, saying in a televised speech that the United States "holds a grudge" against the Guards who have "sacrificed their lives to protect our people, our revolution".



FILE PHOTO: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivers a speech on the first day of Persian New Year, also known as Nowruz in Mashhad, northeast of Tehran, Iran March 21, 2019. Khamenei.ir/Handout via REUTERS

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Study finds Houston's annual rent growth among slowest in the country

Houston's annual apartment rent growth is among the slowest in the country, according to online guide RentCafe.

While average rents rose 3.2 percent in March from the year earlier nationwide, the average cost to rent an apartment in Houston rose by just 0.9 percent. The average rent is now \$1,098, according to the site, \$10 more compared to last March. Rental rates spiked by as much as 7.8 percent in Las Vegas and Phoenix.

The lower rate of increase in Houston follows the rapid, Harvey-related rent growth the year prior, suggesting that rents are correcting.

In one Houston suburb, rents actually decreased. The average rent in Pearland this March was 2.3 percent below last year's.



Houston lawyers file wrongful death lawsuit against Boeing for 737 Max 8 crash

Two Houston lawyers filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Boeing on Monday as the Boeing 737 Max planes are investigated in the Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines crashes that killed 346 people.

The lawsuit, the latest filed on behalf of families of victims killed in the crashes, alleges that Boeing "put profits over safety" when it didn't adequately inform or train pilots on changes with the 737 Max and allowed the planes to continue to fly without taking "appropriate action" after the Lion Air crash in October. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago, where Boeing is headquartered.

"In my 20 years of working on aviation cases, I've never seen such egregious and

greedy conduct on behalf of a company," Nomi Husain, founder of Husain Law and Associates, said Monday during a news conference in downtown Houston.

At HoustonChronicle: Boeing's 737 Max grounded, Southwest adjusts Governments around the world have grounded Boeing 737 Max planes following two crashes within months of each other. Investigators have linked the crashes to software that may have sent the planes into a dive that the pilots could not control. The first plane, Lion Air Flight 610, crashed into the Java Sea after departing from Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, in October. The second, Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, crashed in March shortly after departing the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa.

The 737 Max has likely damaged Boeing's reputation more than any other incident in the company's 103-year history, said Henry Hartevelde, founder of travel industry research company Atmosphere Research Group. Travelers are asking pilots and flight attendants if they're on a 737 Max.

"Boeing is going to come out of this bloodied and beaten," Hartevelde said, "but it will heal."

On Monday, Boeing's stock fell 4.4 percent to close at \$374.52. This follows the company's Friday announcement that it would cut production of the 737 Max by 19 percent.

Monday's lawsuit was filed on behalf of Hassan Abdi, the brother of 29-year-old Mucaad Hussein Abdalla of St. Cloud, Minn., by Husain, Houston attorney Omar Khawaja and the Illinois-based Wisner Law Firm. Abdalla was killed in the Ethiopian Airlines flight, less than two months after getting married.

"I didn't get his body," Abdi said. "I cannot believe that something happened like this. The way the airplane crashed."

Boeing declined to comment on the specific lawsuit but said it is cooperating fully with investigating authorities. In a video statement last week, Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg expressed his condolences to the families of victims.

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Israelis enjoy themselves at the beach during Israel's parliamentary election day, in Tel Aviv, Israel



A youth takes a selfie with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara after they voted in Israel's parliamentary election in Jerusalem



