



## Baseball to Broadway, coronavirus disrupts U.S. life

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*The coronavirus is causing massive closures and delays across the U.S. - from March Madness to Major League Baseball to Broadway shows - seemingly upending life overnight.*

1-1. Life in the U.S. upended overnight, \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. as coronavirus fears \_\_\_\_\_

2. Starting with Spring Break - and dashed dreams for kids \_\_\_\_\_

3. March Madness \_\_\_\_\_

4. The NCAA announced Thursday that its men's and women's basketball tournaments \_\_\_\_\_

5. Major League Baseball \_\_\_\_\_

6-1. The NHL suspended its season, \_\_\_\_\_

6-2. after at least two players and a referee \_\_\_\_\_

7. New York's Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Museum of Art \_\_\_\_\_

8. And the massive Coachella Music Festival \_\_\_\_\_

9. But it's not just large venues \_\_\_\_\_

10-1. Smaller ones, too, \_\_\_\_\_

10-2. especially those that serve a critical need, \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD BANK WORKER, SAYING:

"Social distancing is a thing, and so big groups of volunteers that we have counted on are not able to come into the food bank right now."

11-1. And some blood banks \_\_\_\_\_

11-2. especially troubling during this health crisis, \_\_\_\_\_

NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO, SAYING:

"It is absolutely crucial for everyone to keep giving blood. There is no danger in giving blood."

12-1. College kids are packing up, \_\_\_\_\_

12-2. as more and more universities close their doors, \_\_\_\_\_

TOWSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT JOE D'ANGELO, SAYING:

"It's kind of a struggle for me because I don't have a car here, so I have to get someone to drive me back and help me move all my stuff."

13-1. Businesses and private institutions are trying to take the lead - \_\_\_\_\_

13-2. in an effort to slow the spread \_\_\_\_\_

14-1. And as cases continue to mount, \_\_\_\_\_

14-2. as financial firms reported \_\_\_\_\_

[Vocabulary]

**upend**: to turn something upside down; become turned or set on end; overturn

• *The clock can circumrotate 360 degrees and the LCD time display will never **upend**.*

**overnight**: during the night, or from one evening until the next morning; in a very short time

• *He became famous overnight.*

**food bank**: a place where food is contributed and made available to those in need

• *They set up a food bank for the flood victims.*

**blood drive**: blood donations; An activity, usually charitable, in which persons are requested to donate blood, either to maintain a general supply or in response to a specific shortage or emergency.

**spring break**: a short vacation from school or college that lasts for a week in March or April

**dash dream**: to undercut one's dreams or optimistic views

• *I became a lawyer after my parents dashed my hopes of being an artist.*

□ **March Madness:** The time of the annual NCAA college basketball tournament, generally throughout the month of March.

• *'NCAA basketball's March Madness is only a few months away. I think it starts in April'*

□ **NCAA:** = National Collegiate Athletic Association; a large U.S. sports organization for college and university teams that decides rules and organizes competitions

□ **NHL:** = National Hockey League; the organization in North America that hockey teams belong to

□ **suspend:** to officially stop something for a short time

• *Operations at the plant have been suspended because of safety concerns.*

□ **NBA:** = National Basketball Association; an organization of professional basketball players in the U.S. and Canada that decides rules and organizes competitions

□ **contract:** to become infected with a disease

• *She contracted pneumonia and died.*

□ **Carnegie Hall:** a famous concert hall in New York (opened 1891); endowed by Andrew Carnegie.

□ **Metropolitan Museum of Art:** the principal museum in New York City; founded in 1870 and housed in its present premises in Central Park since 1880.

□ **Coachella Music Festival:** an annual music and arts festival held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, California, in the Coachella Valley in the Colorado Desert.

□ **venue:** the place where an activity or event happens

• *The defendant's attorney requested a change of venue.*

□ **feel the heat:** to encounter an uncomfortable situation.

□ **critical:** very important

• *What happens in the next few days is critical to our success.*

• *At my age, a low-fat, low-salt diet is critical to good health.*

□ **social distancing:** a term applied to certain nonpharmaceutical infection control actions taken by public health officials to stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease. The objective of social distancing is to reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection, and others who are not infected, so as to minimize disease transmission, morbidity and ultimately, mortality. Social distancing is most effective when the infection can be transmitted via droplet contact (coughing or sneezing).

□ **donor:** (medicine) someone who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person (the host)

• *a blood donor*

• *The hospital is searching for a bone marrow donor for the child.*

□ **Bill de Blasio:** (/dɪˈblɑːziəʊ/; born.; May 8, 1961) an American politician who has served as the 109th mayor of New York City since 2014. A member of the Democratic Party.

□ **crucial:** extremely important because it has a major effect on the result of something

• *The money is crucial for the research.*

• *Tonight is crucial.*

□ **pack up**: to put one's belongings into a box, suitcase, or other container to be transported elsewhere.

• *Students, please don't pack up before I'm done the lesson.*

• *I'm sick of your attitude. Pack up—you're fired!*

□ **online classes**: These courses deliver a series of lessons to a web browser or mobile device, to be conveniently accessed anytime, anyplace. An “online course is designed as a built environment for learning.

□ **institution**: a large organization such as a bank, hospital, university, or prison

• *a financial/educational/charitable/private institution*

□ **take the lead**: to be the primary person working on something; to assert oneself as the leader

• *I have meetings all day, so please take the lead on this project, Joan.*

• *Developed countries must take the lead in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.*

□ **mandate**: If someone is given a mandate to carry out a particular policy or task, they are given the official authority to do it.

• *The police had a mandate from the judge to arrest him.*

□ **case**: a person with a disease; a person or their particular problem that a doctor, social worker, or other professional is dealing with

• *He treated several cases of severe sunburn.*

• *...the case of a 57-year-old man who had suffered a stroke.*

□ **mount**: to increase, or to increase something

• *Tension continues to mount between the two parties.*

□ **optional**: something that is optional is available or possible if you want it, but you do not have to have it or do it

• *The price includes hotel and meals – entertainment is optional.*

• *The history class is optional, but English is compulsory.*

□ **mandatory**: ordered by a law or rule; If an action or procedure is mandatory, people have to do it, because it is a rule or a law.

• *Attendance is mandatory.*

• *It's mandatory to wear a seat belt in all states.*

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