California declares state of emergency as Coast Guard delivers coronavirus testing kits to THOUSANDS of Grand Princess cruise ship passengers off the coast of San Francisco where two people tested positive

- The Grand Princess cruise ship has been banned from returning to San Francisco following a trip to Hawaii amid a suspected coronavirus outbreak onboard
- The state has recorded 53 cases, with San Francisco recording its first two positive tests on Thursday
- A woman in her 40s tested positive, as well as a man in his 90s who has underlying health conditions
- On the Grand Princess, two passengers who traveled on the same ship on a previous voyage last month between San Francisco and Mexico later fell ill and tested positive for the coronavirus
- The first was a 71-year-old man who died on Wednesday and became the state's first coronavirus death, while the second remains in hospital and is 'gravely ill'
- Eleven passengers and 10 crew members who are currently on the same ship have now reported symptoms that could turn out to be the coronavirus
- Sixty two passengers who were on the previous Mexican cruise where the two cases were detected remained on the ship for the Hawaii voyage as well and may have had contact with the two infected passengers
- The predicament of the Grand Princess cruise liner was reminiscent of the Diamond Princess vessel that was quarantined off the coast of Japan in February
- The death toll in the US now sits at 12 with more than 200 confirmed cases across the country
- An increase in testing countrywide has seen a jump in confirmed cases in Washington state, California and New York with Tennessee and Nevada each reporting their first cases in the last 24 hours

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The US Coast Guard has delivered coronavirus test kits to a cruise ship that is being held 400 miles off the California coast amid fears of a suspected outbreak as the number of cases across the country soared to more than 200 in 19 states.

Thousands of passengers remained on the Grand Princess cruise ship on Thursday after it was banned from returning to its home port of San Francisco following a voyage to Hawaii after at least 20 people onboard fell ill.

Members of the Coast Guard were spotted lowering test kits onto the 951-foot cruise ship.
It comes after two passengers who traveled on the same ship on a previous voyage last month between San Francisco and Mexico tested positive for the coronavirus and one later died - becoming California's first fatality from the disease.

California Governor Gavin Newsom earlier declared a state of emergency as cases rose to 53 in the state, with San Francisco recording its first two cases - a woman in her 40s, and a man in his 90s who has underlying health conditions.

The number of cases in Los Angeles County, which has about 10 million residents, jumped to 11 on Thursday.

The US death toll from coronavirus rose to 12 on Thursday with more than 200 case confirmed in 19 states.

An increase in testing countrywide has seen a jump in confirmed cases in Washington state, California and New York - with Nevada and Tennessee each reporting their first cases in the last 24 hours.

The cases in New York state jumped to 22 after a Manhattan attorney infected more than a dozen people, including his own family, and multiple other unrelated cases were announced.

The US Coast Guard delivered coronavirus test kits on Thursday to the Grand Princess cruise ship that is being held 400 miles off the California coast amid fears of a suspected outbreak.
Members of the Coast Guard were spotted lowering crews down onto the cruise ship to deliver the test kits.

The Coast Guard approaches the Grand Princess cruise ship to deliver test kits to more than 3,500 people stranded on the ship about 400-miles of the coast of San Francisco.
An employee sprays down the common areas of the Grand Princess cruise ship with disinfectant.

Thousands of passengers are currently on the Grand Princess cruise ship that was banned on Wednesday from returning to its home port of San Francisco from a voyage to Hawaii amid the suspected coronavirus outbreak (file image).
The Grand Princess is currently 400 miles off San Francisco and heading for port having returned from Hawaii after 11 passengers and 10 crew reported symptoms of coronavirus.

The 11 passengers and 10 crew members who are currently on the Grand Princess ship will be tested after reporting symptoms that could turn out to be the coronavirus, seasonal flu or the common cold.

Newsom said the cruise ship would remain at sea until passengers and crew complaining of symptoms that may be consistent with the coronavirus can be tested to determine whether they have it.

He said the manifest for the ship's Hawaii cruise included 50 to 60 passengers who were also on board the Mexico voyage.

Health officials said those passengers had contact with the two coronavirus

It is not yet clear if the 21 people currently reporting symptoms are among the 62 who were on the Mexico leg of the trip and came in contact with the two infected passengers.

Coronavirus testing kits were flown out to the ship on Thursday and samples will be analyzed at a state laboratory in the San Francisco Bay area, a process Newsom said should produce results in a matter of hours.

'So we're holding that ship, which is thousands of passengers, off the coast, and will be conducting those tests and getting those tests back,' Newsom said.

'The ship will not come onshore until we properly assess passengers.'

Two passengers - who identified themselves as Laura and Leah - uploaded a YouTube video showing themselves in their cabin after a warning was issued. They are shown reading out a statement from the cruise line while one of them coughs, though the pair insist they do not have coronavirus.

California's first coronavirus victim - a 71-year-old man - had boarded the Grand Princess in San Francisco on February 11 for a 10 day voyage to Mexico, arriving back on February 21.

The man subsequently fell ill and went to hospital in Placer County, to the east of Sacramento, where he was diagnosed with the virus before he died.

Health officials say it is 'highly likely' the man was exposed to the virus on board the Grand Princess but have not yet said how the disease got on board.

The Grand Princess can hold up to 2,500 passengers and 1,150 crew. It is not clear how many people are currently on board. State health authorities, working with the CDC, are trying to contact some 2,500 passengers who were on the earlier voyage.

