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New mask guidance triggers confusion

Amid the cheers, critics say move is hasty and difficult to implement

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER, BEN GUARINO, FRANCES STEAD SELLERS, ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA AND LENA H. SUN

Federal health officials' decision Thursday to rescind almost all masking and distancing recommendations for fully vaccinated Americans created as much confusion as it did celebration, sending states, businesses and individuals scrambling to figure out what rules, if any, are still appropriate and when.

Many, including President Biden, hailed the relaxation of restrictions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a milestone in the nation's return to normal. But with a majority of Americans unvaccinated, others questioned the sudden and blanket recommendation, worrying that the onus is now heavier on state and local governments, businesses and individuals to determine whether precautions are necessary.

More than a dozen physicians interviewed Friday expressed concern that the decision was premature, coming only days after regulators cleared a vaccine for 12-to-15-year-olds and while so many are still unprotected. They feared the guidelines could undercut two of the simplest and most effective tools — masks and

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Q&A: What you need to know about the CDC's new guidelines. **A4**

Kids' covid golden ticket: A spot in a vaccine trial

BY TARA BAHRAMPOUR

This week, as coronavirus vaccinations for 12-to-15-year-olds began just in time for summer camp, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said vaccinated people could gather indoors without masks, many parents of younger children were left to wonder: When is our turn?

Most will have to wait until at least fall and potentially early 2022 for a coronavirus vaccine to be available to the nation's approximately 50 million children younger than 12. But for a handful of families, including several in the Washington area, the moment has already arrived.

Pfizer is running a nationwide trial for children 6 months to 11 years old, with one of the sites at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. And Moderna is running a trial in the United States and Canada for kids in that age range with a site at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine that includes locations in Baltimore and

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Israel strikes Hamas tunnels in Gaza

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Siblings of 15-year-old Mahmud Tolba, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike, mourn during his funeral in Gaza City on Friday.

DEADLY CLASHES ERUPT IN WEST BANK

Pro-Palestinian crowd pushed back to Lebanon

BY STEVE HENDRIX, MICHAEL E. MILLER AND SHIRA RUBIN

JERUSALEM — Israel continued to press its air campaign against the Gaza Strip on Friday after a devastating overnight assault by artillery and warplanes aimed at destroying an extensive system of tunnels built by the militant Hamas group to move fighters, rockets and other weapons.

Israeli airstrikes and Hamas rocket attacks on Israel both raged into Friday evening with no sign of abating. The reciprocal bombardment has resulted in the deaths of 126 in Gaza and nine in Israel, health and emergency officials say, with hundreds more injured over five days of fighting.

Violence between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel also continued in cities across the country, while new clashes erupted in the occupied West Bank, which had been relatively calm in recent days, with skirmishes in Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarem and other cities. Eleven Palestinians were killed in West Bank confrontations with security forces, according to health officials.

By sunset, unrest flared in several Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, where Palestinians throwing stones and firebombs battled police wielding stun grenades and tear gas, and protesters set cars and trees afire. The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem reported that Israeli settlers had set fire to swaths of Palestinian farmland in the West Bank.

Dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters from Lebanon, meanwhile, broke through a border fence, crossed into Israeli territory and set a fire in an open field near the northern town of Metula. Soldiers shot at them, and they returned to Lebanese territory, according to the Israeli military. One of the

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ANALYSIS

Biden wants to focus on China. The Mideast has other ideas.

BY ANNE GEARAN

President Biden has a clear idea of where America's foreign policy should be focused: competing with China "to win the 21st century," without the distraction of the complex, seemingly endless entanglements that have ensnared other presidents.

Biden and his aides have instead spent the past few days feverishly trying to tamp down an eruption of violence in Israel and the Gaza Strip. The president has made an emergency call to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the White House says other U.S. officials have put in more than two dozen calls of their own.

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A hole was left in the wall of a residential building in Ashkelon, Israel, after it was struck by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip.

Despite his vision of forging a new foreign policy path and calls from some Democrats to take a tougher line with Israel, Biden's recent comments have echoed the long-familiar themes of staunch support for the U.S. ally. Biden has declined to join calls for Israel to temper its response.

"One of the things that I have seen thus far is that there has not been a significant overreaction," Biden said of Israel on Thursday. "The question is how they get to a point where there is a significant reduction in the attacks, particularly the rocket attacks that are indiscriminately fired into population centers."

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Stefanik promotion cements Trump in 2022 vision

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

House Republicans elevated Rep. Elise Stefanik to a leadership position Friday in what members said was an effort to focus on the next election after earlier ousting Rep. Liz Cheney for challenging former president Donald Trump's false claims about the election.

The new House GOP leadership team vowed to focus on what they described as multiple crises occurring under President Biden and Democrats' "radical socialist" agenda. But they will be forced as soon as next week to again confront questions about the former president's baseless assertions that the election was stolen with votes on a commission to study the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob.

Stefanik (N.Y.) called Trump the leader of the party following the vote to appoint her chair of the House Republican Conference, the No. 3 position in leadership,

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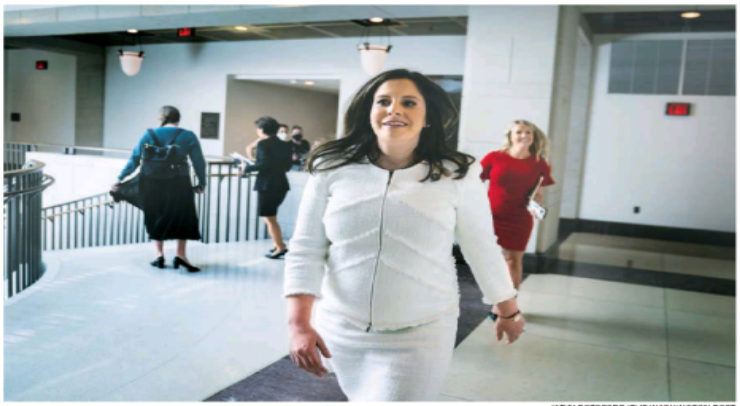

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Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.) walks back to her office after being elected chair of the House Republican Conference, replacing Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.). She later called Donald Trump the leader of the party.

