



**MEDIA MONITORING**

**Health**

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### ➤ COVID-19's 'Slow Burn' – Africa's Low Death Rate Puzzles Researchers

Dire predictions of Africa being overwhelmed by a tsunami of COVID-19 infections and deaths have not materialized – yet – and this is confounding many researchers. So, whether the reason is the continent's youthful population, a

certain level of "herd immunity" gained from prior exposure to other coronaviruses, or simply a lack of adequate disease surveillance, experts are trying to understand the reasons why.

Source: healthpolicy-watch.news ([Article link](#))

### ➤ Cameroon claims success against COVID-19

In the seventh month of the coronavirus response, the actions undertaken by the Cameroon government and its partners have achieved satisfactory results, authorities said on Monday. The Health Ministry said in a statement that the recovery rate stands at 94.12% in the

Central African country, while the fatality rate at 2.08%. The ministry urged the people to remain vigilant and "be more responsible by persevering in compliance with the barrier measures, especially since we have just passed the threshold of 20,000 confirmed cases."

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

### ➤ Pandemic Takes Toll on Kenya's Medical Workers

John Muichuhio is one of the thousands of Kenyan medical workers treating COVID-19 patients. The stress of the pandemic has been bearing down on him, and in late July he also tested positive for the coronavirus, which causes the COVID-19 disease. "As a human being I am

also thinking around that if am positive for COVID, what will happen next? What if death comes? It's not easy," Muichuhio said. "It's a very traumatizing state, especially being alone there. You cannot tell people because you don't know how people will take it."

Source: voanews.com ([Article link](#))

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### ➤ 118 Ebola cases detected in DR Congo

At least 118 Ebola virus cases have been recorded in the latest outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the World Health Organization announced Tuesday. Ebola, a tropical fever that first appeared in 1976 in Sudan and the DRC, is transmitted to humans

from wild animals. So far there are 118 cases, with 112 confirmed and six probable, 48 deaths and 52 recoveries in the 11th Ebola virus outbreak in Mbandaka, Equateur province, the WHO African Region tweeted.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Africa: WHO's Three Messages for UN75**

As the world comes together at an unprecedented virtual session of the 75th UN General Assembly (UNGA), WHO has three messages to share. The first is about equitable access to COVID-19 tools. At UNGA, WHO will call on world leaders to support the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT)-Accelerator, a unique international collaboration to fast-track the

development, production and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines globally, while strengthening health systems. Pooling investments globally, the ACT-Accelerator provides a chance for all countries to access a greater number of tools more quickly, sharing the risks and costs together.

Source: [allafrica.com](http://allafrica.com) ([Article link](#))

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➤ **To find a vaccine for COVID-19, will we have to deliberately infect people?**

JOSH MORRISON ISN'T a doctor or scientist, but as a well-intentioned activist he's provoked a fierce debate over how to develop a coronavirus vaccine. To speed up testing, he wants to be deliberately infected with the coronavirus. And

he's drawn considerable attention to his cause by starting a nonprofit that already has recruited more than 37,000 volunteers to get infected too—all in the name of science.

Source: [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com) ([Article link](#))

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➤ **WHO encouraged by South Africa's declining COVID-19 trend**

The World Health Organization (WHO) commends the government of South Africa for its determined efforts that have helped to bend the COVID-19 pandemic curve. WHO is greatly encouraged by the ongoing measures to suppress the spread of SARs-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

To tackle the pandemic South Africa took decisive steps such as instituting response coordination mechanisms at all levels, setting up control interventions for all critical pillars of response and imposing public health and social measures, including movement restrictions, curfews, closure of businesses, schools and places of worship.

Source: [afro.who.int](http://afro.who.int) ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Keep health workers safe to keep patients safe: WHO**

The World Health Organization (WHO) is calling on governments and health care leaders to address persistent threats to the health and safety of health workers and patients. "The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded all of us of the vital role health workers play to relieve suffering and save lives," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

WHO Director-General. "No country, hospital or clinic can keep its patients safe unless it keeps its health workers safe. WHO's Health Worker Safety Charter is a step towards ensuring that health workers have the safe working conditions, the training, the pay and the respect they deserve."

Source: [who.int](http://who.int) ([Article link](#))

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➤ **WHO lauds South Africa's efforts in combating COVID-19**

The World Health Organization (WHO) commended South Africa on Thursday for its determined efforts which have helped curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. The global health body said it is greatly encouraged by the ongoing measures in South Africa to suppress the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

"To tackle the pandemic, South Africa took decisive steps such as instituting response coordination mechanisms at all levels, setting up control interventions for all critical pillars of response and imposing public health and social measures, including movement restrictions, curfews and closure of businesses," it said in a statement.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Nigeria: UN, WHO call for polio surveillance in Africa**

The UN and its World Health Organization agency (WHO) on Friday called for more surveillance of polio to prevent the virus' return to Africa. Visiting the last survivors of polio cases in Nigeria and Africa, Edward Kallon, UN resident coordinator in Nigeria, asked nations to

step up vaccination to ensure polio is not reintroduced to the continent. "We should not be complacent, we should continue to ensure children are vaccinated at the appropriate ages and [with the] right vaccine to ensure this thing does not repeat itself," Kallon said.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Survey: Almost Half of Americans Say 'No' To COVID Vaccine If Available Today**

Nearly half of Americans, or 49%, said they definitely or probably would not get an inoculation if a coronavirus were available today, while 51% said they would, according to a Pew Research Center poll conducted earlier this month. The 49% who lean toward rejecting the

inoculation cited concerns about side effects from the vaccine. The public's trust in a safe COVID-19 vaccine coming to market has taken a tumble. In May, a Pew survey revealed 72% of Americans said they would be inoculated if the vaccine were available.

Source: voanews.com ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Morocco, AstraZeneca Agree on Purchase of R-Pharm's COVID-19 Vaccine**

Morocco's Minister of Health Khalid Ait Taleb signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Friday to purchase doses of a COVID-19 vaccine from Russian pharmaceutical group R-Pharm. R-Pharm signed a licensing deal with UK's AstraZeneca in July to produce and

distribute doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Morocco's minister signed the MoU in a videoconference with the General Director of R-Pharma, Vasily Ignatiev, and the vice president of Astrazeneca, according to Morocco's state media.

Source: moroccoworldnews.com ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Expert panel endorses protocol for COVID-19 herbal medicine clinical trials**

The Regional Expert Committee on Traditional Medicine for COVID-19 formed by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and the African Union Commission for Social Affairs has endorsed a protocol for phase III clinical trials of herbal medicine for COVID-19 as well as a charter and terms of reference for the

establishment of a data and safety monitoring board for herbal medicine clinical trials. “Just like other areas of medicine, sound science is the sole basis for safe and effective traditional medicine therapies,” said Dr Prosper Tumusiime, Director of Universal Health Coverage and Life Course Cluster at WHO Regional Office for Africa.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Covid vaccine tracker: when will a coronavirus vaccine be ready?**

Researchers around the world are racing to develop a vaccine against Covid-19, with more than 170 candidate vaccines now tracked by the World Health Organization (WHO). Vaccines

normally require years of testing and additional time to produce at scale, but scientists are hoping to develop a coronavirus vaccine within 12 to 18 months.

Source: theguardian.com ([Article link](#))



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