A statement from the cruise line said that it had been alerted by the CDC that a 'small cluster' of coronavirus cases in northern California had been linked to the ship.

The predicament of the Grand Princess cruise liner was reminiscent of the Diamond Princess vessel that was quarantined off the coast of Japan in February and was, for a time, the largest concentration of coronavirus cases outside China.

Some American passengers from that ship were ultimately repatriated to military bases in California for extended quarantines.
California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency Wednesday, and said coronavirus testing kits are now being flown to the Grand Princess.

Gov Newsom calls state of emergency in California over coronavirus

California health authorities have confirmed 53 cases, the most of any single US state, from the respiratory disease that has killed more than 3,000 people worldwide.

The death of the former cruise passenger in California marked the first coronavirus fatality in the US outside of Washington state, where 11 people have died in a cluster of at least 39 infections in the Seattle area.

Researchers say the virus may have been circulating undetected there for weeks.

A Washington state county with nine coronavirus deaths urges ALL its 2.2MILLION residents to work from home, pulls 22,000 students from school and tells everyone over 60 to stay indoors

Residents of King County in Washington state where dozens have tested positive for coronavirus and 10 people have died are being advised to work from home to avoid possible exposure.

Nearby Snohomish County has recorded one death.

The health officials in King County, which includes Seattle and is home to over 2.2 million people, have urged local businesses to allow employees to telecommute for the next three weeks in an effort to curb the outbreak.

They are also recommending that higher-risk groups - including people over the age of 60, pregnant women and people with underlying health conditions or weakened immune systems - stay home and away from large social gatherings.

Meanwhile, public officials in Washington have come under pressure to take more aggressive steps against the outbreak, including closing schools and canceling large events. While the state and Seattle have declared

How coronavirus has caused cruise ship chaos: Holidaymakers around the world are trapped on ocean liners

The coronavirus outbreak has highlighted the dangers of travelling on cruise ships packed with elderly passengers after hundreds of people were infected on the Diamond Princess and several other voyages were wrecked by virus fears.

The Diamond Princess became one of the world's largest clusters of virus cases when more than 700 people tested positive during a two-week quarantine in Japan.

Another vessel, the MS Westerdam, was turned away by five governments in a sign of official panic over cruise ships despite no cases being confirmed on board.

In addition, fears of a cruise ship outbreak on the Grand Princess off the California coast have grown after a former passenger died of coronavirus and 21 people showed possible symptoms.

Several other ships have had their journeys disrupted by the virus after passengers required urgent tests or countries refused them permission to dock.
emergencies, giving leaders broad powers to suspend activities, they have not issued any orders to do so.

UNESCO revealed that roughly 300 million students have been disrupted by school closures in 13 different countries.

The latest recommendations announced Wednesday came after an employee at Amazon's Seattle headquarters was confirmed to have tested positive for coronavirus, potentially exposing some 50,000 others who work at the plant.

Hours later officials confirmed that an employee at Facebook's Stadium East office in Seattle had also tested positive. The company said the office will be closed until at least March 9.

Northshore School District, which serves 22,000 students across King and Snohomish counties, announced late Wednesday that it was closing all 36 of its schools after a parent or volunteer at Woodmoor Elementary tested 'presumptive positive' for coronavirus.

Northshore Superintendent Michelle Reid issued a statement saying the schools will remain closed for up to 14 days 'while we continue to monitor the situation and health department recommendations'.

Reid said administrators plan to begin conducting classes online on Monday. She noted that multiple individuals across the district are under self-quarantine after being exposed to the virus at a nursing home in the Seattle suburb of Kirkland where the majority of the 39 Washington state cases have occurred.

Authorities launched a federal investigation into the nursing home, Life Care Center, on Wednesday.

Seema Verma, head of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said the agency is sending inspectors to Life Care along with CDC experts to figure out what happened and determine whether the nursing home followed guidelines for preventing infections.

Officials in King County have purchased an 85-bed motel south of Seattle to house patients for recovery and isolation.
Medics wheel out a person on a stretcher from the Life Care Center of Kirkland on Wednesday where a cluster of the US coronavirus deaths have occurred.

Most of the Washington state victims were patients at Life Care Center (pictured). The nursing home is now the subject of a federal investigation.
Officials in King County in Washington state have purchased an 85-bed Econo Lodge motel (pictured above) south of Seattle to house patients for recovery and isolation

Health officials in North Carolina reported that a person from Wake County tested positive for the illness after visiting the nursing home and then flying back home across the country. The person's flight from the Seattle area to the Raleigh-Durham airport raised fears other passengers were exposed to the virus.

Nevada reported its first case after a man in his 50s who is currently in hospital tested positive.

In Tennessee, a man with a history of out-of-state travel became the state's first case. That man is now under self-quarantine at his home.

In Los Angeles, six new coronavirus patients were confirmed in Los Angeles County on Wednesday, including a federal contractor who may have been exposed while conducting medical screenings at Los Angeles International Airport.

Three others likely were infected while traveling recently to northern Italy, one of the areas hardest hit in the global outbreak. Of the six in Los Angeles County, five are recovering in home isolation.

A man, who was among those who went to Italy, has been hospitalized. He lives in Tarzana, which is about 10 miles from the city of Calabasas that is home to the likes of Kim Kardashian and other celebrities.

Florida declared a public health emergency after confirming its three cases. Among them was a 29-year-old woman who had recently returned from Italy and tested positive. That woman claims she told the CDC of her symptoms after flying from Italy to New York on her way back to Florida.

