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This is a very difficult and challenging time.

Coronavirus continues to create a serious medical crisis in the United States and around the world.

There are over 1.2 million confirmed cases and at least 68,000 deaths worldwide. The real figures are undoubtedly much higher.

Once again the US Government is providing generous support at a difficult time. The US government has donated to \$274 million to 64 countries throughout the world including 108.5 million to Ethiopia US Embassy spokesman in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia said, the Voice of America reported.

The US Surgeon General has warned that Americans are facing a challenge like Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

Please, for your health and the health of your family and community, follow the CDC guidelines about practicing social distancing and basic hygiene can help stop transmission of COVID-19, when done in combination with extensive testing and tracing of the disease.

Here are the link from CDC guidelines :

Coronavirus Disease (COVID) -[CDC.GOV/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html#take-everyday-precautions)
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Coronavirus - Watch for symptoms and emergency warning signs - CDC guidelines

Watch for symptoms and emergency warning signs

- Pay attention for potential COVID-19 symptoms including, fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call your doctor.

- If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. In adults, emergency warning signs*:
 - o Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - o Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - o New confusion or inability to arouse
 - o Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

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