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John Lewis, U.S. congressman and sharecropper's son, was civil rights hero



FILE PHOTO: U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) waves after he speaks at the ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial honoring the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, August 24, 2013. Thousands of marchers were expected in Washington, D.C. on Saturday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech and to urge action on jobs, voting rights and gun violence. REUTERS/Larry Downing/File Photo

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - John Lewis, who died on Friday at age 80, was a hero of the U.S. civil rights movement of the 1960s who endured beatings by white police and mobs and played an outsized role in American politics for 60 years.

Lewis, an Alabama sharecropper's son elected in 1986 as a Democrat to the U.S. House of Representatives from Georgia, died after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

A protege of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr., Lewis led sit-ins to integrate all-white lunch counters, was one of the original "Freedom Riders" who integrated buses, and suffered a skull fracture while demonstrating for Black voting rights in a savage beating by a nightstick-wielding white Alabama state trooper during an incident now called "Bloody Sunday."

Lewis was just 18 when he first met King and went on to play a vital role in the civil rights movement that strove for equality for Blacks in an America grappling with racial bigotry and segregation, particularly in the South.

As a congressman, Lewis tangled with President Donald Trump starting even before Trump took office. Lewis in January 2017 said he did not view Trump as a "legitimate" president because of Russian meddling in the 2016 elec-

tion to boost his candidacy. Trump drew criticism even from fellow Republicans when he called Lewis "all talk" and "no action."

Lewis was present at many of the civil rights movement's seminal moments, and was the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington where Martin Luther King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, hoping for a land where Blacks "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Lewis, the last surviving speaker at that speech, maintained the fight for civil rights until the end of his life. He made his last public appearance in June, as protests for racial justice swept the United States and the world.

Using a cane, he walked with Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser on a street by the White House that Bowser had just renamed Black Lives Matter Plaza, which had just been dedicated with a large yellow mural - large enough to be seen from space - reading "Black Lives Matter."

Amid a national movement to abolish Confederate monuments and symbols, calls have grown to rename the bridge in Selma, Alabama, where Lewis was brutally beaten during a 1965 voting rights march, for Lewis. It is named for Edmund Pettus, who fought in the Confederate Army and robbed African-Americans of their right to vote after Reconstruction.

Long before the March on Washington, Lewis helped found

the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which became a prominent civil rights group, and served as its president for three years.

He proved he was willing to risk his life for the cause of civil rights and non-violent protest and organized the first lunch-counter sit-ins demanding service for Blacks at whites-only eateries.

In 1960, at a whites-only diner in Nashville, Tennessee, a white waitress dumped cleaning powder down his back and water on his food. He was beaten by whites in South Carolina and Alabama during 1961 anti-segregation bus tours called Freedom Rides. And he suffered further injuries during "Bloody Sunday" in 1965 in Selma.

"I thought I was going to die a few times," he said in a 2004 interview, mentioning Selma and a 1961 mob beating at a bus station in Montgomery, Alabama. "I thought I saw death, but nothing can make me question the philosophy of non-violence."

Barack Obama, the first Black U.S. president, awarded Lewis the presidential medal of freedom, America's highest civilian honor, in 2011.

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CDC Launches Natural Disasters, Severe Weather And COVID-19 Response Website



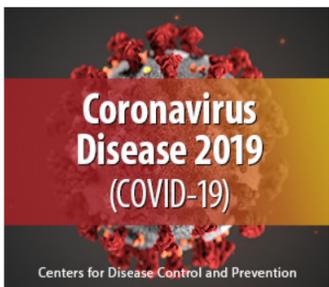
KEY POINTS

Planning and preparing for hurricanes and other natural disasters can be stressful, even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. Know how the COVID-19 pandemic can affect disaster preparedness and recovery, and what you can do to keep yourself and others safe.