She claims the CDC told her she was okay to continue on the flight from New York to Tampa. She was tested for coronavirus after arriving back in

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE 11 US PATIENTS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

So far, 11 people have died of coronavirus in the US, federal and local health officials say.

Ten of the deaths have occurred in Washington state - nine in King County and one of Snohomish County.

Most came from Life Care Center, a long-term care facility in Kirkland.

One death has occurred in Placer County, California.

Here's what we currently know:

1. A man in his 50s was brought from Life Care Center to Harborview Medical Center on February 24. He died two days later and is the first death in the US from coronavirus

2. A man in his 50s from King County who had underlying health conditions. He was hospitalized and died at EvergreenHealth on February 29

3. A man in his 40s from Snohomish County who died after being hospitalized at EvergreenHealth in Kirkland on March 1

4. A woman in her 70s, who lived at

Tampa last week. Her sister later also tested positive.

New York coronavirus cases jump to 22 - including four people in the city

Meanwhile in New York, a total of 22 people have now tested positive.

Seventeen of the cases are in Westchester County and are linked to the 50-year-old Manhattan attorney who infected his family and a friend's family.

Two other cases - a woman in her 80s and man in his 40s - were also announced but are unrelated to the attorney. The two patients are currently in intensive care. Officials have not revealed any other information about their cases.

There is also one person on Long Island who has the disease. He is a 42-year-old man and he has been hospitalized.

It comes after health officials urged 1,000 residents to self-quarantine after members of two families linked to the attorney were diagnosed with the virus.

Governor Andrew Cuomo said the disease appeared to have spread from a Manhattan lawyer, 50, to his wife, 20-year-old son, 14-year-old daughter, a neighbor and another family of five.

A female healthcare worker who has not been linked to the attorney had earlier tested positive after returning from a trip to Iran.

Health officials said the lawyer, who is in intensive care at the New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, was suffering from severe pneumonia, which put him in more danger than others who have also tested positive.

His family remain quarantined in their home in New Rochelle in Westchester County. The neighbor, who initially drove the attorney to the hospital when he started suffering from coronavirus symptoms last Friday night, is also under self-quarantine at home.

Following the positive tests, Cuomo said about 1,000 people in Westchester County and New York City will be contacted by health professionals and asked to self-quarantine.

They include some 300 people from New Rochelle synagogue the infected family attends, two people at the son's university, an unconfirmed number of students at the daughter's school in the Bronx, seven employees and one intern at the Manhattan law firm and eight staffers at New York Presbyterian-Lawrence Hospital.

The lawyer commuted every day on the Metro-North Railroad from his home in New Rochelle to his small law firm across from Grand Central Terminal. His wife and one of their four children also work at the firm.

Seven law firm employees were identified as being at risk of coronavirus after having close, prolonged contact with the infected attorney.

Yeshiva University, the private Jewish university where the lawyer's diagnosed 20-year-old son is a student, canceled classes at its Washington Heights campus on Wednesday as a precaution.

The SAR High School in the Bronx where the lawyer's diagnosed 14-year-old daughter is a student was shut down after his positive test was announced Tuesday. The Westchester Torah Academy where the children of the other family who tested positive had already decided to close until Friday as a precaution.
In New York, health officials put hundreds of residents in self-quarantine after members of two families in the New York City suburb of New Rochelle were diagnosed with the virus. Two more unrelated cases were confirmed in New York City on Thursday, raising New York state's total to 13. A female healthcare worker who is also not linked to the attorney was the first in the state to test positive after returning from a trip to Iran.
The MTA has stepped up disinfecting and cleaning subway stations, cars and buses in New York City amid the coronavirus outbreak

The World Health Organization has since warned that the fatality rate of the virus (3.4 percent) is higher than initially thought - making it more than three times deadlier than the flu.

Dr Anthony Fauci, the leading expert on coronavirus in the US, told Congress on Wednesday it was still too early to determine accurate mortality rates of the disease in America because it wasn't yet clear how many had been infected.

U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday agreed on an emergency funding package worth more than $7 billion to address the spread of the disease. The bill would be introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives later on Wednesday.

**JetBlue cuts flights, Delta halts Japan route expansion and at least five other US airlines waive change fees as coronavirus outbreak sees empty planes and airports**

JetBlue has cut flights and Delta has reduced journeys to Japan, while at least five other US-based airlines will waive change fees in response to concern over coronavirus.

In addition to JetBlue and Delta, United, American, Frontier, Hawaiian and Alaskan will waive change fees.

The changes come as plane passengers have been sharing images of empty aircrafts and airport lounges, with one traveler saying 70 seats were canceled at the last minute.

The Washington-based passenger tweeted: 'Empty flight brought to me courtesy of #coronavirus. The flight attendant said 70 people canceled last minute. #awholerowntomyself.'

Another Twitter user in Houston wrote: 'The airports are empty too. I flew to Florida today and the plane was half empty. This really has people scared but [expletive] plane tickets are cheap as hell right now.'

One person traveling to Chicago on a red-eye said they 'couldn't have had a better start' to their trip as coach only had 17 passengers and 12 people flew first class on an aircraft with a capacity of 137.

A different person bound for the Illinois city posted a snap of an empty flight and said: 'Assuming flight is super empty because there are flights to Chicago every hour and not because people are freaking out about coronavirus or some other sign of imminent doom right?'
This empty flight brought to me courtesy of #coronavirus. The flight attendant said 70 people cancelled last minute. #awholerowtomyself

Flights out of #Houston empty

‘Maybe everyone avoiding Washington because of coronavirus,’ a Twitter user flying to Seattle posted.

