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März 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](#).

“National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan”

Quelle: The White House (March, 2022)

The President's 96-page [National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#) focuses on four key goals: protect against and treat COVID-19, prepare for new variants, prevent economic and educational shutdowns, and continue to lead the effort to vaccinate the world and save lives. Among other targets, the plan also emphasizes a nationwide "test-to-treat" initiative to minimize the time between a positive test result and treatment, improved COVID-19 tracking and the development of a universal vaccine. However, the administration did not include a cost estimate of its plan, meaning that additional pandemic funding would require Congressional action.

“The Changing Political Geography of COVID-19 Over the Last Two Years?”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (March 3, 2022)

Bradley Jones, Senior Researcher

This [research](#) suggests that partisan differences in COVID-19 death rates expanded dramatically after the availability of vaccines increased. This research reiterates that the CDC deems unvaccinated people are at far higher risk of death and hospitalization from COVID-19 and concludes that “among the large majority of counties for which reliable vaccination data exists, counties that supported Trump at higher margins have substantially lower vaccination rates than those that supported Biden at higher margins.”

“How Russia's Invasion Shot Down Sputnik V - Russia's decision to invade Ukraine hinders the use and distribution of its vaccine worldwide”

Quelle: Think Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) (March 28, 2022)

Samantha Kiernan, Program Coordinator Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations; Lillian Posner, Research Associate, Think Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations; Sarah Nance, Global Health Studies Intern, Council on Foreign Relations

According to the [report's](#) authors, the path forward for the seventy-four countries that approved Sputnik V and the organizations that had planned on including Sputnik V in their distribution plans is not clear. The report also claims that "the extent to which sanctions, political motivations, and logistical concerns will impact the availability and reception of Sputnik V worldwide is yet to be seen. However, what is clear is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has slowed crucial approval processes needed to legitimize and widely distribute Sputnik V."

"National Wastewater Tracking Could Help Us Stay Ahead of COVID-19—but Congress Cut the Funds"

Quelle: The RAND Corporation (March 24, 2022)

Douglas Yeung, Behavioral and Social Scientist, Faculty Member, Pardee RAND Graduate School

This [commentary](#) states that "the National Wastewater Surveillance System has the potential to significantly change the way we fight not just COVID-19, but future pandemics and any other viruses or bacterial diseases that could be circulating in populations, too. Getting ahead of disease in this way is something of a holy grail for public health. And to think, it's just from the stuff we flush."

"Fiscal policy and budget deficits following the pandemic"

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (March 28, 2022)

Dave Skidmore, Consultant, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution, former Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

This [blog](#) highlights insights from a panel discussion at the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity (BPEA) conference. During this event, three well-

known economists—Greg Mankiw, Carmen M. Reinhart, and Phillip Swagel—explored the implications of interest rates and inflation for U.S. fiscal policy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"How the pandemic slowdown in court devastated NYC kids' lives"

Quelle: American Enterprise Institute (March 26, 2022)

Naomi Schaefer Riley, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

In this [Op-Ed](#), the author asks how bad the pandemic was for the most vulnerable children in this city and discusses a new report on the "dysfunction" in the city's family court system. Schaefer also discusses the pandemic's impact on families waiting for court decisions about findings of child maltreatment, visitation, adoption, domestic violence, foster care and termination of parental rights.

"Implications of the Lapse in Federal COVID-19 Funding on Access to COVID-19 Testing, Treatment, and Vaccines"

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (March 28, 2022)

Jennifer Tolbert, Director of State Health Reform, Associate Director for Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured; Samantha Artiga, Vice President, Director for Racial Equity and Health Policy Program; Jennifer Kates, Senior Vice President, Director of Global Health & HIV Policy; et al.

This [issue brief](#) analyzes a "current impasse in Congress" which, according to the authors, threatens continued funding for COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines. The brief also states that the White House asked Congress for an additional \$22.5 billion to support domestic and global COVID-19 efforts and that during recent

negotiations to fund the federal government for FY 2022, Congress reduced this amount to \$15.6 billion and subsequently stripped it from the final bill. The authors assess that without additional resources, several programs will need to be discontinued.

“Getting Accustomed to the New Normal: Border Customs in the Age of COVID-19”

Quelle: Wilson Center (March 8, 2022)

Hosts:

Andrew I. Rudman, Director, Mexico Institute, Wilson Center; Christopher Sands, Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center

Speaker:

Ricardo Treviño Chapa, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organization

This [online event](#) discusses that the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the inter-connected nature of our world as countries sought to urgently move medication, vaccines, and healthcare supplies. According to the panel, these challenges demonstrated the critical importance of the ability to move goods safely and quickly across borders and around the globe. The event concludes that recovery from the pandemic will lead to an increase in the pace of the movement of people and goods – and that, as we return to a “new normal,” the need for efficient, agile and professional customs services will be even more apparent.

“Fiscal Stimulus and Commercial Bank Lending Under COVID-19”

Quelle: National Bureau of Economic Research (March 2022)

Joshua Aizenman, Research Associate, University of Southern California; et al.

This [study](#) indicates that while higher government spending was associated with higher commercial bank lending, higher public debt going into the crisis weakened the expansionary effects of higher spending on bank lending at economically and statistically significant levels. Moreover, this sensitivity is higher among weaker banks, suggesting that bank lending responses to government spending under COVID-19 reflected the perceived implications of such spending for government assistance of the banking sector going forward.

“Video: Equity in Voter Turnout after Pandemic Election Changes”

Quelle: Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) (March 11, 2022)

Host:

Eric McGhee, Senior Fellow

Speakers:

Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder, County Clerk, Los Angeles County; Astrid Ochoa, Owner and Principal, Ochoa Consulting Partners; Mindy Romero, Director, Center for Inclusive Democracy, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy

According to this [online event](#), to cope with the pandemic during the 2020 presidential election, California made rapid changes to voting options, mailing every voter a ballot and consolidating in-person voting locations. The panel investigates how these changes affected voter turnout and discusses the impact of pandemic election policies on the California electorate.

“Superstars, rising stars, and the rest: Pandemic trends and shifts in the geography of tech”

Quelle: The Brookings Institution (March 8, 2022)

Mark Muro, Senior Fellow and Policy Director,
Brookings Metro; Yang You, Senior Research As-
sistant, Brookings Metro

This [research](#) shows that, recently, the rise of re-
mote work during the COVID-19 pandemic has
spawned new hopes for the spread of tech jobs
into the U.S. heartland. Given that possibility, this
report probes the latest trends in the geography
of tech over the past decade and through the
pandemic. Specifically, the analysis examines de-
tailed employment data as well as location-spe-
cific job postings to assess local and national hir-
ing trends. Data on firm starts is also examined.

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

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

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