



# COVID-19

## BEAT IT!

### News

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#### 1. The situation about COVID-19 in China

On March 27th, there were 54 new imported cases of COVID-19 and 3 death cases in China. Also, there were 385 recoveries. Chinese mainland reported zero increase in domestic COVID-19 cases. In total, China has 82,220 confirmed cases, 649 imported cases, 75,122 recoveries and 3,301 death cases. Britain was the largest source about the situation of imported cases. In this period, we should pay attention to the epidemic prevention at borders to control the cross-border spread of the COVID-19.

Due to the virus outbreak, the new semester of colleges in China has been postponed. But as situation get better, 18 provinces had announced the date of opening schools. Qinghai and Xinjiang are the earliest provinces to start the colleges' new term.

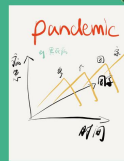
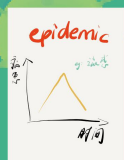
#### 2. The situation about COVID-19 abroad

On March 27th, there were 101,845 confirmed cases, 753 recoveries and 1,544 death cases in total in America. And in Italy, there were 67,003 confirmed cases, 10,361 recoveries and 9,134 death cases in total. In Spain, there were 53,846 confirmed cases, 7,015 recoveries and 4,858 death cases in total. The three countries are at the top about confirmed cases.

#### 3. Emergency drill in NWAU

On March 20th, our school had started the emergency drill about COVID-19 and simulated two treatment processes of fever cases. This emergency drill is designed for the abnormal fever in dormitories and classrooms after school opening. Zhang Weijun, a member of the expert group on prevention of COVID-19, had commented on this emergency drill. At the end of the emergency drill, the headmaster made a speech and emphasized the importance of measures about COVID-19.

Many students want to go back to our school, but now we should finish the declaration of health information every day and make an efficient plan about our daily life. We believe that we will win in this war about COVID-19 soon.



### THINGS ABOUT "EPIDEMIC" AND "PANDEMIC"

author/ Xie Duanyi

导语: 3月11日, 世界卫生组织干事谭德塞在记者会上称, 新冠肺炎已成为 "pandemic"; 而在此前的报道中, "疫" 通常被翻译为 "epidemic"。类似的词语还有 "endemic" 和 "plague"。

WHO has been assessing the level of COVID-19 since the outbreak. As they are deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, WHO has therefore made the assessment on March 11th that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic(大范围流行的疾病)。

According to the WHO, a pandemic is "an epidemic(流行病) occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people." So we can tell from the definition that if the outbreak is just restricted to certain areas or regions, we can characterize it as an epidemic. If not, it should be a pandemic. However, pandemic is not ever a word to use lightly or carelessly. "It is a word that, if misused, can cause unreasonable fear, or unjustified acceptance that the fight is over, leading to unnecessary suffering and death," according to Tedros(谭德塞). That's

why the usage of this word in lots of coverage should be deliberated over and over again.

Endemic is another word resembling those two words. It is often used to describe diseases regularly found in a particular place or among a particular group of people. Moreover, it is difficult to get rid of. For example "Malaria(疟疾) is endemic in many hot countries." Followings are three intuitive pictures for you to quickly distinguish three words.

During European history, there are two well-known pandemics. One is Spanish flu(西班牙流感) broke out at the beginning of 20th century and the other is Black Death(黑死病鼠疫) in the middle of the 14th century, which remains one of the most destructive pandemics in history which peaked(达到顶峰) in Europe between 1348 and 1350. As a result, the population of each European countries has been reduced by half.

Nevertheless, "Black Death" is a statement used since 18th century. Before then, it was called "The Plague". Compared with "epidemic" and "pandemic", plague(死亡率高的传染病; 瘟疫) is a word which is more emotional, mainly fear and horror. As the Black Death has left psychological shadow to European people, they tended to characterize it as a plague.

Nowadays we may not use "plague" to objectively describe an epidemic disease, more often, it is used figuratively(作为比喻用法), like the cases where a mass of bad things happen. For instance, "the team has been plagued(被困扰) by injury this season." Moreover, there is a saying "avoid sb/sth like the plague" which means you are reluctant to meet someone or handle something.