Several airlines were implementing cost controls in the most drastic actions by U.S. airlines to get ahead of depressed travel demand due to the spreading coronavirus.

On Wednesday JetBlue announced it has reduced flight capacity by approximately 5% ‘in the near term to address the fall in demand’ as a result of COVID-19 and the airline said it assessing if more cuts are needed.

The New York-based carrier is taking other steps ‘aimed at preserving cash’ including ‘delaying or canceling upcoming events and meetings’ and ‘reducing hiring for frontline and support center positions’.

It is also considering voluntary time-off programs and is ‘limiting non-essential spending’ while demand for flights is reduced. JetBlue began waiving change and cancellation fees last month and said it would continue until March 11 for travel completed by June 1.
Dow opens 700 points DOWN as coronavirus epidemic quashes rebound fueled by Joe Biden's Super Tuesday comeback

The Dow Jones suffered a sharp drop Thursday opening 700 points down as the coronavirus-fueled volatility extended into a third week.

Stocks open sharply lower on Wall Street, erasing 2 per cent from indexes, a day after surging 4 per cent as mood swings back to fear.

Thursday’s decline comes a day after markets rallied on former Vice President Joe Biden’s strong showing in the Democratic presidential nomination. Investors see him as more business-friendly than his main rival, Senator Bernie Sanders.

But new cases of coronavirus and rising death tolls in the US has seen more pressure on companies, with numerous airlines canceling flights and some even laying off workers. The International Air Transport Association said Thursday they could see up to $113 billion in losses.

Businesses are also lowering their earnings targets or canceling forecasts altogether as it remains unclear how long the outbreak will continue to disrupt supply chains, production and travel.

Ten-year Treasury yields also fell below 1 per cent again, trading last at 0.9745 per cent. Yields have fallen for 11 straight days, the longest slide in at least a generation.

Sentiment had been helped Wednesday by Congress's decision to make $8.3 billion available to battle the coronavirus outbreak in the US.

The measure’s funds would go toward research into a vaccine, improved tests and drugs to treat infected people.

There are more than 95,000 confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide as of Wednesday evening

Everything you need to know about coronavirus

By Natalie Rahhal, Acting US Health Editor for DailyMail.com
HOW DANGEROUS IS CORONAVIRUS?

About 14 percent of people who contract the Covid-19 coronavirus are taken to hospital – with severe symptoms including breathing problems and pneumonia. About 5 per cent need intensive care.

But the majority who get the virus suffer nothing more than a cough and may never know they are infected.

So far, some 51,000 people around the world have already recovered from coronavirus – and that just includes the numbers who received a diagnosis.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE?

Officially, the death rate so far has been just over three percent. But experts believe the true mortality rate is probably between one and two percent. This is because most mild cases have not been picked up by doctors or reflected in the official numbers – so the death rate is inflated.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH OTHER DISEASES?

Seasonal flu kills roughly 0.1 percent of people. So Covid-19 is between 10 and 20 times more fatal.

But it is far less dangerous than SARS – the virus that ripped across China in 2003 – which killed 10 percent of patients.

BUT DOESN'T CORONAVIRUS SPREAD MORE EASILY?

Yes, but not dramatically. The best estimates suggest every person with Covid-19 passes it on to 2.6 people, on average. For flu that number is 1.5.

CAN IT BE SPREAD WITHOUT SYMPTOMS?

Initially scientists feared carriers who had no symptoms could pass it on. That is now in doubt.

What is likely, however, is those who have mild symptoms are putting it down to a cold and going about their normal lives – which puts others at risk.

HOW LONG IS IT BEFORE SYMPTOMS APPEAR?

Again, unclear. Initially scientists said this could take up to two weeks.

But recent evidence suggests the incubation period could be as long as a month – particularly among children.

The average, however, is much shorter. A Chinese study said the average period of symptom onset was 5.4 days for adults and 6.5 for children.

WHO IS AT RISK?

The virus can affect anyone – with a study of the first 41 infected people revealing two thirds did not suffer from any pre-existing condition. But the middle-aged are most likely to get it – 78 percent of those infected in China have been aged 30 to 69.

WHAT ABOUT THE OLD?

Only 3 percent of people infected so far have been over 80 – but if they get it they are more vulnerable. Analysis of 72,000 cases in China suggests for over-80s the death rate is 15 percent. For those in their 70s the death rate is 8 percent and for those in their 60s, 4 percent.

WHO ELSE IS VULNERABLE?

Those with other conditions – such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and kidney problems – are likely to suffer severe complications if they become infected.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN?

Children seem to be low-risk. Less than 1 percent of the Chinese cases have been under the age of ten – and if children do get the virus it’s often a mild form.

They do, however, retain the virus for longer than adults.

A study last week found the virus was still present in the stools of some children for a month after they contracted it.

DOES GENDER MATTER?

Men are marginally more likely to get the virus than women. It is not clear why this is.

HOW DO DOCTORS TEST FOR COVID-19?

Anyone who has symptoms—particularly if they have travelled to an at-risk area—are told to call ahead to their health care provider, local emergency department or clinics.

This way, health care providers can be prepared, wearing masks, gloves and other personal protective equipment when they meet the possible patient and escort them to isolated areas of the facility.

