

## Season of Generosity

### Elders

Harold Carman ❖ Harold Channer  
John Durkota ❖ Bob Keen  
Ross Mackenzie

Sherwin Mackintosh ❖ Ray Rowan  
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Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman  
Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

### Women's Ministry

Kelly Brown ❖ Lin Ottenweller  
LaToya Massey

### Youth & Family Ministry

Nick & Brie Shoff

### Children's Ministry

Melissa Tulloch

### Singles & Young Marrieds

Kendall & Dian Knight

### Campus Ministry

Jordan Massey ❖ Cody Porter

### Worship & Creative Arts Ministry

Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Chase Mackintosh

### Administration/Operations

John Hanes & Vivian Hanes ❖

Megan Famodun

### Missions Teacher

Dr. Douglas Jacoby

### YES! Ministry

Jasmine Jackson

### Ministries & Mission Efforts:

Africa, Auburn-Tuskegee,  
Chattanooga, the Caribbean,  
Europe, Knoxville



This year, we are having our Season of Generosity running from April - June. Your generosity last year has helped us provide tremendous support to various mission efforts here at home and around the world. Especially during the onset of Covid-19. This year, we ask that you will generously give to help us continue "Building Together" and supporting these mission efforts.

### Our Season of Generosity will occur from April - June 2021.

You can give any time, designating your offering for the Generosity Sunday "Season of Giving."

You can give online or send a check by mail to 320 Austin Ave. N.E., Marietta, Ga. 30060.

Thank you, North River, as your continued generosity continues to grow our mission to make disciples all over the world.

"Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

### Communities

#### East

Jacinto & Rochelle Hall

#### East Cobb (Sandy Springs)

Tom & Kelly Brown  
Stephen & Susan Adkins

#### Intown

John & Vivian Hanes

#### Northwest

(Kennesaw, Acworth)

Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

#### Marietta Square

Jeff Hickman & Lin Ottenweller

#### North Marietta (South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

#### South

Gary & Dena Adams

#### West Cobb

(Smyrna)

Teregi & Anne Coleman

### Community Leader/Staff Emails

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Marietta, GA 30060

www.nrcoc.org



## New River Kids Table Talks

Hey River Kids! Our latest table talk video is here! Table talks are a family devotional set in a meal-time casual format for families to connect with their kids spiritually with very little effort involved! Your goal as their parents is to facilitate spiritual connection and conversation and we pray table talks will make that process simple for you. Please check out the videos here: <https://youtu.be/x-IGDdJouOs>.

## Tuesday Women's



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

The next Tuesday Women's Bible Study will meet on April 6 at 10:00 am in the Lighthouse Atrium. We are planning to meet every other week on the following dates: April 20; May 4 and 18; and June 1, 15, and 29. We are excited to do a series on Women of the Bible. We will be following the North River protocols, by social distancing, and wearing masks. Please join us if you are able!

## Weekly Prayer Meeting



We started a weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting will continue this month **each Thursday from 12 to 1 pm!** This is an open opportunity for our North River family and our friends and fellow Christians outside NR to come together and pray. Feel free to join for any amount of time during that hour. It will be a weekly prayer meeting going forward!

[Click here to join the zoom prayer meeting.](#)

**(Thursdays at 12 pm)**

**Password: pray**

## Sports Ministry Update: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

- Only 8 Teams
- May 15 and 16



## Co-ed Volleyball Open Gym

- Sundays in May
- More details are coming!



Contact Matt with any questions or interest to be put on the sports ministry email list:

770-885-9844 or [matttchir@nrcoc.com](mailto:matttchir@nrcoc.com)

## Camp Swamp is Open!



We are so excited for the opportunity for our kids and young adults to get back to "connection" with us, each other, and God at Camp Swamp. Please [click here](#) to watch our video.

Praying that the children of the next generation can find "new ways" (virtual camp/esports) to connect, but not lose the art of the "old ways" (good old fashion dodgeball/gaga ball/mud tug of war) either!

