



Ramazzini in the Time of COVID-19

Duty of Care and Prevention Failures

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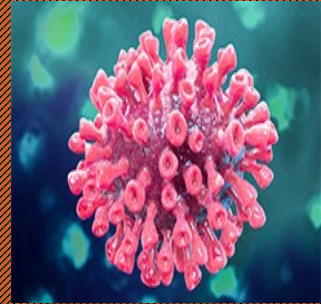
Key observations articulated in the Statement:

- The spread of Covid-19 is closely related to work.



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Work a key, determinant in COVID-19 risk



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“In Italy, according to compensation claims, SARS-CoV-2 infection occurred at the workplace in 19.4% of all cases; 30% of people working age (15-65 years) became infected in the workplace.”



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Risk of COVID-19 among front-line health-care workers and the general community: a prospective cohort study

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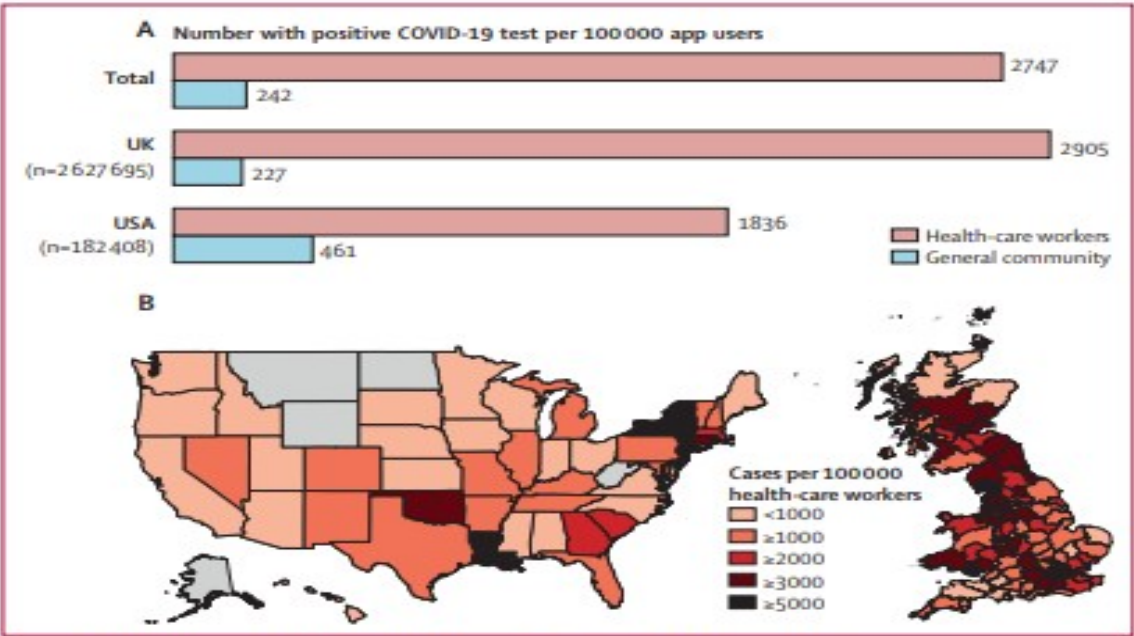


Figure: Risk of testing positive for COVID-19 among front-line health-care workers
(A) Between March 24 and April 23, 2020, considerable disparities were noted in prevalence of a positive COVID-19 test among front-line health-care workers compared with the general community, in both the UK and the USA. (B) Prevalence of a positive COVID-19 test reported by front-line health-care workers in the UK and the USA. Regions in grey did not have sufficient data for analysis. app=COVID-19 Symptom Study smartphone application.

COVID-19 Among Workers in Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities — 19 States, April 2020

Weekly / May 8, 2020 / 69(18);557-561

Summary

- 4,913 cases out of 130,000 workers in 115 facilities
- 20 deaths
- Risk factors: difficulties with physical distancing, hygiene, crowded living spaces, and transportation conditions.



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- The employer's 'duty of care' toward worker safety was lacking.

