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U.S. to allow companies to work with Huawei on standards - sources



FILE PHOTO: The U.S. flag and a smartphone with the Huawei and 5G network logo are seen on a PC motherboard in this illustration taken January 29, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/Illustration/File Photo

(Reuters) - The U.S. will amend its prohibitions on U.S. companies doing business with China's Huawei to allow them to work together in standards settings for next generation 5G networks, according to people familiar with the matter.

signed off on the rule-change and it is awaiting publication in the Federal Register, the people said.

Reuters exclusively reported last month that the amendment had been drafted and was awaiting approval.

The amendment comes a little more than a year after the U.S. placed Huawei on the Commerce Department's so-called "entity list," thereby restricting sales of U.S. goods and technology to the company on national security concerns.

The U.S. Commerce Department and other agencies

U.S. FDA revokes emergency use status of drug touted by Trump for COVID-19

(Reuters) - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Monday revoked the emergency use authorization for malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19, the use of which has been championed by U.S. President Donald Trump. The FDA said based on new evidence, it was no longer reasonable to believe that oral formulations of hydroxychloroquine and the related drug chloroquine may be effective in treating the respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

The move comes after several studies of the drug suggested it was not effective, including a widely anticipated trial earlier this month showed it failed to prevent infection in people who have been exposed to the virus.

In March, Trump said hydroxychloroquine used



in combination with the antibiotic azithromycin had "a real chance to be one of the biggest game changers in the history of medicine", with little evidence to back up that claim.

ter two people who worked at the White House were diagnosed with COVID-19.

He later said he took the drugs preventively af-

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CORONAVIRUS DIARY

We Need To Be Calm And Protect This Great Nation



In the last three months because of the Coronavirus pandemic, our community has suffered so much pain and lost so many people, and we still are feeling so much uncertainty.

Last week there was another tragedy in Atlanta, Georgia. A twenty-nine year old black man, Rayshard Brooks, was fatally shot by officers in a struggle following a field sobriety test. Authorities said the lone man had grabbed an officer's Taser gun, but was running away when he was shot. Mayor Lane said she did

not believe that this was a justified use of deadly force. Police chief Erika Shields immediately resigned, but still couldn't calm the people.

Recent unrest in this country is not just a simple conflict between police force and the citizens. This is a long-standing social issue in our nation. When we look at our school system, the poor school districts don't have enough resources to teach the students adequately. A lot of them come from single parent or broken family homes. Many can't even get a

high school diploma and don't expect to go to college to get more education. When these groups of young people do not have the skills to get a job, they became a social problem. When Dr. Martin Luther King fought for civil rights in the 1960's, the political struggle just could not be improved. The black community living with this challenge is our responsibility to help each other and not just a slogan.

We are so angry and sad to watch some politicians use African, Asian and Chinese issues to gain their own political interest.

We are still urging all people to be united and to use all our effort to protect this great nation.



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CDC Says U.S. May Bring Back Strict Coronavirus Measures If Cases Go Up 'Dramatically'



With the relaxing of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) restrictions, visitors crowd the boardwalk on Memorial Day.

KEY POINTS

States may need to reimplement the strict social distancing measures that were put in place earlier this year if U.S. coronavirus cases rise "dramatically," the CDC said.

"Right now, communities are experiencing different levels of transmission occurring, as they gradually ease up onto the community mitigation efforts and gradually reopen," one CDC official said.

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States may need to reimplement the strict social distancing measures that were put in place earlier this year if U.S. coronavirus cases rise "dramatically," a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official said Friday.

"Right now, communities are experiencing different levels of transmission occurring, as they gradually ease up onto the community mitigation efforts and gradually reopen," the CDC's deputy director for infectious diseases, Jay Butler, told reporters during a press briefing. "If cases begin to go up again, particularly if they go up dramatically, it's important to recognize that more mitigation efforts such as what were implemented back in March may be needed again," Butler said. He said the decision to reimplement measures will have to be made locally and based on "what is happening within the community regarding disease trans-

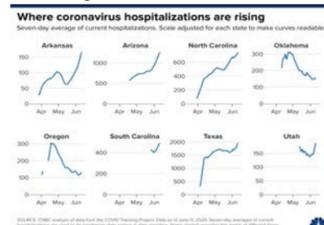
mission."



The "pandemic is not over" and it's important to recognize that Covid-19 is still making headlines everywhere, he added. There is a concern by public health experts that some states are opening prematurely, but there is also a desire to mitigate economic hardships as U.S. job losses mount, keeping up the pressure on state leaders to allow people to go back to work. Texas, for example, was among the first states to relax its statewide stay-at-home order, allowing it to expire April 30. This week, the state reported new highs in cases and a series of

record-breaking coronavirus hospitalizations. Covid-19 has sickened more than 2 million Americans and killed at least 113,820 since the first confirmed U.S. case less than five months ago, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

It's unclear what would be considered a "dramatic" rise. Texas is not alone in seeing an increase in cases after lifting stay-at-home orders. At least 23 states are seeing a rise in cases when looking at a seven-day average of daily new cases. Overall, the U.S. is seeing roughly 20,000 new cases a day, according to Johns Hopkins data.