<https://www.campswamp.com/>

## Please Complete our Volunteer Survey



**NORTH RIVER**

Please take a moment to fill out the North River HOPEww Chapter Volunteer Survey. We would like to know more about your interests, skills, and available times to volunteer within our community. Your answers will help us plan and organize our community outreach and serving opportunities.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

## Let Us Pray...

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved. — 1 Timothy 2:1-4a*

### April 4-10, 2021

4 7a Sunrise Service 11a Limited In-Person Livestream/ Service	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10a	7  Community/FG Mid-week	8 "Time of Prayer" 12p	9	10  Saturday Night Live
Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA	Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA	ACOC @ Gwinnett

## North River Campus Attendance and Meetings

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the North River campus is gradually reopening. Please submit any meeting requests to your Community leader. They are reviewed every Wednesday at the NR staff meeting.

## For Your Future Calendars:

- **Apr. 6** : Tuesday Women's Bible Study
- **Apr. 10** : Youth and Family "Saturday Night Live"
- **Apr. 15** : S.A.L.T. Midweek

## Prayer Requests

*"Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." - Ephesians 6:18*

For specific prayer requests during this time of social distancing and racial injustice, please email [PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM](mailto:PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM).

- Have any prayer requests you would like in the Newsletter? Email [Newsletter@NRCOC.com](mailto:Newsletter@NRCOC.com)

## Join us! Apologetics/Evangelism Course:

**January 16 — May 16**

This course, taught by Douglas Jacoby and Joey Harris, introduces the student to Apologetics and Christian Evidences, from the Creation/Evolution debate to Archaeology to Theodicy (the problem of suffering)--and much more! You will learn how to put together convincing presentations for unbelievers and make apologetics a part of your personal ministry (also valuable in campus ministry, teen ministry). This is a double-length course and will teach more effective ways of evangelism through learning how to ask questions designed to make people think and to gently challenge their assumptions in ways that draw them closer to God. To register, please go to <https://www.athensinstitute.org>.

## 2020 Giving Statement Reminder

On January 11th, the Administrative office sent out an email from Megan Famodun with a letter from our CFO, Vivian Hanes, as well as a link to your 2020 Giving Statement. It should've been sent to the email you use for online giving. If for some reason you did not receive it or if you have any questions about your statement, please reach out to Megan Famodun at [meganfamodun@nrcoc.com](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com). We are immensely grateful for your partnership in the ministry of the gospel and are looking forward to what 2021 will bring!

## Weekly Contribution

Average Giving in March was \$45,465  
Contribution Goal for April is \$47,000

Date	Contribution
Mar. 14	\$51,516
Mar. 21	\$42,910
Mar. 28	\$47,556

Thank you to our members for giving one time and make-up contributions! We appreciate your generosity!

## Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed



I often wonder where Jesus would be on a Sunday morning. I would submit to you he might be sitting with the children in a River Kids' classroom! We NEED you! Please consider signing up to teach so that we can open our classes back up! [Register to teach here today.](#)

## Covid Task Force Video Update

Please [click here](#) to watch our recent Covid Task Force Video Update

## Wait! Don't Stop Now! There's More...



If you are not receiving church updates/alerts through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from [kianapickens@nrcoc.com](mailto:kianapickens@nrcoc.com)) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.

@NorthRiverCOC





## In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org) for information and updates.
- Follow @NorthRiverCOC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) for regular updates.
- Watch the [Livestream](#) of services online or Facebook.
- Read the [full newsletter](#) online to get all the information you need.
- Keep your information updated [using this form](#) ([bit.ly/2Q9aHRC](http://bit.ly/2Q9aHRC)) to get email updates.
- Give online on [Tithely](#) or to plan regular giving. You can also text GIVE to (470) 460-6991.
- Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders. If you don't have one, please contact [kianapickens@nrcoc.com](mailto:kianapickens@nrcoc.com) or a friend who has invited you.

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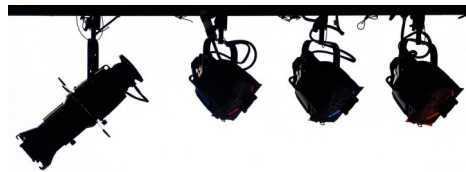
### We have a Podcast!