They are tested using a cheek swab which is sent off for analysis at one of 12 Public Health England labs, a process that takes between 24 and 48 hours. Any positive test is double-checked at the main PHE lab in Colindale.

**WHAT TREATMENT DO PATIENTS GET?**

There is little doctors can do to tackle the virus, but they can treat the symptoms—such as fever and respiratory problems. Antivirals and antibiotics are also used, mainly to keep secondary problems at bay.

In the most serious cases patients are put on life-support equipment.

There are several clinical trials for potential coronavirus treatments ongoing worldwide, including one in Nebraska, where at least 13 patients are in quarantine, including two in biocontainment units.

**WHAT ABOUT A VACCINE?**

Even though the Wuhan virus appeared only a few weeks ago, 20 teams around the world are already manufacturing vaccines.

Chinese authorities provided the DNA code for the virus early on in the outbreak, enabling scientists to get to work straight away.

At least 30 companies and research institutions in the US are racing to make a vaccine.

Last week, one of these companies, Moderna, shipped its candidate vaccine to the US, signalling the shot was ready to begin clinical trials.

Even so, US health authorities say it will likely be upwards of a year before a vaccine is actually ready.
Lyonsbd, Columbus, United States, 1 day ago
My partner and I cancelled our cruise for May back in December. Like why are people this brazen?? That is the worst form of travel I can possibly think of outside an airplane to catch this virus.

iwgts, Tustin, United States, 1 day ago
Democrat Newsome should of declared a state of emergency years ago with the homelessness and drugs and terrible conditions being sky high under his term.

Brooklyn girl, New York, United States, 1 day ago
That ship will become an incubator for covid19 putting all the trapped passengers & crew at great risk. What a nightmare for them.

GreatNWRainforest, Cascadia, United States, 1 day ago
It's about time. The state of emergency should have been implemented a week ago. I say road blocks at the state borders and that's just for starters, with only goods transported out of state!

maroon vee, Los Angeles, United States, 1 day ago
State of emergency, drought, rains, homeless, fires, homeless, typhoid. Hep A, fires, feces, taxes, homeless, Corona virus. On and on. If you want to be safe stay out of CA, unless you have too.

maroon vee, Los Angeles, United States, 1 day ago
States of emergency in CA. First it was the drought, because of poor planning and not building new dams for decades. flushing water out to the oceans to save a tiny shrimp. Then it was the massive rains. Next the wildfires killing 100s, due to poor planning to cut back brush. Homeless crisis. Typhoid and Hep A outbreaks. What do the leaders do? Yell Climate change TM, and raise taxes again.

Xroboto, Midwest, United States, 1 day ago
California... Smh

Libtears, Inland city, United States, 2 days ago
CA is always having emergencies. Very poorly run

Babycakes415, San Francisco, United States, 2 days ago
As a longtime resident of San Francisco I can say that cruise ship sitting in the bay is the least of this City's problems. Start by bleaching the streets and all of the public transportation don't let the homeless camp out and crap on the streets. And as for Chinatown make it illegal to spit all over the place to sell food that has not been refrigerated fish sitting out in the sun chickens hanging in the windows it's absolutely disgusting and unsanitary.

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Professor Hugh Pennington, Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology at Aberdeen University, explains how the killer coronavirus 'just keeps...

'Keeping people on board will be a death sentence': Relatives of Brits stranded on coronavirus-hit cruise ship off California plead for it...

So far, 21 people on the Grand Princess have tested positive for Covid-19 - just under half of all those who have been tested - although...

Iran's coronavirus death toll rises by 21 to reach 145 including second politician to die from the infection while 'force' is threatened to...

The number of people testing positive increased by more than 1,000 over the past 24 hours, reaching 5,823 on Saturday. Pictured: A...

Family of second coronavirus victim to die in the UK say hospital was 'too slow' to isolate him: Caribbean cruise ship passenger, in his...

The man died at Milton Keynes Hospital after he was admitted on March 3 with suspected pneumonia having recently returned from a cruise...
'Maybe I should have been a doctor': Trump brags about his 'natural ability' for science because of his 'super genius uncle' who was an MIT... 

"You know my Uncle was a great - he was at MIT," the president said while standing next to health officials who are working to contain the... 

Ex-The View host Michelle Collins jokes that Jameela Jamil will be the 'first famous person to get coronavirus' - a month after The Good... 

Michelle Collins, 38, took to Twitter earlier this week to ask people to place their bets on 'the first famous person to get Corona,'... 

'If your temperature is not down, you're not coming in': Bouncer at bar in London's The Shard tests people with a thermometer before... 

Pictures show what is believed to be a member of security staff with a 'thermometer gun,' checking people entering Bar 31 in The Shard near... 

Kensington Palace 'is considering cancelling William and Kate's trip to Australia over coronavirus fears' 

The royal couple are in talks with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison to negotiate the details of the trip before he extends an... 

British Airways cabin crew fear they are at increased risk of catching coronavirus because planes are 'deep-cleaned once a month' and only... 

British Airways jets are only deep-cleaned monthly with some just getting a 'quick wipe' before jetting off again. Yesterday, two baggage... 

DR MAX: Don't be a nation of Corporal Joneses - we all need to calm down about coronavirus 

DR MAX PEMBERTON: Enough already! We all need to calm down NOW! Even if the coronavirus, Covid-19, does become an epidemic in Britain,...
Coronavirus outbreak could peak in the UK at Easter and last for another six months: Millions could catch deadly infection with 90 per cent...