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Preparing first responders, healthcare providers, and health systems

- CDC has launched a new disaster response website to help enhance and complement the efforts of state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments through innovative hiring mechanisms designed to address their surge staffing needs.
- This response complements local efforts to increase capacity using existing CDC field staff, deploying CDC teams to address outbreaks in special settings, and partnering with other federal agencies like AmeriCorps to give states more staffing options.
- It also provides access to a variety of contact tracing and case investigation training products and tools for a diverse and evolving public health workforce.
- CDC is establishing visibility across healthcare systems to understand healthcare use, particularly surges in demand for medical care and associated resources.
- We're also conducting extensive outreach to clinical and hospital professional organizations to ensure health systems are prepared to treat patients.



In addition, CDC:

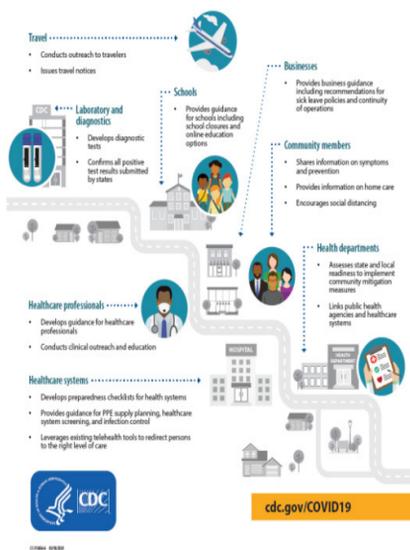
- Has published more than 100 guidance documents to advise healthcare providers on subjects like infection control, hospital preparedness assessments, personal protective equipment (PPE) supply planning, and clinical evaluation and management.
- Has identified people who are at higher risk of getting severely ill from this disease and given them steps they can take to keep from getting sick.
- Created COVID19Surge, a spreadsheet-based tool that hospital administrators and public health officials can use to estimate the demand for hospital-based services, including how many patients may need ICU care or ventilator support.

These data can help hospitals prepare for a possible increase or decrease in cases.

- Is developing a range of respirator conservation strategies, including strategies to make supplies last longer (such as using alternative products like reusable respirators) and extending the use of disposable respirators.
- Is working with supply chain partners to ensure that healthcare workers at highest risk have access to PPE by understanding supply usage, what products are available, and when more aggressive measures may need to be taken.
- Has shared information with stakeholders to help them recognize when to shift the strategies they are using.

CDC PROTECTS AND PREPARES COMMUNITIES

CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the U.S.



Preparing for Hurricanes & COVID-19



Public Disaster Shelters & COVID-19



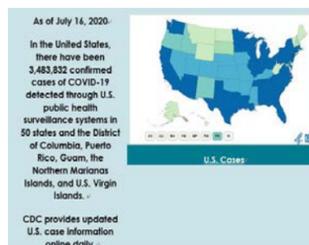
Professionals & Emergency Workers



Follow tips to help you and your family stay safe during hurricane season this year. Follow tips to help you prepare and lower your risk of getting sick with COVID-19 while staying in a shelter. Know how to keep your community safe during and after a natural disaster amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Resources: Disaster Resources; Environmental Health Practitioners & COVID-19; Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters; FEMA Coronavirus (COVID-19); National Weather Service

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.



The Natural Disasters, Severe Weather And COVID-19 Response Website Is Located Here: https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/covid-19/disasters_severe_weather_and_covid-19.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2062-DM33192 (Courtesy cdc.gov)



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America Mourns Two Civil Rights Heroes

Civil rights legend Rep. John Lewis died yesterday after a battle with cancer. He was 80.

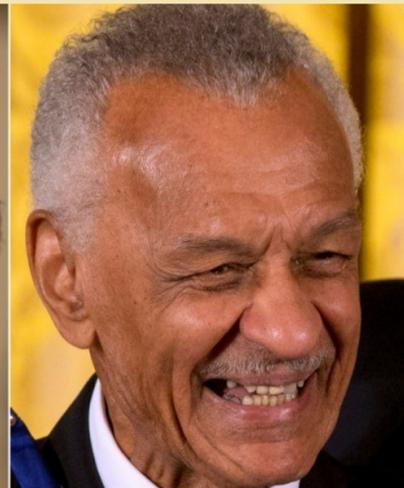
Lewis served as the U.S. representative for Georgia for more than three decades.