After reading the passage, do you know how to distinguish "epidemic", "pandemic" and "endemic"? Do you have a better understanding of the "Black Death" and the word "plague"? I believe you have learned a lot, come and share us your opinions!

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A man becomes learned by asking questions.



## The Funny Good Predictions After the Epidemic

Interviewer: Wang Ziyue

Interviewee: Feng Yaoxuan, Yang Tongyao, Zhu Xiaofeng, Yang Lirong

**H**ave you ever thought about this question: What will happen to our daily lives suddenly when the government announced that the coronavirus epidemic is over? Today, I will interview several persons to answer this fantasy question.

**Q:** We have got to stay at home for a long time to isolate ourselves, what kind of interesting or specific things can you imagine right now? Can you put forward any good prediction?

**A1:** I guess that the hot pot restaurants must be crowded with the customers. For the first reason, all we have stayed at our own places to wait for the end of epidemic and just ate food made by ourselves for 3 months, so there is no doubt that most of us want to eat outside and the hot pot restaurants must be the first choice. Got prediction 1: At the gate of Haidilao, the scalper ticket seller must make an unprecedented fortune to earn a big treasure.

**A2:** At my plot, there was never so quiet ever before the epidemic, but it has a turn: my mom has joined the square dance team for several days as our city government declared the epidemic over, and my grandma also went downstairs with my mom and being a member of the team.

**Got prediction 2:** As soon as the square dance returns, the daughters can never find their mom in the evening.

**A3:** A relative of mine, being two kids' mom, had lost her patience on children. Two kids learnt primary school courses online at home but she and her husband have got to work to feed children up, the couple were very nervous with this big deal.

**Got prediction 3:** when the major kindergartens and schools start as usual, the parents who had been annoyed by these naughty children get their release.

**A4:** A great number of people all had a same and great dream for a long time, they can never endure the big problem of their hair. As soon as the command was announced, they went to the barbershop and found every shop was full and they could get only one answer: you must be here tomorrow.

**Got prediction 4:** the barber Tony must be the greatest star for citizens.



## With Modern Love,

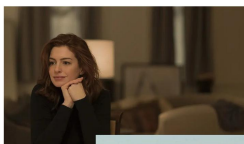
### Amazon is About to Shine in the Female Oriented Series

亚马逊将携《摩登情爱》进军女性向影视剧



Author/ Xu Ruiyang

The New York Times' Modern Love columns have been a favorite of the newspaper's readers since its launch 14 years ago — and it's not hard to see why. The column, which explores love in all of its many and varied iterations — romantic, familial, platonic, unrequited, imagined, and so much more — have not only produced some of the most heart-wrenchingly beautiful, endlessly hopeful and unbelievably beautiful stories the internet has ever seen (and shared endlessly on social media), but it has even launched tons of popular and hugely celebrated Modern Love inspired books. It seems that Amazon has wisely taken note of just how beloved Modern Love is, because it was announced today that Amazon Studios would be bringing a series based on the column to the small screen. According to an article in The Hollywood Reporter, the series will be a half-hour romantic comedy anthology that, just like Modern Love, will explore love and the human connection.



The series will be eight stand-alone episodes, each of which will explore various aspects of love and relationships. Filmmaker John Carney, known for films like *Once* (which won the Oscar for Best Original Song in 2007) and *Begin Again*, have been tapped to write, direct, and produce the series — so it sounds like we're all in for some beautiful tear-jerker moments.

The order for Modern Love has been called the next in a trend of Amazon Studios programming that is focusing on a push for female-driven storylines with universal appeal, like the Emmy-award winning *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* (了不起的麦瑟尔夫人) which was released in March 2017 to overwhelmingly positive reviews from both viewers and critics. The new head of Amazon Studios has adopted since being chosen for the role in February 2018, after Amazon Studios founder resigned from his position after sexual harassment allegations

surfaced.

"We're looking for our next big show that women also can't stop talking about," the new upstarter told The Hollywood Reporter. And while Modern Love has, and surely will in its new iteration, appeal to both women who have long been devotees of the column and new female fans alike, the beauty of Modern Love is in its relatable, universal appeal to all who have ever been in love, wanted to be in love, or thought about the role of love in all of our lives. I have already got my box of tissues set aside for this one.

