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A special edition on the coronavirus pandemic

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The Economist this week

Our coverage of the coronavirus



Welcome to the newsletter highlighting *The Economist's* best writing on the pandemic and its effects. Our [cover](#) this week is about coal, the main source of greenhouse gases. In America and Europe consumption has fallen by 34% since 2009. Yet coal still accounts for a staggering 39 % of annual emissions of carbon dioxide from fossil fuels. If global emissions are to fall far enough, fast enough, the task

now is to replicate the West's success and repeat it in Asia. That will be hard.

As Britain becomes the first country to license a vaccine against the coronavirus, our coverage this week looks at [the question of safety](#). Our data journalists, meanwhile, analyse how [news of vaccines has been reflected in the stockmarket](#). In two pieces on the pandemic and innovation, we report on how [the flourishing medical-technology industry is attracting a record amount of new investment](#) and on how [Britain's National Health Service is changing at an unprecedented pace](#). We assess the [health of America's economy](#), as cases and deaths mount, and 1843, our sister publication, offers a primer on [covid-19's effect on the language of the workplace](#).

Our [mortality tracker](#) uses the gap between the total number of people who have died from any cause and the historical average for the time of year to estimate how many deaths from the virus the official statistics are failing to pick up.

We have been covering the pandemic in Economist Radio and Economist Films, too. This week in "[Babbage](#)", our podcast on the science and technology making the news, we look at vaccines, mass-testing and whether you can tell if someone has covid-19 by the sound of their cough.

Within the next few days, and less than a year since the coronavirus's genome was sequenced, the first people will receive a licensed vaccine. It is a remarkable feat that will provide lasting benefits to immunology. At least something good has come from all the human suffering.



Zanny Minton Beddoes
Editor-In-Chief

Editor's picks

Must-reads from our recent coverage



An injection of urgency

Britain becomes the first country to license a fully tested covid-19 vaccine

Inoculations with the Pfizer-BioNTech jab could start in less than a week



Health care

How covid-19 unleashed the NHS

The pandemic has brought forth a wave of innovation



Health care and technology

The dawn of digital medicine

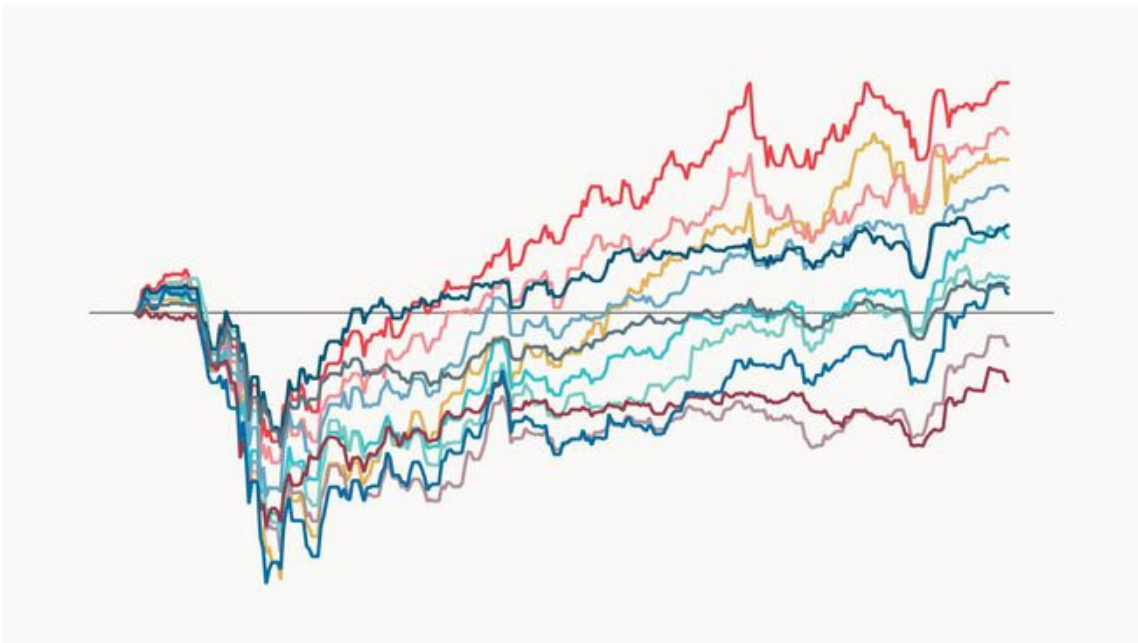
The pandemic is ushering in the next trillion-dollar industry



You must believe in spring

America's economic recovery no longer looks so strong

A difficult winter looms



What goes up

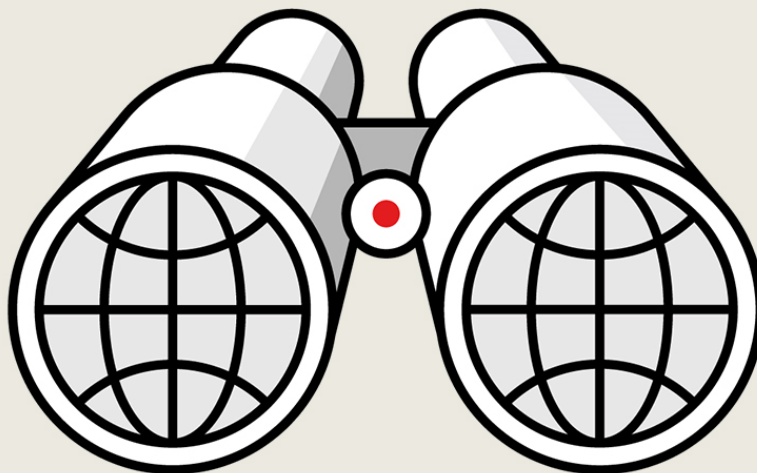
A covid-19 vaccine helps people, but not some firms' share prices



1843 magazine

From zumping to toxic productivity: workplace slang for the pandemic

Coronavirus has transformed the working world. Time to sharpen up your slang, as well as your CV

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