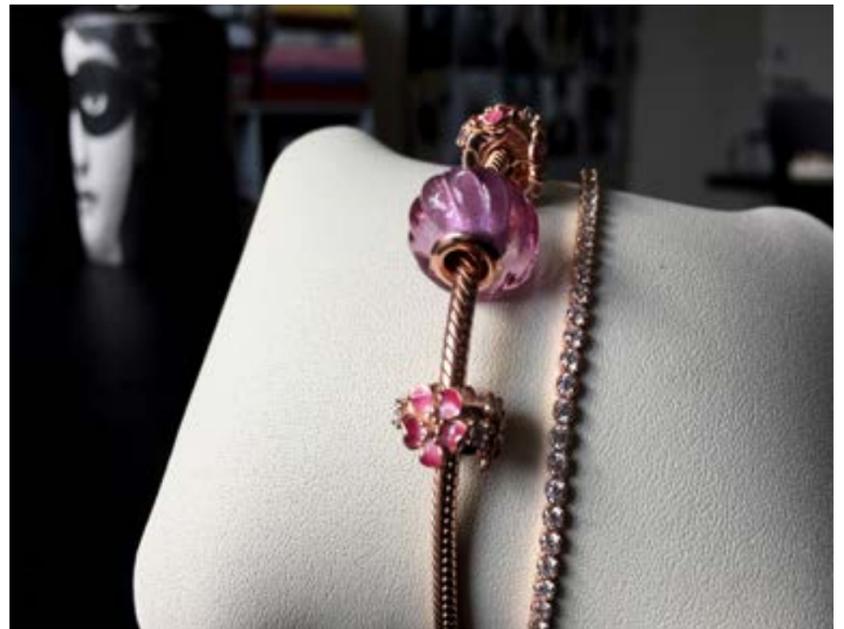
FILE PHOTO: A blind man touches ballot papers during a training session with a guide before he casts his ballot in Israel's parliamentary election, at an accessible polling station in the Multi-Service Center for the Blinds in Jerusalem, Israel



Benny Gantz, leader of Blue and White party, celebrates with supporters and his wife Revital after casting his ballot as Israelis began voting in a parliamentary election, near a polling station in Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel



Queen Sonja of Norway during a visit to the exhibition "Love and Angst" by Edvard Munch at the British Museum in London



The new jewelry collection "Peach Blossom" is seen in the Pandora headquarters in Copenhagen



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Two Young Hackers Win \$375,000 And A Model 3 For Finding A Tesla Bug



Tesla awarded two researchers a Tesla Model 3 after they found a vulnerability in the vehicle's infotainment system which allowed them to commandeer the vehicle.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Two 20-something computer hackers exposed a security bug in the Tesla Model 3 that allowed them to hack into the electric car's internal web browser. Instead of getting in trouble, they walked away with their own Model 3, along with a total of \$375,000 in prize money. Richard Zhu and Amat Cama are the hacking duo known as team Flouroacetate, and the pair of computer security researchers recently dominated Pwn2Own, an annual competition that attracts some of the world's top hackers. Zhu and Cama identified a JIT (or "just-in-time") bug in the Model 3's web browser that allowed them to hack into the car's system and write a message on the car's dash-

board display screen, the Zero Day Initiative said in a blog post. For their effort, the pair was allowed to keep the car and they also won \$35,000 just for that one hack. (The Model has a starting price of \$35,000.)



Zero Day Initiative @thezdi

That's a wrap! Congrats to @flouroacetate on winning Master of

Pwn. There total was \$375,000 (plus a vehicle) for the week. Superb work from this great duo. 879

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307 people are talking about this Twitter Ads info and privacy Pwn2Own hands out prize money to competitors who identify bugs in products from huge tech companies like Tesla, Apple, Microsoft and others. Over the course of this year's three-day competition, Zhu and Cama won a total of \$375,000 across multiple hacking events that included exploiting bugs in products like Apple's Safari browser and Microsoft Windows. (The event handed out a total of \$545,000 in prizes, according to the Zero Day Initiative.)

Cybersecurity company Trend Micro's Zero Day Initiative has run the Pwn2Own competition for over a decade but the event in Vancouver last week marked the first time that Tesla put up one of its vehicles to be hacked for potential vulnerabilities.