The retailer and streamer have handed out a straight-to-series (直接系列) order for an anthology based on the New York Times' popular Modern Love column.

The half-hour romantic comedy anthology explores love and the human connection. Over eight stand-alone episodes, Amazon's Modern Love will explore love in its multitude of forms, including sexual, romantic, familial, platonic and self-love. Filmmaker John Carney (*Once*, *Begin Again*, *Sing Street*) will write, direct and produce the project, which inspired from *Storied Media Group* and *The New York Times*. The New York Times will executive produce the series.

"Since its launch 14 years ago, Modern Love has struck a chord with readers that has only deepened with time," said assistant managing editor at The New York Times. "It remains one of our most popular columns both online and in print; it has become a successful weekly podcast; and the first Modern Love events last year were hits with live audiences. And now we are thrilled that Modern Love will become a TV show on Amazon."

The order for Modern Love arrives as the new head of Amazon opened up about her programming plans for Amazon Studios, with a push for female-driven trend among them.

"We're looking for our next big show that women also can't stop talking about," the head told The Hollywood Reporter. Modern Love represents a step in that direction as the show will join a slate that includes awards favoring *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, with the streamer also developing another project with leading lady Rachel Brosnahan who stars in *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.

Better the devil you know than the one you don't.

Song Chenghan

This Spring Festival in 2020  
It was a different time  
Because of a sudden outbreak  
All the nations fear  
It was an unprecedented national disaster  
Everyone was caught up in it  
It was a brutal war  
Someone has to rush  
Blood was shed so  
The soldier in white said goodbye to his family in tears  
They went to the front as fighter  
There was quiet support in the rear  
Fighting the epidemic together  
What a great squad  
The people's army is ahead  
Behind them are the people of the whole country  
The medical staff fight day and night  
Thousands of people shut their doors  
Defense is attack  
The empty lanes are deserted  
This is a war without smoke  
Everyone who works for it is a hero  
Thank you to all those who have worked to combat the epidemic  
You are the pride of our country  
A beacon in darkness  
Every one of us who is protected  
All hail to you

Wang Ziyue

The door is closed, the city is closed but you said that the love cannot be sealed, the doctors, nurses, soldiers and volunteers who have traveled thousands of miles to Wuhan can't be sealed, the medical team and aid supplies cannot be sealed, the hearts and minds of all parts of the country cannot be sealed. You also said: People from all over the country are standing with people of Wuhan. With bodies and love, you are the heroes of the people. When the epidemic over, people who travel to Hubei will enjoy the cherry blossoms together and you will see that the spring breeze to send the plague god finally.

Wang Wanze

Given the trend of the epidemic's global spread, the fight against the virus is a long-lasting battle. No matter the front line staff or the ordinary people, everyone has made efforts for it. Government at all levels, Medical workers across the country, numerous warm-hearted donors and volunteers, bottom-level community workers and patient themselves have fulfilled their duties and made contribution to containing the epidemic. During everyday's online teaching, our teachers spare no efforts to ensure our study not effected by the epidemic and they also deserve our deep respect.

Seven mouth

## Show Our Respect

TO

Every Hero

Zhu Hongxi

In this battle against the coronavirus, all the people on the front line should be paid high tribute to. Just like president Xi said they deserved the nation's top award. Medical workers in particular, over 40k of them rushed to the city of Wuhan, risking their own lives to save others. Without the all-out efforts made by "white angles", it's hard to imagine what would happen. Now good news is that their intense work in Wuhan has come to an end, but we should remain vigilant and don't ever let our nation's efforts go down the drain.

Xu Ruiyang

As I am brought up in an extended family, the unity and overwhelming warmth from my relatives are what I feel and inspire most in the lifetime, on top of peaceful days, also in the darkest hours. During the breakout time of coronavirus, all members of my family always stick together even when we are not at each other's side. We still care about each other from deep heart and that's what gives us hope and courage to get through this harsh period. Like a home also a country, it is the unbreakable spirit inside everyone that pushes us to hold on. It is the belief inside us that throws us over the insurmountable rampart. So, believe in us and set up, we can conquer the tough battle and face the sun.

