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In the absence of a White House strategy to supply the nation with adequate personal protective equipment, hospitals compete with states and the federal government in an international marketplace so full of chicanery that nearly every transaction is suspect.

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[The need to go is a big barrier to going out. Why public bathrooms are a stumbling block for reopening.](#)

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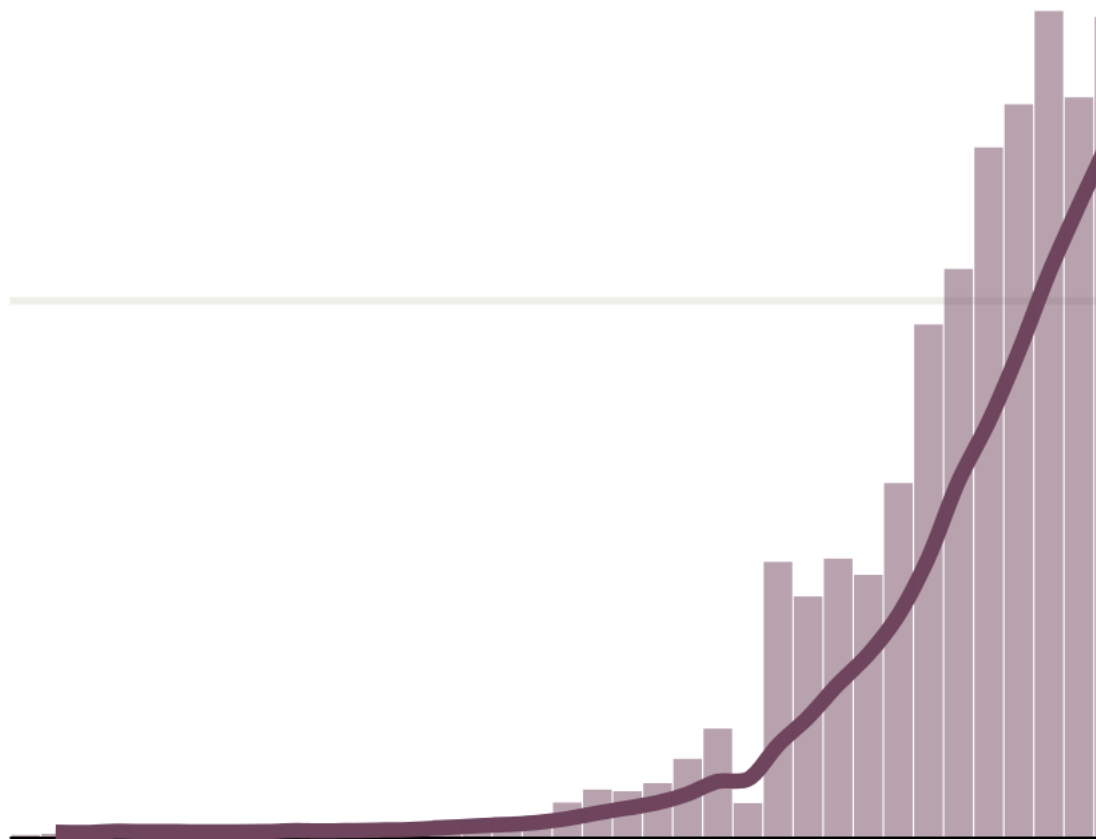
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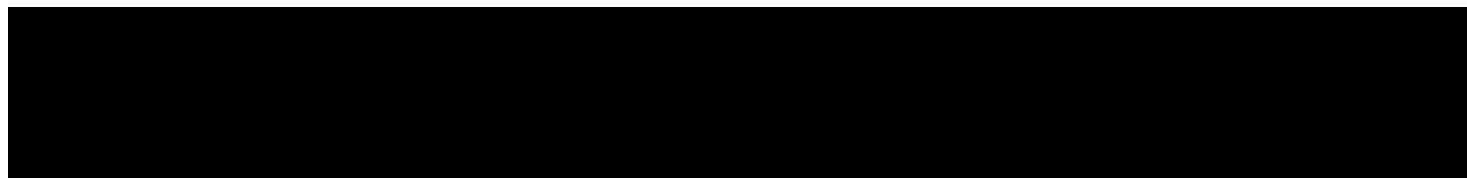
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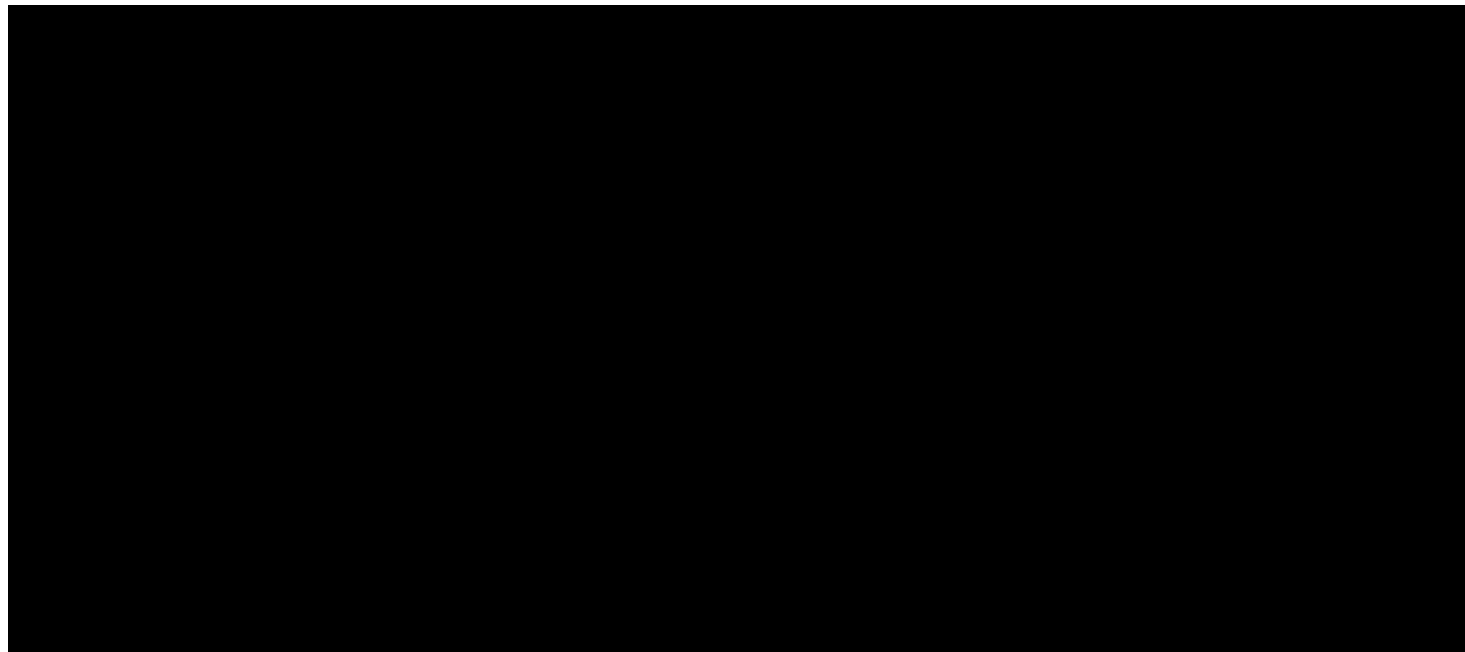
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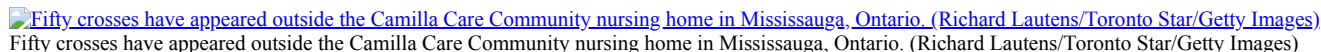
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