A big increase in British diagnoses is expected as the virus is now being transmitted in the community and testing is being ramped up....

'That looked so weird': Fans mock Liverpool and Bournemouth players as they aimlessly walk by each other after Premier League banned them...

Supporters were left bemused after watching Liverpool and Bournemouth's players eschew the traditional pre-game handshake following the...

'I ain’t playing if I ain’t got the fans in the crowd': Basketball icon LeBron James says he won’t play in an empty stadium after NBA issues...

The NBA wants its teams to prepare to play games without fans if necessary because of the coronavirus crisis, but LeBron James says he won’t...

Outrageous moment mother and daughter BRAWL with a woman over toilet paper in the aisle of a Woolworths as loo roll crisis hits a new low...

The bizarre fight is understood to have taken place in Chullora, 15km west of Sydney's CBD.

How Mrs Hinch cleaned up: Orders for her new book are outstripping Hilary Mantel's latest masterpiece - but then she does have 3.2m...

As far as comparisons go, she's more Fifty Shades Of Grey than literary great. But when it comes to shifting her books, Mrs Hinch shows...

'The nipples droop!': Keira Knightley insists she will no longer strip off for racy nude scenes now she is a mother-of-two

The actress, 34, admitted that she always felt 'completely comfortable' stripping off for films when she was younger.

Greek police launch tear gas at migrants as Turkish officers FIRE BACK at border crossing where thousands are trying to get into Europe and...
More clashes erupted on Saturday between Greek police and Europe-bound migrants gathered on the Turkey side of a border crossing near the...

Sophie's mission for Her Majesty: Countess of Wessex is now a 'secret shopper' for the Queen
Known to buy the occasional outfit for the Duchess of Cambridge, the Countess of Wessex is also now a 'secret shopper' for the Queen.

‘He thinks he’s bigger than the show’: Stacey Dooley 'pushed boyfriend Kevin Clifton to quit Strictly Come Dancing so they can become a TV... It has been claimed that the presenter, 32, hinted that she and her beau, 37, could cash in on big money projects, amid claims the pro felt...

You're Next star Nicholas Tucci dies at the age of 38 following battle with undisclosed illness
You’re Next star Nicholas Tucci passed away on Tuesday, March 3, at the age of 38 following an undisclosed illness he choose to keep...

Royal Opera House cancels performances by Placido Domingo amid allegations he sexually assaulted more than 20 women
London’s Royal Opera House says it reached a 'mutual agreement' with Spanish singer Placido Domingo to cancel a series of performances as...

British traveller is blocked from boarding a flight to Thailand and left £1,000 out of pocket because of novelty stamps on her passport
Tina Sibley was stopped at the boarding gate in Madrid by Qatar Airways staff, which told her the stamps of Macchu Picchu made her passport...
HUGO VICKERS: British photographer Cecil Beaton and bisexual Hollywood megastar Greta Garbo had an all-consuming affair fuelled by jealousy...

HUGO VICKERS: Finding himself in New York again for work, he called Garbo - and to his delight, she agreed to visit his hotel suite....

The road to hell: Thousands of refugees pouring towards the Greek border on a false promise - only to be met with bullets and brutality - is...

LARISA BROWN: The gateway to Greece and the EU for migrants encouraged to leave by Turkey's regime is a short walk across no man's land....

Caroline Flack's manager and close friend shares touching never-seen-before video tribute to the late star weeks after her death

Caroline Flack's manager and friend Nathan Charles Smith has shared a touching video of the late star on Instagram weeks after she passed....

The Sinking National Party: With their ex-leader on trial for attempted rape, the SNP's record in power is shameful - and nothing symbolises...

The SNP have been ramping up calls for independence. But with their ex-leader (pictured with Nicola Sturgeon) on trial for attempted rape,...

More flooding misery is on the way for Britain as the Met Office warns up to three inches of rain is set to fall in just 24 hours with 136...

136 flood alerts have been put in place - mostly in the South - while the north has large yellow rain warnings for today before some respite....

TOWIE's Courtney Green appeals for help after ex Callum Bushby is slashed across the face with a pair of 'scissors' during violent roadside...

TOWIE'S Courtney Green's ex-boyfriend Callum Bushby has been slashed across the face with a pair of 'scissors' during a violent attack in...

SS concentration camp guard, 94, who lived in Tennessee for 60 years had his secret past uncovered by researchers who found a record of his... Friedrich Karl Berger, 94, was found to have worked in the Nazi concentration subcamp of Neuengamme (above), the US says. His ID was found...

EXCLUSIVE: Kate Middleton’s school friend behind sex club Killing Kittens lifts the lid on the wildest things she’s seen at the events -... Emma Sayle, 41, launched Killing Kittens in 2005 with the goal of empowering women to take charge of their fantasies while destigmatizing...

Princess Beatrice enjoys late night dinner in London with her fiancé Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi amid preparations for their wedding The couple, who are due to marry on May 29 at the Chapel Royal in St James’s Palace, were seen leaving the west London eatery and bar after...

Barbed wire facelift that banished my Mummy frown: When SARAH VINE caught sight of herself on TV, she was horrified. Now she feels utterly... SARAH VINE: My initial reaction was no - are you mad? Why would I want to have my face yanked around by the surgical equivalent of barbed...

Adult store owners left reeling after a spate of thefts use a 'Wall of Shame' to embarrass shoplifters who have stolen sex toys - forcing... The Facebook page of the Peaches and Cream chain of sex shops in New Zealand shares CCTV pictures of people they allege have stolen from...