Xie Duanyi

While doctors and nurses are combatting COVID-19 at the frontline, there are many other people in different ways of life participating in this fight without smoke. Delivery men continue to distribute mess, no matter the epidemic situation is better or worse; Supermarket cashiers are still on duty these days in order to guarantee people's basic life needs; Community staff take temperature of every resident when they are coming and leaving the community. Every citizen, in spite of their jobs and ages, are fighting against the virus. We respect and salute to everyone who made great efforts in this war. Thanks for your hard work!

Song Yuchen

To those who serve as the doctor, their contribution is fighting against the virus; to those who are affected, their contribution is receiving treatment in time; to those who are healthy, their contribution is staying at home and keep others away; to those who work as the volunteer, their contribution is preventing invaders outside... In a word, anyone can make contributions to our motherland and our country actually needs the contribution of everyone. In this epic war against the virus, we need help from every citizen and every person. Chinese people cannot be taken down by such tiny virus and there must be a reason why China has been lasting for centuries. Cheer up for China and its citizens! We shall win this fight at last!

Water boiled beef is a spicy and hot dish in Sichuan style. The flavour and tenderness of beef will definitely impress your family and they will go gaga over after they have a first taste.

Ingredients: 250g beef tenderloin, 100g lettuce, 20g celery, 50g garlic bolts, 10g green onions  
Spices: 5g cooking wine, 3g salt, 20g dried chili pepper, 50g bean paste, 5g Sichuan pepper, 15g ginger granules, 20g garlic granules, 5g water starch, 2g MSG, 50g rapeseed oil.

Steps:

1. Prep the vegetables: Cut garlic bolts, celery and green onions into sections. Small tips: make sure you pat them first. Then cut the lettuce.

2. Cut the beef into thin (but not too thin) slices against the grain. Mix the slices with salt, soy sauce, cooking wine and water starch and set aside the mixture.

3. Lit the wok, add 2 tablespoons of oil, Sichuan

## RECIPE: WATER BOILED BEEF

食谱之水煮牛肉的做法

Author/ Zhu Hongxi



pepper, dried chili pepper, garlic, ginger, salt, vegetables prepped in step 1 and some water to burst strong aroma. When it's done, transfer them out and place at the bottom of a serving bowl as base of dish.

4. Lit the wok and add oil again. Put a tablespoon of bean paste and fry it over a low flame. Put cooking wine, water, rice wine and here comes the decisive moment: put the beef in. Add a little bit of vinegar when beef is almost done and then transfer beef out immediately on the serving bowl.

5. Heat up another 2 tablespoons of oil, meanwhile sprinkle the left Sichuan pepper, chili powder, dried chili pepper and garlic on cooked beef slices. Pour the hot oil evenly on the bowl, making the dish to sizzle. Now it's time to serve the dish and if you're quick enough, the dish will still sizzling when brought to the table.

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

## American Anti-virus attempt: a "free" and "open" way

见识一下美国的“自由”抗疫历程 Author/ Song Yucheng

As we all know that USA is a country of freedom and opening, and their ideas of freedom are actually use during their anti-virus battle. So, what can a freedom country be in this battle? Well, let's check it out!

1. Mar. 17  
"A full-score-test"

On the announcement meeting this morning, US president Donald Trump stated that he is not responsible for the coronal virus. Even though he is responsible, he believed that he can get a full score in the battle against the virus. "Do not ask help from Obama," he said, "I AM better than him."

2. Mar. 18  
"Only one hand"

On a TV show tonight, US secretary of state Mike Pompeo said: "We've had a couple of employees, counted on one hand, who have positive test. We've taken care of them immediately and situation is now under control." But he didn't show the exact number and location of those patients.

3. Mar. 19  
Free style USA, gunshot every day!

On a city gathering of Baltimore, Mayor Jack Young called on Baltimore citizens to stop shooting at each other so that more hospital beds



can be used to cure the virus disease. However, the opponents argued that this measure may affect the freedom of using guns in USA.

