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STATES DROWNING BENEATH A DELUGE OF JOB LOSS CLAIMS

Delays in Paying Benefits Add Hardships That Could Hamper a Recovery

By PATRICIA COHEN

Nearly a month after Washington rushed through an emergency package to aid jobless Americans, millions of laid-off workers have still not been able to apply for those benefits — let alone receive them — because of overwhelmed state unemployment systems.

Across the country, states have frantically scrambled to handle a flood of applications and apply a new set of federal rules even as more and more people line up for help. On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that another 4.4 million people filed initial unemployment claims last week, bringing the five-week total to more than 26 million.

"At all levels, it's eye-watering numbers," Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, said. Nearly one in six American workers has lost a job in recent weeks.

Delays in delivering benefits, though, are as troubling as the sheer magnitude of the figures, he said. Such problems not only create immediate hardships, but also affect the shape of the recovery when the pandemic eases.

Laid-off workers need money quickly so that they can continue to pay rent and credit card bills and buy groceries. If they can't, Mr. Slok said, the hole that the larger economy has fallen into

"gets deeper and deeper, and more difficult to crawl out of."

Hours after the Labor Department report, the House passed a \$484 billion coronavirus relief package to replenish a depleted small-business loan program and fund hospitals and testing. The Senate approved the bill earlier this week.

Even as Congress continues to provide aid, distribution has remained challenging. According to the Labor Department, only 10 states have started making payments under the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, which extends coverage to freelancers, self-employed workers and part-timers. Most states have not even completed the system needed to start the process.

Ohio, for example, will not start processing claims under the expanded federal eligibility criteria until May 15. Recipients whose state benefits ran out, but who can apply for extended federal benefits, will not begin to have their claims processed until next Friday. Pennsylvania opened its website for residents to file for the federal program a few days ago, but some applicants were mistakenly told that they were ineligible after filling out the forms. The state has

Dying in Hotels After New York Tried Isolation

By ASHLEY SOUTHALL and NIKITA STEWART

When Robert Rowe Jr. was discharged from the hospital this month after testing positive for the coronavirus, he needed a place to stay so he would not put his 84-year-old father at risk. New York City health officials put him up at a three-star hotel in Midtown Manhattan.

The room was provided under a city program that was intended to protect recovering patients' families and roommates. Case workers are supposed to check on the patients twice a day by telephone.

But on Saturday, Mr. Rowe, 56, was found dead in his room at the Hilton Garden Inn on West 37th Street, nearly 20 hours after a city worker last phoned him, though it was unclear whether he picked

up.
Two other men sent to the same hotel — Julio Melendez, 42, and Sung Mo Ping, 64 — also died last weekend, and a fourth man in the program died early this month at a Queens hotel.

The deaths exposed holes in the way the city monitors isolated patients and underscored the difficulty in containing the outbreak in New York City: how to keep people who have been infected or exposed to the coronavirus from passing it on.

"This was his city, and it failed him," Mr. Rowe's sister, Andrea Rowe Crittenden, said. "New York failed him."

Borrowing from the experiences of some Asian cities, health officials in New York have made isolating infected people, especially those who live in cramped homes and homeless shelters, a critical part of their plan to combat the virus.

Since the three deaths at the Hilton Garden Inn, Mayor Bill de Blasio has stepped up efforts to Continued on Page A13 Continued on Page A10

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The presence of antibodies in

blood can indicate immunity.

New York City Seen Having 1 in 5 Infected

By J. DAVID GOODMAN and MICHAEL ROTHFELD

One of every five New York City residents tested positive for antibodies to the coronavirus, according to preliminary results described by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo on Thursday that suggested that the virus had spread

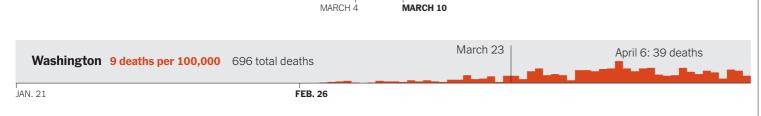
far more widely than known.