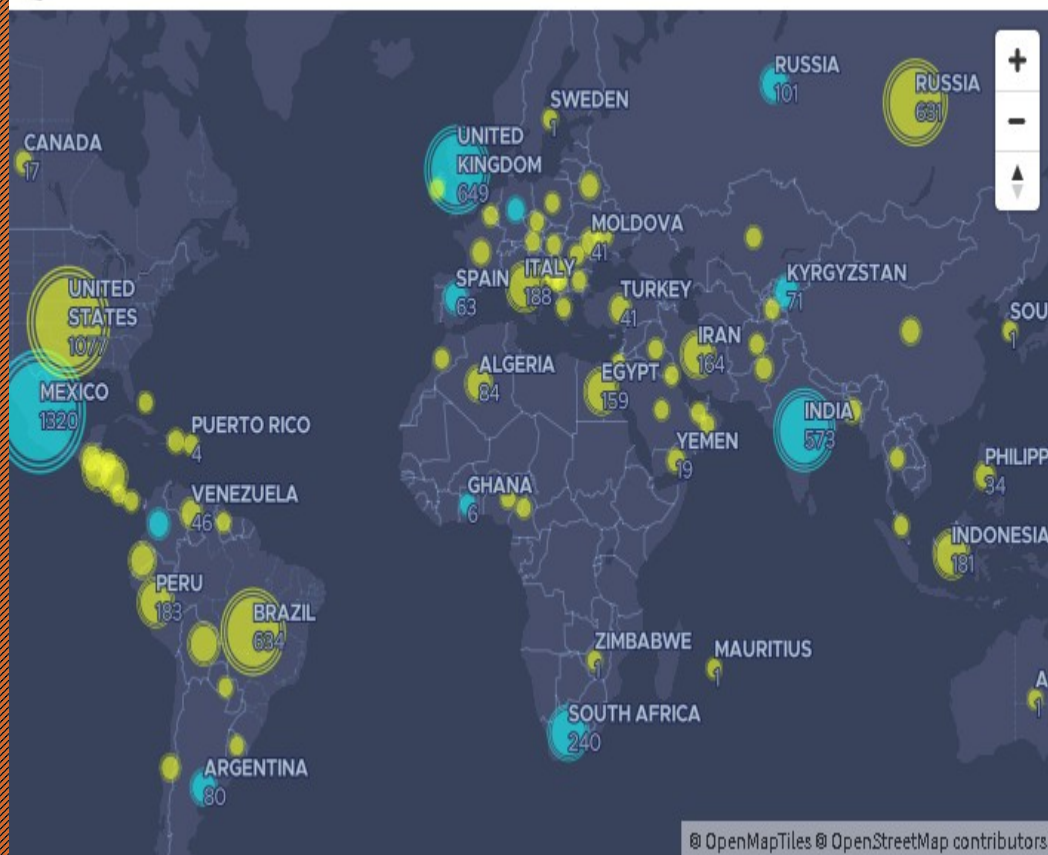


Global: Amnesty analysis reveals over 7,000 health workers have died from COVID-19

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Health Workers Deaths Due to COVID-19



“Throughout the pandemic governments have hailed health workers as heroes, but this rings hollow when so many workers are dying from a lack of basic protection ”

Steve Cockburn

Our words say essential; our actions, expendable

By **DR. STEVEN MARKOWITZ** and **BRITTANY DICKENS**
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | SEP 25, 2020 AT 5:00 AM



Nurses, doctors, maintenance staff, and administrators attend a candle light vigil outside Lenox Hill Hospital in memory of those lost to Covid-19 on May 20, 2020. (Jeff Bachner/for New York Daily News)

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LITTLE
THING
IS GONNA
BE ALRIGHT

HEARTS FOR
HEALTHCARE
WORKERS

Thank
you for
keeping
us SAFE

Thank
YOU

HEROES
WORK
HERE



HEALTHCARE
HEROES

THANK YOU
Delivery workers
Janitors
lab techs
pharmacy staff
grocery store workers
Journalists
Nurses
Respiratory therapists
Doctors
... AND
TOO MANY
MORE TO NAME

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Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect, 2020

October 6, 2020



This 2020 edition of "Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect" marks the 29th year the AFL-CIO has produced a report on the state of safety and health protections for America's workers. This report features national and state information on workplace fatalities, injuries, illnesses, the number and frequency of workplace inspections, penalties, funding, staffing and public employee coverage under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. It also includes information on the state of mine safety and health, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

This December will be 50 years since Congress enacted the OSH Act, promising workers in this country the right to a safe job. More than 618,000



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New coronavirus report reveals 72 deaths, 5,000 directly impacted among UFCW membership

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With 40 transit worker deaths and 1,500 confirmed cases, ATU demands the Federal Transit Administration provide protection for frontline transit workers

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Silver Spring, MD – With more than 40 transit workers, including 13 Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) members, dying after contracting COVID-19, the ATU is demanding that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) immediately provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for all transit workers on America's transit systems.

"Industrywide, thousands of transit workers have already tested positive for Coronavirus, and," ATU International President John Costa wrote in a letter to the FTA, "the rate of getting infected at a rate that is higher than the general population, and is continuously exposed to dozens of riders at close range without adequate time for the FTA to secure PPE immediately and distribute the PPE to transit agencies at a reasonable cost."