Rev. Cordy Vivian also passed away at age 95 of natural causes. The two towering figures of the American civil rights movement were followers of the

late Dr. Martin Luther King since the early 1960's.

Lewis became involved in the civil rights movement at the age of 15 years old and served 17 terms in Congress since he was first elected in 1986.

Tributes to Lewis are pouring in from politicians, world leaders and former U.S.



presidents.

We as the Asian American community also want to express our sincere condolences to this great man.

Ever since the early 1960's, there is still racial segregation in this country. The sacrifices of Dr. King and these two civil rights giants notwithstanding, we still cannot get equal rights and equal opportunity to come to this land.

Today because our nation is facing so many issues including racial strife and

an economic downturn, we need to be united to help each other, especially in the African-American and minority communities. Because without education and a strong economy, there cannot be an equal chance at a time when the nation faces even more problems.

History is a mirror for us. When we look back many years ago, the civil right movement was really turning this country around. We hope that all of us can learn about their past accomplishments. We hope our nation will become more harmonious and peaceful.



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Guests pose as they sit inside a teardrop-shaped tent hanging from a tree created by Dutch artist Dre Wapenaar, offering an unusual accommodation for tourists in the Belgian countryside, near Borgloon, Belgium. REUTERS/Francois Lenoir



An aerial view of a Black Lives Matter mural on Frederick Douglass Boulevard in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City. Alon Sicherman/via REUTERS



A protester throws a rock as demonstrators clash with police officers during an anti-government rally in front of the parliament building in Belgrade, Serbia. REUTERS/Marko Djurica



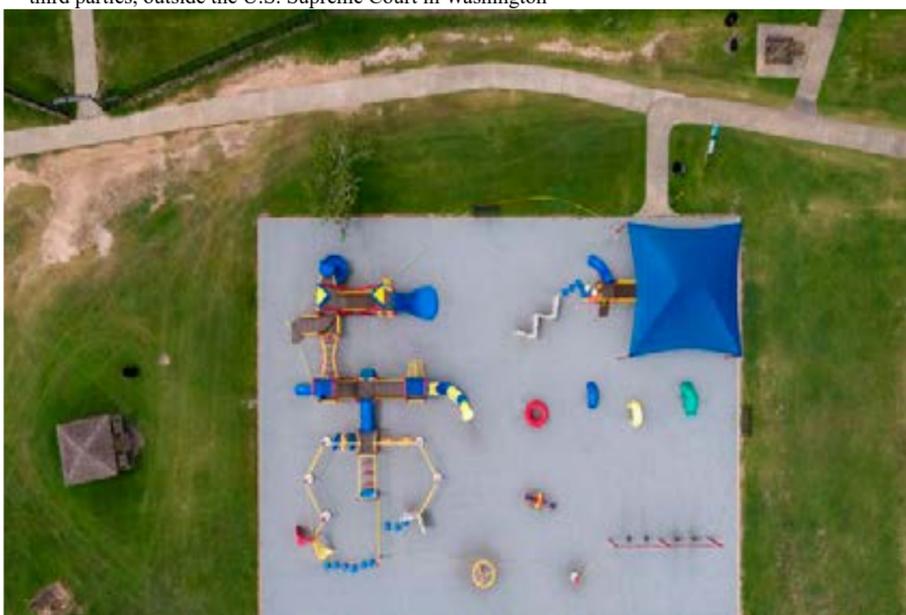
Military aircraft fly over the Arc de Triomphe during a rehearsal for Bastille Day celebrations in Paris, France. REUTERS/Gonzalo Fuentes



Bill Christeson holds a sign reading "follow the money" in anticipation of justices ruling on U.S. President Donald Trump's bid to block his financial records from being obtained by third parties, outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington



A man opens the door of a damaged car seen tilted after floods caused by torrential rain in Hitoyoshi town, Kumamoto Prefecture, southwestern Japan. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon



An empty playground is surrounded by caution tape amid the global outbreak of the coronavirus in Houston, Texas. REUTERS/Adrees Latif



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