Reverse diabetes by having your cake... and eating it! NHS expert DR DAVID UNWIN shares his revolutionary plan DR DAVID UNWIN: Thanks to low carb, my GP practice in Southport, Merseyside, has changed, with nearly 50 per cent of my patients having put...
GARY LINEKER MEETS MARTIN SAMUEL: Match Of The Day icon opens up on Twitter trolls, becoming the face of anti-Brexit... and his VERY frosty...

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BY MARTIN SAMUEL: On Gary Lineker’s Twitter feed there are two notification columns. The first contains those verified... 

Pregnant Katy Perry proudly flaunts her baby bump in a multicoloured dress at ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 event in Melbourne

She officially announced her pregnancy earlier this week.

Detective who first investigated Dubai ruler’s ‘kidnapping of his daughter from the UK’ blasts ‘cover-up’ and says probe was shut down to...

David Beck, 65, was a detective on the 2000 abduction of teenage Princess Shamsa from Cambridge by her father, when the case was shelved...

EDEN CONFIDENTIAL: How ‘Steel Magnolia’ won the £5 million battle of the lady lawyers between the ruler of Dubai and his wife Princess Haya

RICHARD EDEN: But the custody battle between the billionaire ruler of Dubai, who retained the services of Lady Ward (inset), and his...

STEPHEN GLOVER: The shameful case that exposes the hypocrisy of Tony Blair’s ‘ethical foreign policy’

STEPHEN GLOVER: It concerns the kidnapping of a young woman on a British street, and the subsequent connivance of the Labour government in...

The Queen ‘will distance herself from Sheikh Mohammed and refuse to be pictured with him’ after decades'-long friendship because he was...

The decision to dodge 70-year-old Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, comes after a High Court judge ruled that he had tortured and...
Lady Louise Windsor, 16, and her father Prince Edward go horse riding together near Windsor Castle - while uncle Prince Andrew also takes to...  

Stephen King says publisher’s decision to drop Woody Allen’s memoir over sex abuse allegations makes him ‘very uneasy’ because of ‘who gets...  

BEL MOONEY: I haven’t been in paid work for the last nine years - have I just sacrificed my identity for being a mother?  

Savvy homeowner makes an ‘amazing’ oak dining table out of scaffolding planks after struggling to find one she liked (and it cost just £90)  

Michelle Keegan and Mark Wright’s ‘plans for £1.3m Essex dream home AT RISK after row with council over foul sewage disposal and...  

Ex-spy Christopher Steele breaks his silence to say that Trump didn’t like his golden showers ‘dirtier dossier’ because the ‘truth is...
‘Threatening’ Philip Green ‘joked about murder’ and left former Topshop design chief terrified, she claims as she sues retail mogul

Former Topshop design chief Mo Riach is suing controversial boss Sir Philip Green claiming she was left terrified after he mentioned the...

Heartless care home worker is caught on camera belittling dementia sufferer, 87, at an award-winning centre

The footage shows Victoria Taylor, 41, taunting and threatening 87-year-old Michael Pearce, who was described as ‘so sweet-natured and calm’...

Nazi survivors who documented life in Britain: Women photographers who emigrated to the UK after escaping persecution in Germany and Austria...

These stunning images were all captured by female photographers who emigrated to the UK after escaping Nazi persecution. They document life...

NYC prosecutors say Harvey Weinstein should get a long prison sentence that reflects a 'lifetime of abuse' shown at his rape trial and in 36...

Throughout his adult life, Weinstein has shown a ‘staggering lack of empathy, treating others with disdain and inhumanity,’ Manhattan...

Police chief who led Scotland Yard’s bungled VIP child sex inquiry failed to investigate two other abuse probe liars 'to spare force further...

The police chief who led Scotland Yard’s bungled VIP child sex abuse inquiry failed to investigate two lying conspiracy theorists to save...

JOHN HUMPHRYS: If Boris Johnson wants to copy his hero from Jaws he’ll need to be a lot braver

JOHN HUMPHRYS: This is a test for the country and for Boris Johnson. I suspect his instinct is to behave like his hero: the mayor who tried...
Come on up Boris, the water's toxic: PAUL BRACCHI dons his waders in the flooded village Mr Johnson STILL hasn't visited

PAUL BRACCHI: Only when you're here in Snaith - in my case, trying to avoid the possibility of plunging down an open manhole - does the...

Prize pooches get primped and preened for their moment in the spotlight on third day of world's greatest dog's show Crufts

Thousands of dogs from around the world - and their indulgent owners - have gathered at the Birmingham NEC for the four-day event.

Bathtubs of live lobsters, a castle hired for her PA's birthday, £70k on champagne - all paid for with stolen charity cash: GUY ADAMS...

GUY ADAMS: When the fragrant Lady Rosemary Aberdour (pictured at her Caribbean party, undated) decided to organise a birthday outing for her...

BBC4 could be axed or have its programmes made online only - to pay for BBC3's return to TV

BBC4 could be axed to put BBC3 back on TV, it was claimed last night. Corporation bosses are deciding what to include in the broadcaster's...

Universities threatened with new laws to protect free speech if they fail to do it themselves after Amber Rudd was no-platformed by Oxford...

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson threatened intervention against institutions that fail to defend democracy after former Home Secretary...

No more nagging wives! Oxford English Dictionary has been redefining words like 'rabid' and 'shrill' because previous definitions were 'too...