With the CDC allowing states to chart their course, we're likely to see a mix of responses to case increases on a state-by-state basis. For example, Oregon and Utah put further reopening measures on hold after seeing a spike in cases. However, Texas is continuing to loosen its restrictions even as cases climb higher. The CDC updated its national and state-by-state forecasts for the number of people expected to die of Covid-19 in the month ahead. The agency says it now expects between 124,000 and 140,000 total Covid-19 deaths in the U.S. by July 4. The CDC added that it expects Covid-19 deaths to accelerate in Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, North Carolina, Utah, and Vermont over the next four weeks compared to the past four weeks.

On Friday, the CDC published results from a survey, which found that a majority of Americans say they would not feel safe if social distancing measures meant to curb the spread of the coronavirus were lifted nationwide. Of the 2,402 people who completed the surveys, 74.3% nationwide reported they would feel unsafe if U.S. restrictions were lifted, com-

pared with 81.5% in New York City and 73.4% in Los Angeles, according to the CDC. New York City and Los Angeles have seen some of the largest outbreaks in the U.S.



CDC Director Robert Redfield

CDC Director Robert Redfield told reporters Friday that it continues to be "extremely important" that Americans embrace recommendations such as hand-washing and wearing a face covering when in public. "I know that people are eager to return to normal activities and ways of life, important that we remember this," he said. "This situation is unprecedented. And that the pandemic has not ended."

The CDC also released guidance on how Americans can resume certain activities, like dining out or using a gym, safely. The briefing Friday was the CDC's first open news briefing in three months.

The CDC has remained largely silent on the pandemic. Last month, the agency quietly released detailed guidance for reopening schools, mass transit and non-essential businesses that had been shut down in an attempt to curb the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S. (Courtesy <https://www.cnn.com/>)

Related Rapid COVID-19 Test Using Nanoparticle Technology Developed: Results In 10 Minutes.



BALTIMORE — Ever since the coronavirus pandemic took hold of the country, researchers at the University of

Maryland School of Medicine have been trying to engineer nanoparticles that can serve as a diagnostic tool for detecting the presence of COVID-19. Not only does it appear they've succeeded, but in the process they've created a test that can yield results in just ten minutes.

In recent years, bioengineers have sought ways to use nanoparticles for all sorts of medical purposes. Nanoparticles are extraordinarily tiny materials that can perform whatever function they were engineered to do. They are commonly used in medicine as a way to deliver drugs to a person or to detect specific markers in a biological sample.

Last week the researchers announced that they have developed a test that uses plasmonic gold nanoparticles and changes colors in the presence of COVID-19. The great news about this test is that it can detect the virus in as quickly as ten minutes.



"Based on our preliminary results, we believe this promising new test may detect RNA material from the virus as early as the first day of infection. Additional studies are needed, however, to confirm whether this is indeed the case," says lead author Dipanjan Pan, PhD, a professor of diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine and pediatrics at the school, in a university release.

All a patient needs to do is provide a nasal swab or saliva sample, and the nanoparticles do the rest of the work. The gold nanoparticles check to see if there is a specific protein present in the biological sample. The protein it looks for is unique to the coronavirus, and acts as a binding site for the nanoparticles. If the nanoparticles detect the presence of this protein then they turn the color of the liquid they are placed in from purple to blue. (Courtesy <https://www.studyfinds.org/>)



Members of the Bangladesh Police wear protective masks as they join a yoga session to boost their immune systems as the coronavirus outbreak continues, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. REUTERS/Mohammad Ponir Hossain



West Point graduating cadets throw their hats in the air in celebration as U.S. Army helicopters fly overhead at the culmination of their 2020 United States Military Academy Graduation Ceremony attended by U.S. President Donald Trump at West Point,...



Demonstrators participate in a protest rally for Robert Fuller whose body was found hanging from a tree a block from Palmdale City Hall, in Palmdale, California. REUTERS/Ringo Chiu



A protester carries an injured counter-protester to safety, near the Waterloo station during a Black Lives Matter protest in London, Britain. REUTERS/Dylan Martinez



People participate in a Black Trans Lives Matter rally in the Brooklyn borough in New York City. REUTERS/Stephanie Keith



People take part in an All Black Lives Matter march, organized by Black LGBTQ+ leaders, in Los Angeles, California. REUTERS/Ringo Chiu



People drink outside a bar during the reopening phase following the coronavirus outbreak in the East Village neighborhood in New York City. REUTERS/Jeenah Moon



A caged statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis departs on a truck after being removed from the state capital in Frankfort, Kentucky. REUTERS/Bryan Woolston

Study: Widespread Face Mask Use Is Best Way To Prevent Another COVID-19 Wave



(Graphic/Stock.adobe.com)

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CAMBRIDGE, England — Is the worst of COVID-19 behind us? Or is a second wave about to descend upon the world? You'll probably get a lot of answers to those questions depending on who you ask, of course.

