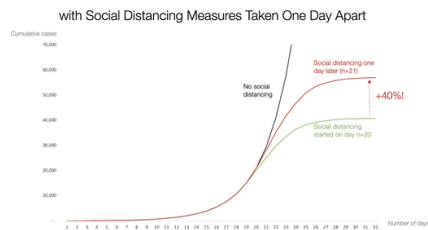


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[Coronavirus: Why you must act now](#) (must read). See also [This chart of the 1918 Spanish flu shows why social distancing works](#) and [How much worse the coronavirus could get, in charts](#). The British government is betting on an alternative strategy: see [Timothy Gowers](#) and [Ian McDonald's threads](#)

features

[Here's how long the coronavirus can live in the air and on packages](#)

testing/treatment

[U.S. gives 'emergency' authorization to new Roche coronavirus test that's 10 times faster](#)
[Understanding SARS-CoV-2 and the drugs that might lessen its power](#). See also [the current pipeline of drugs/vaccines](#)

prediction

[Modelers struggle to predict the future of the COVID-19 pandemic](#). You can also see [here](#) the links to the UK modelling groups' work supporting the country's risky strategy

geographies

[How the World's largest coronavirus outbreaks are growing](#)
[Inside China all-out war on the coronavirus](#)
[Singapore is the model for how to handle the coronavirus](#)
[Some countries have been successful in combating the coronavirus. The U.S. is not one of them](#). See also this Andy Slavitt (Obama's major health official) [thread](#)
[Herd immunity: will the UK's coronavirus strategy work?](#)
[Ruas de Itália enchem-se de canticos vindos das janelas. They are singing Bella Ciao in Rome and Abraciame in Naples. Italian Air Force jets streak flag colors across sky as Pavarotti blares over speakers](#)
[Coronavirus em Portugal](#)

hygiene

[Hong Kong's subway is sending robots to disinfect trains of coronavirus](#)
[Toilet paper hoarding boosts bidet sales](#)

impacts (besides the growing economic catastrophe, despite [a few exceptions](#))

[Cornell experts view coronavirus via multidisciplinary lenses](#)
[Coronavirus is devastating the conference circuit](#)
[Coronavirus may finally force businesses to adopt workplaces of the future](#)
[Why the coronavirus outbreak is terrible news for climate change](#)

Sunday News is a selection of about 20% of the links posted daily by the [Explora community](#). I can add you if you want (need to have a Facebook account). Newcomers can check previous Sunday News editions at [Explora live](#). They can also access Sunday News First Year Highlights [here](#).

Best of luck for these challenging times

Antonio Camara

Education

[Elon Musk says college is 'basically for fun' but 'not for learning,' and that a degree isn't 'evidence of exceptional ability'](#)

[Why conventional wisdom on education reform is wrong \(a primer\)](#)

[A comprehensive list of tips, tools, and examples for event organizers during the Coronavirus outbreak](#) (via Margarida Guerra)

[Resources, tools and support for teaching remotely at MIT.](#) NOVA professors (I included) and students discovered this week the joys of long-distance learning using [Zoom](#)

[7 tools for remote teams](#)

Food



Taste Atlas: [Beer styles](#) (via Brian Mossotti)

Sports

[Who is the Premier League's most important player?](#) "A graph theoretic approach"

[Be quick, press high, cut back: how to score in the Champions League](#)

Mobility



[Electra Meccanica Solo: is it time for three-wheeled EVs?](#)

[A new generation of bike helmet.](#) "Elevate your commute"

[It's time for some cheap and boring transportation solutions](#) "sidewalks?"

[Em Lisboa, condutores perdem mais de cinco dias por ano em engarrafamentos](#)

Cities, Nature and Clean Tech

[Exploring the architecture of gentrification](#)

[The UN wants to protect these chimps' unique culture](#) (nut-cracking)



[Head of tiny dinosaur found trapped in amber](#)

The Ocean of Things: [American researchers want to fill the oceans with sensors](#)

[Europe wants a 'Right to Repair' smartphones and gadgets](#)

Developing new companies

@benedictevans

"I am wondering if forcing everybody to use video conferencing for a few weeks or months even to talk to people in the same city might make people see it as a default when this is all over. Does it permanently shift usage?"

@zachweinberg

"In other news, IBM confirms it has zero ability to make anything new and will pursue a strategy of being a giant rent-seeking parasite on technology companies. If you work here, please look for another job if you can". A sarcastic comment on "[IBM sues Airbnb for patent infringement](#)"

[Opposing paid sick leave risks lives](#). Retail, food and hospitality, and grocery do not have (incredibly) paid sick leave in the US

[Snap is the world's most innovative company of 2020](#)

[Alphabet's next billion-dollar business: 10 industries to watch](#)

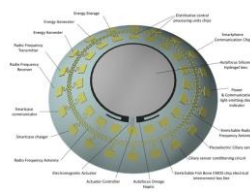
AR/VR/AI/Quantum Computing/IoT



"An update YDX's Disney VR experience: A beta version of the game "Mickey Mouse and the Golden Heart" was released for testing. YDX is aiming to release the final version in early Q2 2020. Press release available [here](#). [YDreams Global](#) (part of [YDX](#)) also released its 2020 reel this week. You can see it [here](#)

[Apple, Facebook, Microsoft and the future of augmented reality](#)

[The next iPhone will get a 'world facing' 3D camera](#)



[InWith puts smart tech In Bausch And Lomb lenses](#)

[10 remote collaboration apps for HoloLens, Magic Leap, & mobile that can substitute for in-person meetings](#)

Charles Fink's [The week In XR: Is this VR's moment?](#)

[Top Google AI tools for everyone](#)

[With painted faces, artists fight facial recognition tech](#). Read also [Dressing for the Surveillance Age](#)

[How AI could help translate the written language of ancient civilizations](#)

[Google is making it easier to develop quantum machine-learning apps](#)

Far out

[Nvidia's calling on gaming PC owners to put their systems to work fighting COVID-19](#).

"The [Folding@home](#) software runs while you do other things: your computer will be working to help us find cures for diseases"

[A Spy Agency's challenge: How to sort a million photos a day](#)

[Apple Watch might get blood oxygen detection feature in iOS 14](#)

[The rise of impossibly cute and wholesome games](#)

[The prepping industry wasn't prepared for the Coronavirus](#). "Once the obsession of fringe survivalists, disaster preparedness is now a national pastime—and supply can't keep up with demand"



[The history of pandemics](#)

[How to survive the end of the World as we know it:](#) tactics, techniques and technologies