We will be posting audio content each week with our Sunday sermons going live every Monday morning. In the show notes for the sermons, you'll find study/discussion questions for you and/or your small group! We've also started a devotional program called "Manna in a Minute," with short 1-2 minute devotionals going out multiple times a week. These are designed to help us focus our hearts and minds as we go about our busy week. In addition to this, we are designing additional programming to incorporate into our podcast platform in the coming weeks and months. You can find "North River Podcast" wherever you get your podcasts. Please subscribe and check back regularly!

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### Join the Crew!



*"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Genesis 1:3*

While God simply yet powerfully spoke it into existence on such a massive scale, North River relies on our talented lighting crew every week to illuminate the sanctuary for our weekly services, helping to set the tone for worship, for which we are exceedingly grateful. Without this crew, our worship team would be heard but unseen. There are currently open positions on the crew, and if you would like to serve in this fashion, we'd love and appreciate your help! Training is available if you feel motivated but inexperienced. This is a unique opportunity to serve the congregation in a very special way! Please contact Andy Pilcher ([andypilcher@nrcoc.com](mailto:andypilcher@nrcoc.com)) or Sherwin Mackintosh ([sherwinmackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:sherwinmackintosh@nrcoc.com)) for further details.



## North River's Vision Statement

We are a diverse family of believers who answered the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We are being transformed by God's Word, His Grace, and the Holy Spirit. Through small groups and deep relationships with one another, we join in Jesus' ministry and mission to make and mature disciples while we care for the needs of people. We do this to save as many as possible for the glory of God.



### 2021 Sunday Series: Faithful Together

In 2021, we'll be focusing on "Faithfulness." Not so much our faithfulness, but we'll be turning our attention to the fact that "He is faithful." As we reflect on the faithfulness of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, we are convinced we'll be inspired to respond with all of our hearts by choosing to live "Faithful Together." We will pray, fast, study, and serve TOGETHER. No matter what challenges we face in the new year, let's make sure we live "Faithful Together!"

### Coronavirus Risk Guidelines

Our own Dr. Kevin Broyles came up with [the following chart linked here and on the last page](#) that can help you assess the risk of a social gathering. He based it on the best practices and recommendations of organizations like the CDC, WHO, Johns Hopkins University, and Georgia Department of Public Health, but the chart is not reviewed or endorsed by any of those organizations. The chart is NOT medical advice or a substitute for doing your own research, but it is additional information.

To use it to assess the relative risk of an outdoor or indoor activity, first look at the Outdoors column (if the event you are considering attending will be outdoors) or the Indoors column (if the event is indoors). Find the rows in the Number of People column that accurately describe the number of people at the event. Then ask whether or not everyone is wearing masks (YES in the Mask column) and whether or not everyone is social distancing (YES in the Social Distancing column). The level of risk varies depending on each of these factors.

### POSTPONED: 2020 Vision Conference in Orlando

[For all the latest updates go to the website HERE.](#)

It is with mixed emotions that we will be unable to host the VISION Conference in Orlando this summer. However, it has become apparent that the impact of COVID-19 has overshadowed the possibility to actualize this worldwide event this year as planned. We, like many of you, were certainly looking forward to a time of fellowship and celebration, and so this is a disappointment for sure.

So in order to find available dates, we have decided to stagger the conference. Instead of hosting more than 20,000 disciples over the same four days, we'll see two (2) distinct waves of attendees that will put less demand on the hotels, nearby restaurants, public flow within our venues,

and an overall reduction of our mass gatherings at any one time:

NEW DATES FOR THE 2022 WORLD DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT:

JULY 28-31 ICMC: (Campus) and ISC (Singles)

JULY 31-AUG. 3 ILC: (International Leadership Conference)

AUG. 4-7 FAMILY: (Parents, Single Parents, Kids, Middle & High Schoolers)

FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)

SPANISH Conference

### SUBSCRIBE: NR New Weekly E-Newsletter



While we will continue to update this newsletter and put all baptisms, births, and weddings in the first issue of the month, we want to make sure you get our weekly e-newsletter. These will come from [NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com](mailto:NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com). If you have not been receiving these emails, please search your inbox for the above email address, or [subscribe and update your information here!](#)

## Biblical Study Tour: Turkey



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to life. For more

information, visit:

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour-turkey/>.

