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Edition: Historic Pandemics and Epidemics in America

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High Alert – Shelter In – Social Distance – High Alert CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 Response to Recovery

America began its public fight against the Coronavirus in February 2020. Many people I've talked with said, "They never thought it would grow to this magnitude of a challenge. And they have never in their life seen any thing like this before across the country." I have heard their fears, worries, and challenges. Constituents are looking for government leadership to guide them with confidence. They want to see and experience the great American spirit prevailing against the COVID-19 pandemic and assurance that we will be alright as a country and individuals. Under the current conditions, no one knows when we will resume normalcy. We must listen to the medical experts not political propaganda. So, let me assure you that as your representative, I will continue to fight on your behalf and won't back down. As a member of the Democratic party, we keep putting the lives of individuals and small businesses first. You are what makes America great, from the big cities to the rural towns.

Therefore the goal, of this COVID-19 update is to remind you of the resilience that flows from us in the Mississippi Second Congressional District. We have survived challenges like sharecropping, the civil rights movement, not just the 1927 flood but also repeated rounds of flooding, school integration, the 1994 Delta Ice Storm, and the loss of Black farm land. On a national and global level we have survived numerous times of war, the Great Depression, the 1929 Stock Market Crash, toppling hurricanes and tornadoes, and who could forget the 911 terrorist attacks. I want to share the chart below which contains videos, links, and an overview of some historic pandemics and epidemics that have hit America - there are lessons to be learned. **See the attached copy for an enlarged view.**

Historic Pandemics and Epidemics in America

"In the history of civilization, domestic and abroad, pandemics and epidemics have killed millions, wiped out entire populations, changed the way of life, and cost billions of dollars. But Americans have always survived and gotten better with leadership and public cooperation has been our strongest factors."

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

**President
Woodrow Wilson**

The Spanish Flu

The Spanish Flu has been called the most deadliest outbreak in the history of America. Three waves (outbreaks) occurred, each time we thought it was under control and began life as usual. It lasted 36 months (Jan. 1918 to Dec. 1920). There were an estimated 105 million cases and between 500 thousand and 850 thousand deaths. Click the link below to watch a video on the devastation of the 1918 Spanish Flu, which also had global impact.

**President
George W. Bush**

SARS CoV

The SARS CoV outbreak spread globally. It lasted approximately six months (Feb. 2003 to July 2003) in the U.S. before we got it under control. Some of the steps taken to contain and win the SARS CoV fight included quarantine and isolation. We had to act fast and provide the needed support nationwide to save lives. The CDC reported 8,098 people were infected in 29 countries and regions resulting in 774 deaths. **In America only 8 people were infected and no deaths.** Click the video link below to see how the 2003 SARS CoV outbreak impacted the world.

**President
Barack Obama**

**Swine Flu, MERS,
Ebola, Avian Flu**

The Swine Flu, MERS, Ebola, and Avian Flu showed up in America one right after the next from 2009 to 2016. All of them reeked havoc around the world. The two outbreaks of the **Swine Flu** in America brought us [60.8 million cases and 12,469 deaths](#). To read how the Obama administration responded to its first pandemic read the [CDC report](#). When **MERS** happened we did even better, there were [only 2 confirmed cases in the U.S. and no deaths](#). **Ebola** hit Central Africa hard. In America we saw [18 cases and 2 deaths](#). We sent healthcare workers to the frontline of the Ebola crisis in Africa. The **Avian Flu** was common among [poultry, birds \(164 Americans exposed\)](#), and [cats \(350 Americans exposed, 1 infection, and no deaths\)](#). Click the video links below

**President
Donald Trump**

**Coronavirus/
COVID19**

The Coronavirus (COVID 19) was first identified in Wuhan China in 2019. It is a new (novel) disease that has never been seen in humans. And like previous outbreaks it has spread very much the same way across the world through human interaction and travel. That is why timing and a well orchestrated plan is critical to stop the spread. Federal agencies already exist to help us fight this but leadership is vital to the success of any efforts. The [CDC Reported the Total Number of Cases in the U.S. by Date](#) has gone from **1 case on January 22, 2020 to 928,619 total cases and 52,459 deaths across the country as of April 25, 2020**. The pandemic is taking a toll on our country and knows no boundaries. The [CDC Plan in Action](#) allows us to aggressively respond and beat

		on the above outbreaks.	COVID 19. Click the video links below on COVID 19.
Video Link Spanish Flu: 1918 Spanish Flu Historical Documentary	Video Link SARS CoV: Inside the SARS Outbreak: What went Wrong? (2003)	Video Link Swine: H1N1 Flu in Review: The HHS Response MERS: First Case of MERS in the U.S. Ebola: President Obama Speaks on Ebola Ebola: President Obama's Ebola Plan Avian: Avian Flu Surges in US	Video Link COVID19: Dr. Anthony Fauci on Reopening COVID 19: Dr. Fauci's Pandemic Warning COVID 19 : Dr. Anthony Fauci's on Coronavirus COVID 19: Coronavirus Pandemic Frontline

As news develops, I will continue to share it with you through my [Congressional Website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#). However, if you have any questions, call Dr. Timla G. Washington, PhD, my Human Capital Developer for the Mississippi Second Congressional District by email twashington@mail.house.gov or by phone at (662) 335-9003.

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