4. Mar. 21  
Who is dishonest?

In order to answer the question asked by the NBC reporter Peter, which was: "Now nearly 200 people died, 140, 000 people are affected, millions of US citizens are scared. What would you do to eliminate the fear among us?" US president Donald Trump lost his temper: "That's a terrible and nasty question. Besides, I think you are a bad reporter. What our people need is hope instead of a bad reporter." However, most of the reporters at the scene believed that president

Trump is actually the guy who is dishonest.

5. Mar. 22  
Eco-friendly president

On the white house report meeting today, president Trump appealed US citizens to be eco-friendly: "Why can't we sterilize the mask after use instead of throwing it?" However, according to the investigation made by Chinese and US Center of Disease, sterilizing mask with medical alcohol can lower its safety while use. So it's a bad way to follow the president's instruction.

6. Mar. 25  
"Gathering is great"

Being asked when US can eliminate the virus, US president Donald Trump said: "We can do that before the Eastern arrives. Wouldn't it be great to have all of the churches full of people? Our citizens need the freedom to enjoy this traditional holiday." But the anti-virus scientist Atony Foxy said the plan is actually flexible so it could be changed at any time.

We cannot deny that USA is a REAL free country, however, does this free country have the ability that can eliminate the virus? Let's wait and see. This is BLYTNEWS.com, I'm Yu Chen, see you next time.

## Good Series to Watch—The Good Doctor (Season 1)

Author/ Song Chenghan

He, Shaun, was unlucky to be born with Autism and was unable to study properly in school. His parents fought a lot for that. Later, he ran away with his brother, having to live in a dilapidated school bus. However, the quiet life was broken again, his little brother died after sliding off the top of a train while playing hide-and-seek. His life seemed to be plunged into darkness.

He was lucky, his brother, Steve, was like his umbrella. Though Steve died young, he managed to make them survive without parents and tried to let Shaun open his heart. He inspired Shaun's dream of being a surgeon by giving him a box of medical toys. Shaun carefully protected toy scalpel from that box. When that accident happened, helpless and powerless Shaun was adopted by an old doctor Glassman, who was like his father and president of a hospital, gave him a medical encyclopedia and later sent him to a medical college, triggering his systematic study of medicine.



Scene 1

On Shaun's way to Glassman's hospital for an interview, he saved a boy with hand-made cheap breathing valve and the passengers posted his genius treatment online, promoting the board to dismiss the idea that autistic patients could not be doctors. His interview speech was simple but full of feelings:

"That day the rain smelled like ice cream, my bunny went to heaven in front of my eyes. The day that copper pipes in the old building smelled like burnt food, my brother went to heaven in front of my eyes. I couldn't save them.

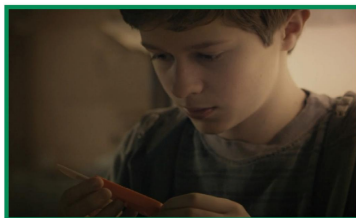
Neither one had the chance to become an adult.

They should have become adults. They should have had children of their own and loved them.

And I want to make that possible for other people.

And, I want to make a lot of money so that I can have a television."

I was moved, for he kept his kindness, although life gave him hardship. Shaun finally achieve his childhood dream and grow into a qualified surgeon.



Scene 2

I wonder if it is providence. Shaun met a little boy, Evan, who was almost a chip off the old block with his brother. Evan would die young too, diagnosed with stage four osteosarcoma but didn't be told that. Obviously, Shaun would never hope to see his brother (even if he's just looks like him) die again, he desperately analyzed the results of his blood test, and figure out the possibility that Evan didn't have a cancer. His parents cried with joy. However, the typical sign of osteosarcoma in his body made his recovery a cinder. In reality, the boy knew his days were numbered, but he was relieved, consoling his parents.

With tears in his eyes, Shaun accepted the truth and read Evan the book "To kill a mockingbird", which his brother had not finished before he died.

"Atticus was right

One time he said you never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them

Just standing on the Radley porch was enough The streetlights were fuzzy

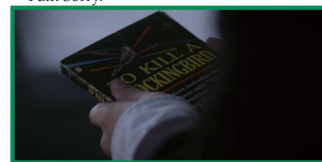
from the fine rain that was falling.

As I made my way home, I felt very old.

He will be there all night,

And he would be there when Jem waked up in the morning."

"I am Sorry."



If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.