**October 18-25, 2021**  
(Pretour: October 15-18)

## 2022 Biblical Study Tours



We hear a good deal of talk about doing what Jesus would *do* (WWJD?), but how about walking where Jesus walked? We would like to invite you to join the 2022 annual tour as we return to Israel.

**Biblical Study Tour to Israel**  
February 6-13, 2022  
(Post Tour February 13-16, 2022)

## Paul's Prison Journey — Malta, Sicily, Italy



We will be tracking Paul's final journey in the book of Acts. Join us on this incredible voyage through a truly beautiful and historically fascinating part of the world.

All details can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at [douglasjacoby.com](https://www.douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto:dj@douglasjacoby.com) to express your interest.

**October 29-November 8, 2022**

## Douglas Jacoby Podcasts Now on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, & Google!



The Douglas Jacoby Podcast is dedicated to sharing the audio files of the International Teaching Ministry. The goal: to help us to THINK ABOUT FAITH. Podcasts are added Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

You can check them out anywhere you normally listen to podcasts ([Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#),

[Google](#))—please make sure to subscribe. You can also follow the episodes, as they are posted, by following [this link](#).

The series so far (soon to be 200 podcasts):

- Old Testament characters
- Messianic Judaism
- New Testament characters
- Important Issues
- Psalms & Proverbs

## WITW: Where in the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2021	
<b>April 12</b>	San Juan, Puerto Rico: El Espiritu
<b>April 20</b>	Oslo, Norway: AIM Apologetics
<b>April 21</b>	London: Evidence TBA
<b>April 25</b>	Western Canada (Vancouver, Calgary; Edmonton, Winnipeg)
<b>May 1</b>	Interview with Edje Otoma
<b>May 4, 11, 18</b>	United Arab Emirates/Kuwait: The Spirit, Christendom, & Practical Discipleship
<b>June 1, 8, 22</b>	United Arab Emirates/Kuwait: The Spirit, Christendom, & Practical Discipleship
<b>June 6</b>	Oslo, Norway: Sunday Sermon
<b>June 12</b>	Izmir, Xanthos (Turkey) History/ Archaeology/Theology Conference
<b>June 19</b>	Los Angeles: ICOC & COC: Rift & Repair, continued
<b>June 23</b>	Tirana, Albania



## 3 Easy Ways to Give Online



# TITHE.LY

- Online: Visit <https://tithe.ly/give?c=467483>
- App: Download the BLUE Tithe.ly Church App, then search for North River Church of Christ
- Text: Text the word GIVE to (470) 460-6991

You can set up recurring gifts and also cover the processing fees for your donation if you wish. If you have any questions about setting up your giving on Tithe.ly, please call the church office at 770-792-8133 or email [meganfamodun@nrcoc.com](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).

### Need a Place to Stay? Have a Room for Rent?



There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples)

There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We

would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitality volunteer to Sierra at [sierrapierce19@gmail.com](mailto:sierrapierce19@gmail.com). Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

### How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes

**REGISTER NOW!**

Please watch the video at <https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9> to learn how to register your kids into our program, which will allow you to check them in using our digital check-in process. You can access the form to sign up your child at <http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration>. **If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important.** Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on our team at [childrensministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto:melissatulloch@nrcoc.com) with any questions!

### A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp

Did you know you can help Camp Swamp when you do your online shopping with one simple extra step? Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.

