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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.

Our [cover editorial](#) this week starts with the depressing prospect of the global recorded deaths from covid-19 surpassing 1m. That represents a terrible amount of suffering. Try to bear three things in mind, however. The statistics contain good news as well as bad. Treatments and medicines are making covid-19 less deadly. And societies have the tools to control the disease today. It is here, in the basics of public health, where too many governments are still failing their people. Covid-19 will remain a threat for months, possibly years. They must do better.

In the rest of our writing on covid-19 we have a briefing on [the state of the pandemic](#), including our own modelling of the true rates of infection and death, as well as an assessment of forthcoming medicines and vaccines. We report on how the disease has aggravated the hardship of [the world's poorest people](#). Our sister magazine, *1843*, has a photo-essay by André François, with words by Sarah Maslin, our Brazil correspondent, about [covid-19 among indigenous families living on the outskirts of Manaus](#), deep in the Amazon rainforest. We look at Britain's latest attempt to [suppress the spread of the virus](#), [the misery in Syria](#) and how pandemic bailouts for companies could end up creating [corporate zombies](#).

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 also been covering the pandemic in Economist Radio and Economist Films. Babbage, our podcast on science and technology, asks what scientists [still need to understand about covid-19](#), and how Taiwan managed to cope with the virus so successfully.

Infections are climbing in Europe and America. The cold weather to come will bring people indoors, accelerating the spread of the disease. I hope our coverage prepares you for what lies ahead.



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Editor's picks

Must-reads from our recent coverage



The covid-19 pandemic

Grim tallies

The millionth official covid-19 death is due by the end of September. How has the pandemic progressed—and where is it headed?



Covid-19 and poor countries

From plague to penury

The pandemic is plunging millions back into poverty. It could take years for them to escape again

1843 magazine



Abandoned in the Amazon

How indigenous Brazilians fought covid-19



Covid-19 in Britain

Winter has come

As cases rise, the government attempts to avoid the worst of the last lockdown



Syria

Despot of deprivation

Victory for Bashar al-Assad has meant more suffering for his people



The corporate undead

Zombies at the gates

Without care, measures taken during the pandemic will keep alive firms that ought to be put out of their misery

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