Every worker who operates or maintains a transit vehicle should, at a minimum, be provided with an N95 disposable respirator, gloves, and other critical gear. Some agencies are citing cost and refusing. Others are making an

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In Memoriam: Union Members Lost to COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads across the United States, our sisters, brothers and friends in the labor movement are among the first casualties. It is important for us to work together during this crisis to prevent further deaths. It is important to thank those who are doing the work to keep us safe and fed. It is important to remember those who we lost because of the coronavirus.

This list includes those deaths we have currently learned of. If you aware of additional union members we should include on this list, [please fill out this form](#) and we will add them to this page.

Duty of Care Failures

COVID-19 exacerbates violence against health workers

Hundreds of incidents of violence and harassment have been recorded, but these are likely to be just the tip of the iceberg, Sharmila Devi reports.





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- Environmental exposures exacerbate Covid-19 disease severity.

New Research Links Air Pollution to Higher Coronavirus Death Rates



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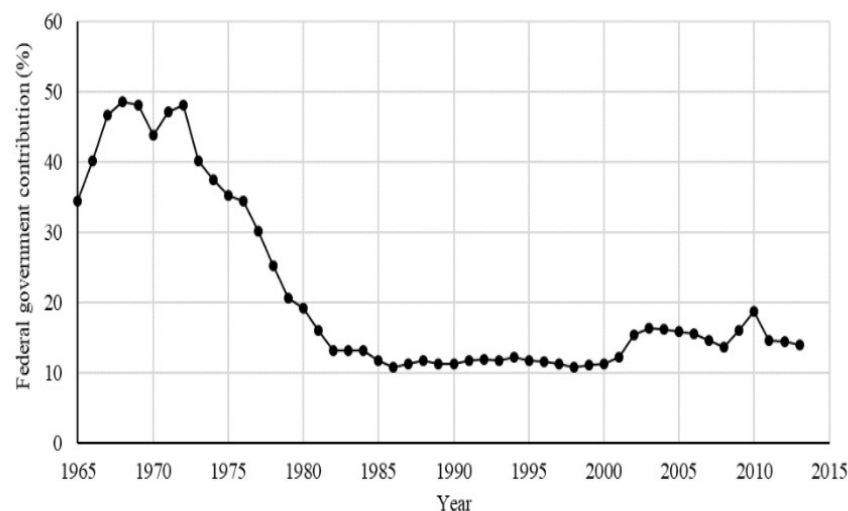
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“Failure to invest in public health
infrastructure aided Covid
transmission”



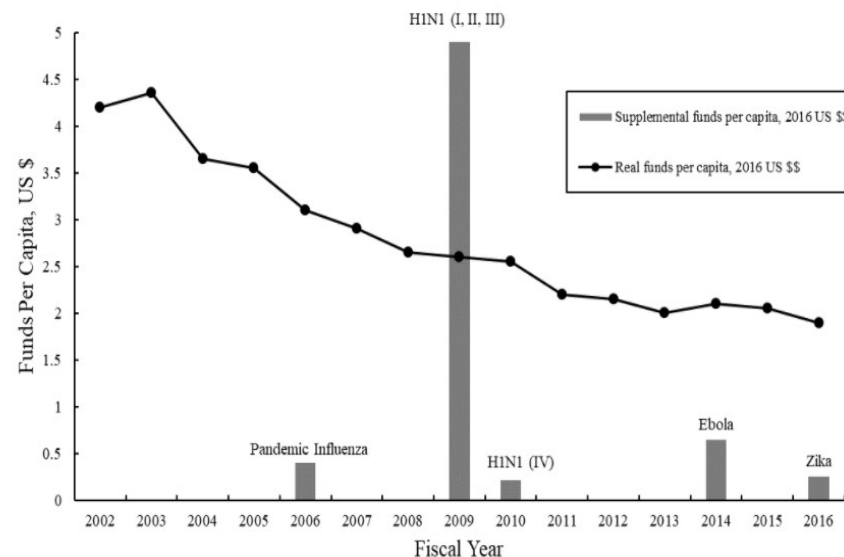
COVID-19 and Underinvestment in the Public Health Infrastructure of the United States

Figure 1. Federal Government Share of Total Public Health Expenditures^a



^aBased on supplementary data from Himmelstein and Woolhandler 2016.[12]

Figure 3. Federal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding Per Capita, Fiscal Years 2002-2016^a



^aAdapted from Murthy et al 2017.[21]

Total Public Health Budget

Emergency Preparedness Budget



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