**amazon**smile

*Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh*

### Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! Please email: [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). **Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time!** We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly. The weekly deadline is Wednesday at midnight to [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be included. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

### Requesting a Room or Building at North River

**(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold)**

As good stewards of all that God gives us, let us keep the following in mind concerning our buildings:

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot go to [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org), [click on Resources and select Facility Request](#). Easily fill out and submit from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members (weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc.), will incur charges.
- HVAC systems and security are scheduled ahead of time, so we ask that you put in all requests **at least two weeks before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Members and guests are not permitted to use any rooms without a reservation.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Flexibility is key!
- **Reminder: The FLC and The Lighthouse are NUT-FREE.** Please keep this in mind when bringing lunch or potluck meals. Thank you for keeping those with serious food allergies safe.

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to [events@nrcoc.com](mailto:events@nrcoc.com).

# Helpful Guide for Potential Coronavirus Risk

by Kevin Broyles - 25 May 2020

*The levels of risk are based upon current national and local data and medical opinion.  
The data and guidelines are not black and white; we are in a gray zone.*

Type of Meeting	Number of People*	Outdoors	Indoors	Mask*	Social Distancing*	Level of Risk*
Virtual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	YES	1
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	YES	1
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	2
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	2
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	YES	3
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	NO	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	YES	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	NO	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	3
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	YES	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	NO	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	YES	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	NO	4
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	NO	4
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	NO	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	NO	5
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	NO	5

\* Potential Level of Risk    0 - no risk    1 - very low risk    2 - low risk    3 - moderate risk    4 - high risk    5+ - very high risk

Potential Risk Calculator	Virtual	0 Point
	Not virtual - face to face	Add 1 Point
Indoors > 5 people or Outdoors > 10 people		Add 1 Point
	Not wearing masks	Add 1 Point
	Not social distanced	Add 1 Point
Older, Immune Compromised, Chronic Diseases		Add 1 Point

\* Number of People    CDC recommendations: Indoors group of 5 or less people, Outdoors group of 10 or less people

\* Mask    Remember: Masks are helpful to keep you from spreading coronavirus to others, they do not keep you from getting an infection.

\* Distancing    CDC distancing recommendations based on activity:  
    Normal activity (conversation, walking) - 6 feet apart  
    Vigorous activity (like exercise, sports, singing, forceful speaking) 12 feet apart  
 Time of exposure: longer times (>15 minutes) are more risk than short times  
 Do not expose others or be exposed to anyone with symptoms: cough, fever, flu or cold-like symptoms, or recent exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual  
 Smaller spaces have higher risks (bathrooms, elevators)

Hygiene    Wash your hands frequently (5x/day - reduces risk by 35%)  
                  Clean exposed surfaces  
                  Do not touch your face, eyes, mouth

Current Thoughts    **Transmission**    Up to 40% of people can be contagious before they have symptoms  
                                  **Transmission**    35% of people infected will never have symptoms  
                                  **Social distancing**    Without social distancing it was estimated that the USA would have had 35 times the number of deaths  
                                  **Children**    150 cases of pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome after have COVID-19 infection  
                                  **Contact Tracing**    Georgia Public Health Department will begin tracing contacts in the near future  
                                  **Vaccine**    Some optimism from one company about an effective vaccine - would be available January 2021 at the earliest  
                                  **Treatment**    Some positive results from remdesivir combined with other medications in hospitalized patients  
                                  **Treatment**    No scientific evidence that hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine is helpful to prevent or treat, some evidence it is harmful.  
                                  **Antibody Test**    A qualitative test. It is either positive or negative (doesn't measure level of antibody)  
                                  **Antibody Test**    Becomes positive after 7-14 days of exposure or symptoms. If tested too early - may get a false negative.  
                                  **Antibody Test**    Positive test doesn't mean immunity.

*The information provided in this document is intended for general knowledge only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice or treatment for specific medical conditions. You should not use this information to diagnose or treat a health problem or disease without consulting with a qualified healthcare provider. Please consult your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your condition. This chart is not endorsed by the CDC or any government agency. The results are meant to help you assess relative levels of risk, but may not be reliable based on your facts or your situation. Please also check local statistics and data for your geographic area for additional risk assessment information.*

## References:

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 World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>  
 Johns Hopkins - Coronavirus Resource Center: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>  
 Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>  
 Worldometer: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>