If the pattern holds, the results from random testing of 3,000 people raised the tantalizing prospect that many New Yorkers — as many as 2.7 million, the governor said — who never knew they had been infected had already encountered the virus, and survived. Mr. Cuomo also said that such wide infection might mean that the death rate was far lower than believed.

While the reliability of some early antibody tests has been widely questioned, researchers in New York have worked in recent weeks to develop and validate their own antibody tests, with federal approval. State officials believe that accurate antibody testing is seen as a critical tool to help determine when and how to begin restarting the economy, and sending people back to work.

The testing also can tell you Continued on Page A16

DEADLIEST DAY April 7: 805 deaths **Coronavirus Death Rates: How the States Compare** As governors look to lift restrictions, the country continues to see spikes in deaths from the pandemic. A chart for every state, Page A11. March 22 stay-at-home order Daily deaths per **New York 79 deaths per 100,000** 15,302 total deaths 100,000 people MARCH 1: FIRST Data through April 22 JAN. 21: FIRST U.S. CASE MARCH 14: FIRST CASE IN THE STATE April 21: 376 deaths March 21 stay-at-home









Secretive Panel Guides Policy As Deaths Pile Up in Britain

By MARK LANDLER and STEPHEN CASTLE

LONDON — As the British government comes under mounting criticism for its response to the coronavirus — one that has left Britain ranking with Italy and Spain as the worst hit countries in Europe — Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his aides have defended themselves by saying they are "guided by the science."

The trouble is, nobody knows

what the science is.

The government's influential Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies — known by its soothing acronym, SAGE — operates as a virtual black box. Its list of members is secret, its meetings are closed, its recommendations are private and the minutes of its deliberations are published much later, if at all.

Yet officials invoke SAGE's name endlessly without ever explaining how it comes up with its advice — or even who these scien-

Government Criticized for Lockdown Delay

tists are.

That lack of transparency has become a point of contention, as officials struggle to explain why they waited until late March to shift from a laissez-faire approach to the virus to the stricter measures adopted by other European countries. Critics say the delay may have worsened a death toll now surging past 20,000, and they fault the government for leaving people in the dark about why it first chose this riskier path.

With all the secrecy, even some of Britain's top scientists say they don't know whether they can trust the government's approach.

"Is the science being followed by the government on coronavirus?" said David King, a former chief scientific adviser to the Continued on Page A9

By KATIE ROGERS

these days as late as noon, when

he is usually in a sour mood after

his morning marathon of televi-

and ANNIE KARNI
WASHINGTON — President
Trump arrives in the Oval Office

WHITE HOUSE MEMO sion.

He has been up in the White House master bedroom as

No Rallies and No Golf,

Just the TV to Rankle Him

early as 5 a.m. watching Fox News, then CNN, with a dollop of MSNBC thrown in for rage viewing. He makes calls with the TV on in the background, his routine since he first arrived at the White House.

But now there are differences. The president sees few allies no matter which channel he clicks. He is angry even with Fox, an old security blanket, for not portraying him as he would like to be seen. And he makes time to watch Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's briefings from New York, closely monitoring for a

Feeling Alone, President Stews Over Image

sporadic compliment or snipe.
Confined to the White House, the president is isolated from the supporters, visitors, travel and golf that once entertained him, according to more than a dozen administration officials and close advisers who spoke about Mr.
Trump's strange new life. He is tested weekly, as is Vice President Mike Pence, for Covid-19.

The economy — Mr. Trump's main case for re-election — has imploded. News coverage of his handling of the coronavirus has been overwhelmingly negative as Democrats have condemned him for a lack of empathy, honesty and competence. Even Republicans have criticized Mr. Trump's briefings as long-winded and his rough handling of critics

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Germany Tries Syrian Officers

Activists describe the case, which involves charges of crimes against humanity, as a first step toward justice.

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Women balancing careers with domestic necessities are finding to their dismay that by and large, gender disparities have not disappeared as the home has become the office.

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In an all-online event, the Bengals chose Joe Burrow at No. 1. The Giants and the Jets took offensive tackles. PAGES B9-12



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