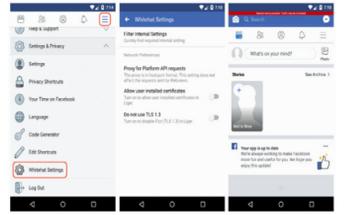
Tesla CEO Elon Musk

Meanwhile, Tesla responded to the Flouroacetate team's victory by thanking the duo for their work and the company promised to release a software update to fix the issue.

"We entered Model 3 into the world-renowned Pwn2Own competition in order to engage with the most talented members of the security research community, with the goal of soliciting this exact type of feedback. During the competition, researchers demonstrated a vulnerability against the in-car web browser..." Tesla said in an e-mail statement to CNBC Make It. "In the coming days, we will release a software update that addresses this research. We understand that this demonstration took an extraordinary amount of effort and skill, and we thank these researchers for their work to help us continue to ensure our cars are the most secure on the road today." Tesla launched its own "bug bounty" program in 2014 and the company currently offers rewards of as much as \$15,000 to hackers who alert Tesla to vulnerabilities in the company's software. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

Related

New "Whitehat Settings" option available in Facebook, Messenger, and Instagram Android apps. Facebook rolls out 'Whitehat Settings' to help bug hunters analyze traffic in its mobile apps



Facebook made a significant concession to vulnerability researchers last week by adding a special setting to Facebook accounts to accommodate whitehat security research.

The new option, named "Whitehat Settings," introduces a mechanism through which security researchers can bypass Facebook's Certificate Pinning security mechanism. Certificate Pinning normally protects traffic that originates from Facebook mobile apps against sniffing operations. But according to Facebook, when security researchers turn on the "Whitehat Settings" option, Facebook will intentionally break its Certificate Pinning mechanism for that account, so the researcher can intercept, sniff, and analyze the traffic that originates from within. Facebook said it implemented the "Whitehat Settings" option at the behest of security researchers who were having a hard time bypassing the Certificate Pinning security measure. (Courtesy https://www.zdnet.com/)



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President Trump Signs Executive Order Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

President Donald Trump signed an executive order last Thursday requiring U.S. colleges to protect free speech on their campuses or risk losing federal research funding.



Trump initially proposed the idea during a March 2 speech to conservative activists, highlighting the case of Hayden Williams, an activist who was punched in the face while recruiting for the group Turning Point USA at the University of California, Berkeley.

versities, which have more flexibility in limiting speech, will be required to commit to their own institutional rules.



Enforcement of the order will be left to federal agencies that award grants, but how schools will be monitored and what types of violations could trigger a loss of funding have yet to be seen.

standing, unequivocal support for freedom of expression," she said. "This executive order will only muddle policies surrounding free speech, while doing nothing to further the aim of the First Amendment."



Janet Napolitano, president of the University of California

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, said in a statement that students "should be empowered to pursue truth through the free exchange of all ideas, especially ideas with which they may not agree.

pushed for action on the issue. On Twitter, Kirk called the order "historic," adding that while harassment by campus faculty is not uncommon, "it ends today!"

Charlie Kirk @charliekirk11

Today @realDonaldTrump signed an executive order to protect free speech on college campuses

He brought on stage with him a @TPUSA activist who was harassed and bullied on campus by university faculty because of her beliefs

This is not uncommon. But it ends today! Several free speech groups opposed the order, including the American Civil Liberties Union, which took issue with "the partisan nature of the administration's rollout of this executive order."



Debate over campus free speech has flared in recent years following a string of

high-profile cases in which protesters shut down or heckled conservative speakers, including at UC Berkeley and Middlebury College in Vermont. Republicans called hearings on the issue when they controlled both chambers, but proposed legislation backing campus speech never made it through committee.



By January 2020, Trump is directing the Education Department to create a website where borrowers can find better information about their loans and repayment options, and he's calling on the agency to expand its College Scorecard website to include data on the graduates of individual college programs, including their median earnings, loan debt and their default rates.

Trump, a Republican, also is asking the Education Department to prepare a policy that would make sure colleges "share the financial risk" that students and the federal government take on with federal student loans.

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