A new study from the universities of Cambridge and Greenwich, however, formulates the best way to prevent a second coronavirus wave from coming. Perhaps not surprisingly, it all comes down to the mask. Simply put, everyone needs to wear a mask, the authors conclude.

Population-wide adoption of face masks in public spaces, in combination with other lockdown measures, should be enough to keep the virus' "reproduction" (R) number down to under one. This will ward off a second wave of coronavirus infections, according to the research team's models.

'Immediate, Universal Adoption Of Face Masks By Public'

Current measures like store closures and social distancing aren't going to be enough to prevent a second wave. However, the study suggests that even homemade masks offering seemingly

limited protection can significantly decrease infection rates. That is, of course, if enough people wear them regularly. The authors note it shouldn't matter if a person is feeling sick or not; everyone needs to wear one.



It's proven difficult to convince everyone to wear a mask, as many feel as though their personal freedoms or rights are being infringed upon. There's no surefire way to remedy everyone's outrage, but the research team recommends advertising and information campaigns all over the world focusing on the altruistic side of the practice. For example: "My face mask protects you, your face mask protects me." "Our analyses support the immediate and universal adoption of face masks by the public," says lead author Dr. Richard

Stutt, from Cambridge's Department of Plant Sciences, in a release. "If widespread face mask use by the public is combined with physical distancing and some lockdown, it may offer an acceptable way of managing the pandemic and re-opening economic activity long before there is a working vaccine."

"We have little to lose from the widespread adoption of face masks, but the gains could be significant," adds co-author Dr. Renata Retkute.

Key To Preventing Second Wave: Keep 'R' Number Down

It's well established at this point that COVID-19 spreads primarily through respiratory droplets, most commonly via speech, cough, etc. So, the study's authors analyzed what would happen to infection rates depending on varying degrees of mask adoption by populations. They also accounted for a variety of other factors that may influence infection rates, such as people touching their faces more due to wearing a mask all day.



They conclude that if everyone wears a mask whenever they go out in public it would be twice as effective at curbing

the spread of COVID-19 in comparison to people only wearing one outside when they feel a symptom. In fact, across all modeled scenarios, if 50% or more of any given population were to wear masks outside regularly, that would be enough to drop the R number to below one. As mentioned earlier, an R number below one is believed to be what it will take to stop future waves and avoid further strict lockdowns. If 100% of a population adopts masks all the time, that would prevent the coronavirus from resurfacing long enough (18 months, roughly) for a vaccine to be developed.

Never Too Late

It may seem too late to adopt such a

policy, but the research also suggests that a 100% mask adoption policy can still stop a second wave as long as it begins within 120 days of the epidemic starting. Moreover, homemade masks are very effective at stopping the virus' spread. It's estimated that such masks are still 90% effective at stopping transmission.



"There is a common perception that wearing a face mask means you consider others a danger," says Professor John Colvin, a study co-author from the University of Greenwich. "In fact, by wearing a mask you are primarily protecting others from yourself. Cultural and even political issues may stop people wearing face masks, so the message needs to be clear: my mask protects you, your mask protects me." (Courtesy studyfinds.org)

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Public health officials continue to emphasize the importance of wearing face coverings to protect against the coronavirus. As states reopen, its important to continue wearing masks to help stem the spread. The US Surgeon General is the latest health expert to weigh in on the importance of masks. Dr. Jerome Adams said on June 14 that face coverings do not infringe on people's freedoms. In fact, they do the opposite. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease experts, has made similar comments recently to encourage Americans to wear face masks.

"Some feel face coverings infringe on their freedom of choice — but if more wear them, we'll have MORE freedom to go out," Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams said in a tweet. "Exercise and promote your freedom by choosing to wear a face covering!"

Because people without symptoms can still transmit the coronavirus, its import-

ant that everyone wears masks to help prevent the spread of the disease. According to Johns Hopkins, there are over 2 million cases in the United States and at least 115,463 deaths as of June 14.



US Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams

Many states have seen recent surges in cases, which is partly why health officials continue to encourage masks. Scientists believe that the spread of COVID-19, or coronavirus, started at an exotic animal market in Wuhan, China. You can help stop the incidence of viruses like these by signing this petition to ban the wildlife trade.

This is a good time to reconsider our intake of animal products to stay healthy. Eating more plant-based foods is known to help with chronic inflammation, heart health, mental wellbeing, fitness goals, nutritional needs, allergies, gut health and more! Dairy consumption also has been linked to many health problems, including acne, hormonal imbalance, cancer, prostate cancer and has many side effects.

Interested in joining the dairy-free and meatless train? We highly recommend downloading the Food Monster App — with over 15,000 delicious recipes it is the largest plant-based recipe resource to help reduce your environmental footprint, save animals and get healthy! And, while you are at it, we encourage you to also learn about the environmental and health benefits of a plant-based diet. (Courtesy <https://www.onegreenplanet.org/>)

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