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Hello Mr. Stephens,

In consideration of COVID-19 limitations, the TCEQ has already provided all regulated entities additional time (April 30th) to submit emissions inventories. The link to the approved EI extension can be accessed via the link below.

Thank you,
Jayme Sadlier, Special Assistant
TCEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/covid-19/regulated-entities-reporting-requirements>

	<p>TCEQ Reporting Requirements for Regulated Entities - TCEQ - <u>www.tceq.texas.gov</u></p>
	<p>Due to COVID-19 and reduced staff in the TCEQ workplace, TCEQ may exercise administrative relief and enforcement discretion for various reporting requirements by regulated entities. See below and visit this page for updates.</p>
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Per TCEQ Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement March 17,2020 email to the TCC, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas (FPC TX) is notifying the TCEQ (by this email to OCE@tceq.texas.gov and Ramiro.Garcia@tceq.texas.gov) that FPC TX is claiming enforcement discretion based on the public health and safety concerns caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic and is requesting an extension for the FPC-TX Emissions Inventory and Green House Gas Reporting(RN100218973 CN60013001). The effects of COVID-19 has significantly impacted

Formosa Plastics staffing/policies/procedures as well as the outside consulting companies. Access to Formosa employees have been an evolving challenge including, but not limited to, employees that maintain the required data; perform the detailed calculations; perform reasonable inquiries on the draft information; and then certify, sign and submit the final reports is limited due to illness, quarantines, alternative work schedules, and/or resource limitations due to the higher priority of addressing CV-19 actions. Certain staff are unable to travel to the site, where the data is maintained within large databases (e.g., DCS system, PI historian) due to Federal, State, or local restrictions, including but not limited to:

- a. President Trump's mandates (see two attached examples)
- b. Governor Abbot's mandates

This has limited our interface with our third party consultant and slowed the submission process because the data is all onsite and the consultant is not able to come on site.

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Trump defends extending virus guidelines as spread continues

President Donald Trump is defending his decision to extend restrictive social distancing guidelines through the end of April

By ZEKE MILLER and JILL COLVIN Associated Press

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President Donald Trump speaks during a coronavirus task force briefing in the Rose Garden of the White House, Sunday, March 29, 2020, in Washington. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky) The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Siding with public [health](#) experts' dire projections, President [Donald Trump](#) on Monday defended his decision to extend restrictive social distancing guidelines through the end of April, while bracing the nation for a coronavirus death toll that could exceed 100,000 people.

“The worst that could happen is you do it too early and all of a sudden it comes back,” Trump said during a nearly hour-long call-in interview with “Fox & Friends” as members of his coronavirus task force fanned out across other media outlets to warn the virus' spread was only just beginning.

The comments came a day after Trump made a dramatic course reversal and announced that he would not be moving to ease the guidelines and get the economy back up and running by Easter, as he said last week he hoped to do.

In the face of stark projections from his team and searing images of overwhelmed hospitals in his native New York City, Trump instead extended to April 30 the social distancing guidelines, which had been set to

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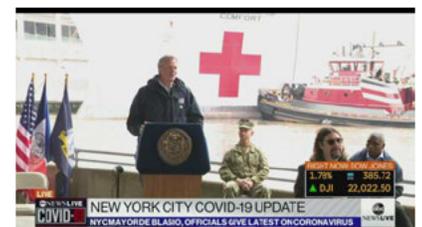


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expire Monday. Many states and local governments already have stiffer controls in place on mobility and gatherings.

Trump's impulse to reopen the country, driven by pleas from business leaders, met a sober reality check from [health](#) experts, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, who on Sunday said the U.S. could experience between 100,000-200,000 deaths and millions of infections from the pandemic.

That warning hardened a recognition in Washington that the struggle against the coronavirus will not be resolved quickly even as Trump expressed a longing for normalcy.

"It would not have been a good idea to pull back at a time when you really need to be pressing your foot on the pedal as opposed to on the brakes," Fauci said on CNN on Monday, describing how he and Dr. Deborah Birx, the coronavirus task force coordinator, had convinced Trump to reconsider.

"We showed him the data. He looked at the data. He got it right away," Fauci said. "It was a pretty clear picture. Dr. Debbie Birx and I went in to the Oval Office and leaned over the desk and said, 'Here are the data. Take a look.' He just shook his head and said, 'I guess we got to do it.'"

Americans are now being asked to prepare for at least another 30 days of severe economic and social disruption, with schools and businesses closed and public life is upended. One in 3 Americans remain under state or local government orders to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus, and employment claims have already skyrocketed.

The federal guidelines recommend against group gatherings larger than 10 and urge older people and anyone with existing health problems to stay home. People are urged to work at home when possible and avoid restaurants, bars, nonessential travel and shopping trips.

For more than a week, Trump had been bombarded by calls from outside business leaders who urged him to begin reopening the nation's economy, at least in places with low infection rates, and warned of catastrophic consequences that could damage his reelection chances if it remained shuttered for much longer.

Trump told "Fox & Friends" that "nobody" was "more worried" about the economic impact on the country than he was. But he said, "We want to do something where we have the least death."

Trump, who has largely avoided talk of potential death and infection rates, cited projection models Sunday that said 2.2 million people or more could have died had social distancing measures not been put in place. And he said the country would be doing well if it "can hold" the number of deaths "down to 100,000."

In addition to the numbers, Trump said he was moved by harrowing scenes from New York, particularly hard-hit Elmhurst Hospital in his native Queens. He described the images he'd seen on television with "body bags

all over, in hallways. I've been watching them bring in trailer trucks — freezer trucks... because they can't handle the bodies, there are so many of them.... I've seen things that I've never seen before.”

But experts warn that those scenes could play out across the country, as the virus spreads. Birx and Fauci said even areas that have so far been spared must prepare for the eventuality that they, too, will become hot spots, with undetected cases likely in existence now.

“It's critical that even if you don't see it, it could be circulating in your community,” Birx told “CBS This Morning” on Monday.

Fauci said on ABC's “Good Morning America” that smaller U.S. cities are now ripe for the kind of acceleration that has occurred in New York.

“If you look throughout the country there are a number of smaller cities that are sort of percolating along,” Fauci said. “It looks like it's low level, it starts to accelerate, then it goes way up.”

The U.S. had more than 140,000 COVID-19 cases reported by Monday morning, with more than 2,500 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins.

Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems. Hospitals in the most afflicted areas are straining to handle patients and some are short of critical supplies.

In the “Fox & Friends” interview, Trump also said his administration was considering providing hazard pay for medical professionals who are on the front lines of the pandemic. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin agreed, telling Fox Business Network in a separate interview that the idea “makes a lot of sense” and is “definitely something we'll put in the next bill.” Some lawmakers have said a fourth economic relief package eventually will be needed.

For weeks, Trump had minimized the gravity of the pandemic, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sunday accused Trump of “denial” in the crisis and called it “deadly.”

Asked whether she believes that attitude cost American lives, Pelosi told CNN: “Yes, I am. I'm saying that.”

Trump lashed back on Fox Monday morning.

“She's a sick puppy in my opinion,” Trump said. “I think it's a disgrace to her country, her family”

— Associated Press writer Darlene Superville contributed to this report.

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15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



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DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts — **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shopping trips, and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- *Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.*
- *Avoid touching your face.*
- *Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.*
- *Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.*

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School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.