

Dear Valued Partners,

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown signs of going down and we would like to thank each one of you following the state orders and CDC guidelines, and taking necessary actions. This way, we can actually start to open the economy and steadily focus on the efforts to slow down the COVID-19 transmission. And again, we would like to thank each one of you for meticulously crafting these updates for us to stay ahead of the virus' spread.

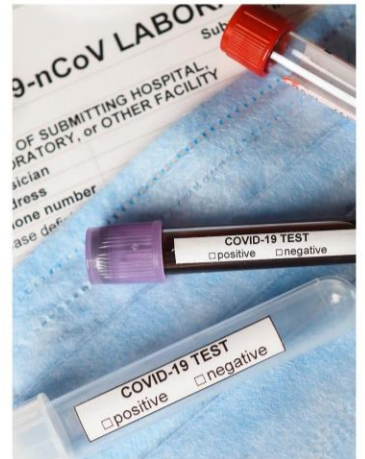
Since we have been getting positive feedback from our readers, here is another segment of positive news to get you through the COVID-19 blues.

Coronavirus vaccine on human trial begins

The race to develop an effective vaccine against the novel coronavirus gathered pace this week, as clinical trials on humans were approved in Germany and launched in the UK.

Though there are now around 150 development projects worldwide, the German and British plans are among only five clinical trials on humans which have been approved across the globe. Indian pharmaceutical companies, well-known for producing affordable low-cost medicines will play an important role in the global fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

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Sick father stuck in India arrives back in the US.

After being stuck in India for several weeks, 77-year-old Matthew Lemberger is back in The United States.

Lemberger was traveling in India when the country closed its borders because of the coronavirus outbreak. A few days later, the retired schoolteacher became sick and required hospitalisation.

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Il Makiage takes hiring efforts for laid-off make-up artists

Over the past two weeks, Il Makiage has tasked its tech and product teams with creating a platform for a virtual beauty school that would allow the company to employ 200 beauty freelancers impacted by COVID-19. Il Makiage aims to hire makeup artists to teach up to eight classes a day at a rate of \$25 an hour. The classes will be made available to customers for free.

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World Without COVID

Clara Health, along with tech folks like Raj Kapoor of Lyft and Vijay Chattha of VSC, are launching a free website to track the public health status of the sick and healthy alike. The site wants to draw COVID-19 treatment data for public health professionals, as well as connect people to clinical trials. The team says that it will also track immunity status to help surface individuals that can volunteer in healthcare efforts in the future.

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And with that, here is the latest update from India:

- The nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic would remain in force till May 3, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Death toll increases in India, going over the mark 650 as also the number of positive cases of Coronavirus soaring to over 20,000.
- The Prime Minister advocated using masks and suggested following the AYUSH ministry's guidelines to boost immunity. He also appealed to young scientists to come forward to help the country fight the pandemic.
- Under the lockdown, only essential business services sector is allowed to remain open while ensuring the supply chain pattern isn't hampered.

And as for us at Writer:

- Our offices remain closed and we are encouraging our staff regarding social distancing and isolation as ways to curb the spread of COVID-19. Rest assured, we are available over phones and emails.
- To provide our services in the safest way possible, we are offering the use of videotelephony platforms to conduct in-home surveys remotely.
- We are available to help move medical equipment in this hour of need.
- If you are perturbed with your goods that have not reached you till date or any other emergencies, do get in touch with us.

We follow all the safety regulations and procedures set by the health authorities in our country to keep ourselves and goods cleaned and disinfected.

We are all collectively on this endeavour to guard ourselves and humanity.

In these challenging times, we are all navigating through uncertainty for ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

We pray for your health and safety.

Stay Updated! Stay Disinfected!