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# Länderbericht

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## Juli Corona Update: Aktuelle Studien, Analysen und Kommentare

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Die Corona-Krise hat über die erheblichen gesundheitlichen Risiken und Folgen hinaus weitreichende Auswirkungen auf die Wirtschaft, Sicherheit, Forschung, Innen- und Außenpolitik sowie das gesellschaftliche Leben in den Vereinigten Staaten. Namhafte US-amerikanische Think Tanks und Experten setzen sich intensiv mit den unterschiedlichen Aspekten und Herausforderungen dieser in ihrem Umfang und ihrer Schnelligkeit beispiellosen Krise auseinander. Für einen Überblick über den aktuellen Stand der Diskussion stellt das KAS-Auslandsbüro USA mit Sitz in Washington D.C. monatlich eine Auswahl an Studien, Analysen und Kommentaren jeweils mit Links zu den Beiträgen zusammen. Die bisherigen Ausgaben des Corona Update: USA finden Sie [hier](#).

### “The Red/Blue Divide in COVID-19 Vaccination Rates is Growing”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) (July 8, 2021)

Jennifer Kates, Senior Vice President, Director of Global Health & HIV Policy; Jennifer Tolbert, Director of State Health Reform; Kendal Orgera, Senior Data Analyst, Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured and State Health Facts

According to this [study](#), KFF's surveys consistently find that Democrats are much more likely to report having been vaccinated than Republicans, and Republicans are much more likely to say that they definitely do not want to get vaccinated. In May, the authors examined average vaccination rates by county and found that rates were lower in counties that voted for Trump in the 2020 Presidential election compared to those that voted for Biden. Now, two months later, KFF finds that the gap had grown.

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### “A conversation with WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on the future of trade in a post COVID-19 world”

Quelle: Atlantic Council (July 18, 2021)

Speaker: Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)  
Moderator: Frederick Kempe, President and CEO, Atlantic Council

In this [conversation](#) with the Atlantic Council, World Trade Organization Director-General Okonjo-Iweala speaks on the WTO's priorities and her vision for 2021 and beyond the pandemic. Questions addressed include: What role should intellectual property play in promoting equitable vaccine distribution? How can citizens left behind by the forces of global trade over the past several decades be supported?

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### “Can Cities Survive and Thrive in a Post-Pandemic World?”

Quelle: Wilson Center (July 21, 2021)

Speakers:  
Blair A. Ruble, Distinguished Fellow; Former Wilson Center Vice President for Programs; Allison Garland, Project Director, Urban Sustainability Laboratory

Moderator:

John Milewski, Director of Digital Programming;

In this Wilson Center [online event](#), Blair Ruble and Allison Garland discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a reimagining and reevaluation of the form and function of cities and urbanization. They examine hybrid work, mass transit, inequality, and what the United States can learn from leading Asian and European cities.

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### “Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People”

Quelle: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (July 27, 2021)

This updated CDC [guidance](#) provides information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States. The CDC also added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission and recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

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### “6 priorities for future research into COVID-19 and its effects on early learning”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (July 20, 2021)

Christina Weiland, Associate Professor, School of Education, University of Michigan; Erica Greenberg, Senior Research Associate, Center on Education Data and Policy, Urban Institute; Daphna Bassok, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, Brown Center on Education Policy; et al.

Based on a survey of research the authors compiled six [recommendations](#) for policymakers to consider, including to continue to track recovery for children, families, teachers, and programs; to document changes to ECE programs and chil-

dren’s experiences that are not captured in existing data and to measure learning outcomes for the youngest learners directly and across multiple domains.

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### “COVID-19 vaccines shown to protect at-risk patients”

Quelle: Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota (CIDRAP) (July 12, 2021)

Mary Van Beusekom, News Writer

In this [article](#), CIDRAP reports on a study of more than 1 million at-risk individuals which finds that the Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccines are as effective at preventing symptomatic illness in people with underlying medical conditions as in the rest of the population.

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### “Book Event: Yasmeen Abutaleb and Damian Paletta’s ‘Nightmare Scenario - Inside the Trump Administration’s Response to the Pandemic That Changed History’”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (July 7, 2021)

Speakers:

Yasmeen Abutaleb, National Health Reporter, The Washington Post; Damian Paletta, Economics Editor, The Washington Post

Moderator:

J. Stephen Morrison, CSIS Senior Vice President and Global Health Policy Center Director

In this [online event](#), the book’s authors discuss in detail the inner workings of the Trump administration at critical decision points during the pandemic, in an effort to understand the key lead personalities and their interrelations, what propelled the crisis forward, the impact upon U.S.

health agencies, and what lessons we should take into the future.

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### **“U.S. Surgeon General Issues Advisory During COVID-19 Vaccination Push Warning American Public About Threat of Health Misinformation”**

Quelle: United States Department of Health and Human Services (July 15, 2021)

This [advisory](#) by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy warns the American public about the urgent threat of health misinformation. According to him, health misinformation, including disinformation, have threatened the U.S. response to COVID-19 and continue to prevent Americans from getting vaccinated, prolonging the pandemic and putting lives at risk. The advisory also encourages technology and social media companies to take more responsibility to stop online spread of health misinformation.