The huge project was sparked by a complaint from Canadian anthropologist Michael Oman-Reagan who noticed the word 'nagging' was followed by...
ALEX BRUMMER: Rishi Sunak is on a tricky flight path as coronavirus picks his pocket before first budget
The collapse of Flybe into administration is a crisis for the airline’s millions of passengers and its 2,400 direct staff - and a Covid-19...

Nissan backs Brexit Britain by ploughing £400m into its Sunderland car plant
The Japanese car maker yesterday unveiled a £52m production press line - the investment centre-piece - which has taken 18 months to install...

British graphic designer wins prize for world’s best MULLET after adopting the much-mocked hairstyle when he first arrived in Australia to...
Rob Ayton, 31, won the best international mullet at Mulletfest, held in Kurri Kurri, a small town in the Hunter Region of New South Wales.

Two boy racers jailed over crash that killed deputy head girl, 17, less than 24 hours after one of the teenage drivers had passed his test
Two teenage boy racers with ‘excellent upbringings’ have been jailed for five years each after causing the death of 17-year-old Olivia Alkir...

Will all office workers go flexi? Millions now work from home and hunt for properties with ‘office space’, but LEE BOYCE asks: Is it all...
A growing army of workers have gone ‘flexi.’ That is, they work part of the week in an office and part at home already, potential...

Oxford Street is closed as 70 firefighters battle huge blaze at a souvenir shop
Oxford Street was closed from Marble Arch to Oxford Circus stations on Friday night after a fire broke out in a souvenir shop on the ground...
Richest retirees have an income 17 TIMES bigger than poorest - and gap has almost doubled since 2010
The pension incomes of Britain's richest retirees are now 17 times higher than those of the poorest as the gap between the two has nearly...

Mother who's built a 150,000-strong Instagram following for photogenic son, 10, and daughter, four, says she has to stop strangers STEALING...
Aleksandra Hoyles, 32, from Yorkshire is so popular on Instagram that clothes sellers are using pictures of her and her daughter on eBay...

On your marks, get set... glow! Head to this action-packed new Spanish resort and the whole family will be fizzing with vitality
Mar Menor Beachclub in southern Spain is the latest super-luxe addition to the Neilson empire that provides all-inclusive active holidays....

Training 'ghost' teachers who NEVER take up posts in state schools costs the taxpayer up to £123million
Research shows how more than 11,000 recruits, almost one in ten, who qualified over a five-year period changed their minds about teaching.

Chancellor Rishi Sunak sets aside a £9million fund to fight fly-tipping - and will unveil plans for a mobile phone app to report dumped...
A thoroughfare off the A48 in Coedkernew, Newport, has been littered with old tyres, sofas and kitchen appliances. The situation has got so...

Giants of the dunes: Shimmering deserts and enthralling wildlife - this tour across Namibia is an adventure like no other
The Daily Mail's Mary Devjesky went on a two-week road trip through Namibia. Highlights included a visit to Etosha National Park and seeing...
SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rocket blasts off to the International Space Station with supplies in spectacular nighttime launch before nailing its 50th...

The Falcon 9 rocket blasted off with 4,300 pounds of equipment and experiments for the International Space Station. Just minutes later, the...

Half a million litter heroes! Tourist boards sign up for the Great British Spring Clean campaign - boosting the number of volunteers past...

The milestone figure was surpassed yesterday two weeks before the Daily Mail's campaign is due to kick off. Keep Britain Tidy's chief...

Autistic boy, 12, is left in tears after ‘getting bullied at school every day for three months’ as his mother pulls him from classes

Harrison Fernandez was mocked and beaten by a preying gang of bullies from his first day at Colchester Academy last September, his mother...

Official: It's the best pub crawl ever! Taking a guided tour of London's most historic boozers

Liquid History Tours runs three-and-a-half hour guided tours around some of London's most historic pubs. Max Davidson joined one and found...

Make mine a double! Thirsty animals are perfectly reflected in a watering hole as they go for a late-night drink in South Africa

A leopard, rhino, two Impala and a herd of elephants were pictured visiting the secluded oasis in Zimanga, South Africa. The 2,400-acre...

US Navy’s mine-seeking dolphins are pictured strapped into tanks on a cargo plane as they are flown on a top secret mission

Six U.S. Navy dolphins were taken pictured on board a C-17 Globemaster transport plane and brought to an undisclosed location for a training...
Missy the missing cat is reunited with her delighted owner, 72, when she is found living among rubbish eight miles away 11 years after...
A delighted pet owner has been reunited with her beloved cat who went missing 11 years ago.

Simple Minds singer Jim Kerr recalls his travel adventures and that time a fan flew him to a gig on their private plane
The singer talks about his touring highs and lows, how a fan saved him from nearly missing a gig in Sweden - and more...

PAUL THOMAS on... The Queen's friendship with Sheikh Mohammed
Sheikh Mohammed had some interesting ideas on how to get Harry and Meghan back from Canada.

Brazilian football ace Ronaldinho sends night in police cell after posing for selfies with prosecutors following his arrest over fake...
His hopes of returning home a free man were frustrated when the prosecution reversed an earlier decision to offer him a plea bargain deal....

French inventor, 49, hits heart-stopping speeds of 78mph in his amazing Iron Man-style armoured suit with 32 wheels
Jean-Yves Blondeau, also known as Rollerman, has been developing the piece of body armour equipped with 32 wheels on the feet, knees, back,...

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