

COVID-19 DIGEST

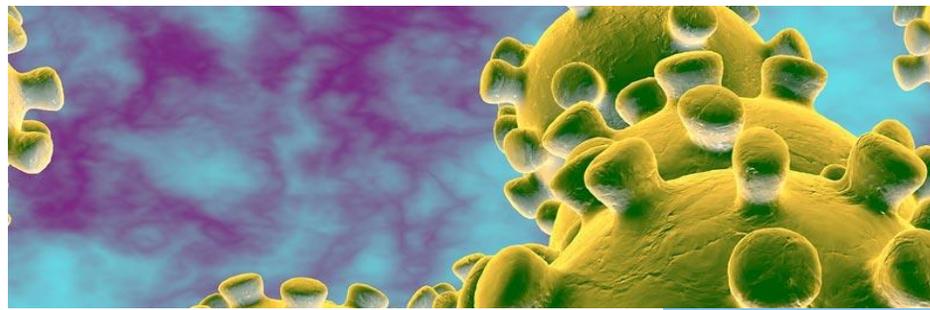
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Highlights

A breathing aid that can help keep coronavirus patients out of intensive care has been created in under a week. University College London engineers worked with clinicians at UCL Hospital and Mercedes Formula One to build the device, which delivers oxygen to the lungs without needing a ventilator. [BBC](#)

Many countries are still not following WHO's clear recommendations on containment (widespread testing, quarantine of cases, contact tracing, and social distancing) and have instead implemented haphazard measures, with some attempting only to suppress deaths by shielding the elderly and those with certain health conditions. [LANCET](#).

Isolation, Quarantine, Social Distancing - what does it all mean? Thursday, April 2, 2020, 8:00 a.m. EDT (12:00 p.m. Abidjan; 2:00 p.m. Johannesburg; 3:00 p.m. Nairobi; 6:00 p.m. Almaty; 6:30 p.m. Yangon) **Presented by: Melanie Bernitz, MD, MPH** | Associate Vice President and Medical Director *Columbia Health*, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine *Center for Family and Community Medicine, Columbia University Irving Medical Center* https://columbiauniversitymsph.adobeconnect.com/a840579320/covid19_socialdistancing/



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SPOTLIGHT

Makerere University Dean of Public Health Prof Rhoda Wanyenze Advises on Strategy to Defeat COVID-19 in Uganda



“We must all act very fast given the rapid spread. With COVID, every hour and day matters and we can quickly lose the battle if we don’t act quickly! Anyone of us is at risk and we need to fight this bug jointly, we need to overcome whatever differences, whether political, or other and work across disciplines to identify comprehensive home-grown context appropriate solutions! Everyone has a role here, the behavioral scientists, communicators, psychologists, lawyers, ICT gurus, economists, engineers, Veterinarians, etc and certainly our communities! In summary, yes, we can and have the power to defeat COVID! And, we have no option actually, so let’s get going if anyone here has not done so yet!” **Get full commentary on our Facebook and Twitter platforms @MakSPH**

Uganda Numbers

- 33 cases
- 0 deaths

Global Numbers

- WHO: 638,146 cases | 30,105 deaths
- JHU: 722,289 cases | 33,984 deaths

Learning from Ebola

Following reports of breaching of [#COVID19](#) quarantine guidelines by some of those being followed up in Uganda, our colleague Samuel Etajak shares his experience from West Africa during the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in this blog <https://bit.ly/2JhJ595>.

“We prepared the community including the suspected case(s)/person(s) on why we were carrying out the quarantine. We informed them that ALL of us (the suspected case(s), the community and the surveillance team/response team) had a role to play. The role(s) each party MUST be clearly spelt out. Given that we were putting suspected case(s) under quarantine for 21 days (for the case of Ebola Virus Disease), we provided basic amenities (food and charcoal, hygiene-related utilities-chlorine tablets, chlorine buckets and trained them how to mix the chlorine by themselves). For the COVID 19 scenario, the task force/government needs to think about what form of basic amenities/support to provide to the suspected case(s) during the quarantine period.”

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