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### **“Excessive Pandemic Unemployment Benefits Are a Warning Against Unemployment Program Expansions”**

Quelle: The Heritage Foundation (July 13, 2021)

Rachel Greszler, Research Fellow in Economics, Budget and Entitlements

This [report](#) suggests the corona-induced expansion in unemployment insurance benefits may be “the most flawed, wasteful, and damaging part of the government’s COVID-19 economic policy response.” The author further suggests that “lawmakers must end pandemic unemployment insurance programs and establish universal savings accounts, so that Americans can save without government intervention.”

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### **“The Origins of COVID-19: Implications for U.S.-China Relations”**

Quelle: Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) (July 13, 2021)

Speakers:

Yanzhong Huang, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations; Angela Rasmussen, Research Scientist, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization, University of Saskatchewan; Affiliate, Center for Global Health Science and Security, Georgetown University; Nicholas Wade, Independent Journalist; Author, *The Origin of COVID: Did People or Nature Open Pandora's Box at Wuhan?*

Moderator:

Bianna Golodryga, Senior Global Affairs Analyst, CNN; CFR Member

This [online event](#) hosted by CFR’s Asia Program and Global Health Program discusses possible origins of COVID-19, including the growing concern that the virus leaked from the Wuhan Virology Lab rather than originating in nature, what the ramifications are for regulating this type of research, and the implications for U.S.-China relations.

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### **“Countries Have Varied Responses to Delta Variant Spread”**

Quelle: The Chicago Council on Global Affairs (July 7, 2021)

Karl Friedhoff, Marshall M. Bouton Fellow for Asia Studies; Craig Kafura, Assistant Director, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy; Emily Sullivan Research Assistant, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy; et al.

The authors of this [research](#) show that with the global infection rate increasing for the first time since April, some countries are pumping the brakes on ambitious recovery plans. The authors also suggest that vaccination rates will be crucial in determining the path of each country’s recovery from this point forward. The research specifically looks at polling results from Japan, South Korea, Australia, and France.

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### “Epidemic Exposure, Fintech Adoption, and the Digital Divide”

Quelle: National Bureau of Economic Research (July 2021)

Barry Eichengreen, Research Associate, University of California, Berkeley; Cevat Giray Aksoy, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and King's College London; Orkun Saka, University of Sussex

This [working paper](#) asks whether epidemic exposure leads to a shift in financial technology usage within and across countries and if so who participates in this shift, using data from 250,000 individuals in 140 countries. The authors find that epidemic exposure is associated with an increase in remote-access (online/mobile) banking and substitution from bank branch-based to ATM-based activity. They also find that young, high-income earners in full-time employment have the greatest propensity to shift to online/mobile transactions in response to epidemics.

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### “Richmond, Virginia: Response to Homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic”

Quelle: Urban Institute (July 13, 2021)

Samantha Batko, Senior Research Associate; Nicole DuBois, Research Analyst; Abby Boshart Policy Coordinator

According to this [brief](#), the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of housing and homelessness services as public health infrastructure. The authors try to understand how different communities across the United States adapted their homelessness responses during the pandemic to keep people safe and housed. This case study summarizes the response in Richmond, Virginia, which focused on providing safe shelter

space to anyone who needed it and helping people stay in their housing using emergency rental assistance and diversion services.

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### “COVID Could Surge Anywhere. This Tool Helps Hospitals Prepare”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (July 1, 2021)

Doug Irving, Communications Analyst

This [essay](#) discusses RAND’s “Interactive Critical Care Surge Response Tool,” which allows decision makers at all levels — hospitals, health care systems, states, regions — to estimate current critical care capacity and rapidly explore strategies for increasing it. Specifically, the tool allows hospitals to model drastic changes they could make to accommodate more patients if they get hit with a surge.

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### “Guidance for Health Care Leaders During the Recovery Stage of the COVID-19 Pandemic - A Consensus Statement”

Quelle: American Medical Association (July 8, 2021)

This [article](#) asks what leadership imperatives are most essential for health leaders following the emergency stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. In a consensus statement, 32 coauthors from 17 countries with expertise in various aspects of health leadership, health care, public health, and related fields outline 10 imperatives to guide leaders through recovery from the emergency stages of the pandemic.

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### “Estimating global and regional disruptions to routine childhood vaccine coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020: a modelling study”

Quelle: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) (July 14, 2021)

Kate Causey, Researcher; Jon Mosser, Assistant Professor; Nancy Fullman, Predoctoral Research Associate, et al.

According to this [study](#), the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission substantially affected health services worldwide. To better understand the impact of the pandemic on childhood routine immunisation, the authors estimated disruptions in vaccine coverage associated with the pandemic in 2020, globally and by Global Burden of Disease (GBD) super-region.

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#### **Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:**

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

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