

Experts say Trump failed to follow pandemic playbook, squandering precious time

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New York, March 28 (RHC)-- Politico reports the White House failed to follow hundreds of pandemic response guidelines laid out in a 69-page National Security Council playbook, squandering more than two months when the federal government should have mobilized to test for new infections while procuring life-saving medical equipment.

In related news, ProPublica has published internal e-mails detailing how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention underestimated the threat from the virus and stumbled in communicating policy to local public health officials.

Meanwhile, Louisiana's spike in coronavirus cases measured at the highest rate in the world, with Governor John Bel Edwards calling on students and retired medical workers to volunteer. Louisiana now has over 2,300 confirmed cases.

Detroit has emerged as another hot spot, with about 1,400 reported COVID-19 cases in Michigan's Wayne County.

And Chicago has seen a surge, too, with more than 1,400 confirmed cases in Cook County. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has closed Lakefront Trail and the Riverwalk after crowds of people defied a stay-at-home order.

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