Under Armour founder sold stock in time SEC probed firm

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

Kevin Plank gushed about his business on a call with Wall Street analysts in October 2015.

Under Armour, the sports apparel maker Plank founded two decades earlier in the basement of his grandmother's D.C. townhouse, had grown into a global juggernaut, he said, securing endorsements with some of the world's biggest sports stars, amassing data on millions of fitness app users and growing sales more than 20 percent every quarter for more than five years.

The company's track record of rapid profit and revenue growth "gives us great confidence for the future," Plank said on the call. "We are just getting started."

Six days later, Plank entered into a scheduled stock selling

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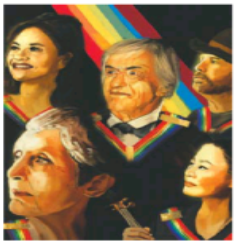

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Fernández le pidió al FMI una baja de tasas y dijo que busca un acuerdo rápido

CUMBRE. Tras la reunión con el Presidente, Georgieva afirmó que "tomó nota" de sus reclamos

En el cierre de su gira por Europa, el presidente Alberto Fernández le pidió ayer al Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) una baja de las tasas de interés y revisar los plazos de la renegociación de la deuda que la Argentina mantiene con el organismo de crédito. Dijo que busca un acuerdo en el "corto plazo".

Fernández estuvo durante una hora cara a cara con Kristalina Georgieva, la directora gerente del Fondo, que coincidió en Roma por un seminario en el Vaticano. Ambos definieron el encuentro como "constructivo" y acordaron continuar con la renegociación de la deuda por 44.000 millones de dólares.

"Expresamos nuestras voluntades para resolver el problema de la deuda. La vocación es encontrar un acuerdo en el corto plazo. Soy optimista, tengo la voluntad de hacerlo en el corto plazo y la firmeza para no hacerlo a cualquier costo", dijo el Presidente, que regresa hoy al país. Página 20

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Luz: tarifas moderadas en el AMBA, pero no en el interior

SUBAS. Al margen de la pelea oficial, superan el 30% en las provincias

La disputa interna en el Gobierno sobre las tarifas de los servicios públicos y sobre cuántos subsidios asignar para que no aumenten deja de lado al interior del país y se concentra en el bastión electoral del área metropolitana de Buenos Aires (AMBA). Allí, tras dos años congeladas, subieron 9% promedio este mes. En cambio, las distribuidoras eléctricas en las provincias –salvo en Buenos Aires, donde se autorizó un ajuste del 7%– actualizan sus tarifas desde enero con valores que, según los casos, superan el 30% para los hogares. Página 26

CORONAVIRUS

HERNÁN ZENTENO

Alto riesgo sanitario por un piquete

Miles de usuarios de la línea Roca, que une Constitución con el sur del conurbano, fueron bloqueados a la hora del regreso por un piquete que paralizó 5 horas el servicio. Durante ese tiempo y sin distancia social, la gente se movió como una masa, multiplicando el riesgo de contagio de Covid-19. Página 12

Israel golpea a Hamas y el caos llega a Cisjordania

CONFLICTO. Los túneles en Gaza fueron blanco de la ofensiva israelí

JERUSALÉN (AFP).– Israel redobló ayer su estrategia para desbaratar la ofensiva de cohetes disparados desde Gaza con una operación por aire y tierra que tuvo por blanco la red de túneles de Hamas, considerada un objetivo por donde los combatientes enemigos "se mueven, se esconden y se cubren", según el Ejército.

El conflicto se extendió a nuevos frentes, como Cisjordania, donde choques entre manifestantes palestinos y efectivos israelíes dejaron más de diez muertos. Página 16

Irregularidades en el plan de vacunación

Detectan turnos para muertos y crecen las denuncias

Llegan pedidos para vacunar a personas fallecidas, algunas de ellas hace varios años, y surgen inconvenientes en la notificación de los turnos de los interesados en recibir las dosis contra el coronavirus. Estas son algunas de las irregularidades que detectó LA NACION a partir de testimonios y denuncias judiciales.

A casi dos meses del escándalo por la vacunación vip, que le costó el cargo al entonces ministro de Salud, Ginés González García, se siguen acumulando denuncias y cuestionamientos al plan de asignación de dosis. El principal foco de las irregularidades se centra en distritos de la provincia de Buenos Aires. Página 6

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Produção de vacina está parada, afirma governo de SP

O governo João Doria (PSDB) afirmou ontem que o processo de produção da Coronavac está totalmente parado devido à falta de insumos e que o ritmo de imunização no estado de São Paulo pode diminuir. Segundo o Butantan, há 10 mil litros do material na China à espera de autorização. A retenção é atribuída a declarações de Jair Bolsonaro contra o país asiático. Saúde B6

Sobe 72% desligamento profissional por morte

Foram 22,6 mil desligamentos no 1º trimestre, diz o Dieese. Não há a causa dos óbitos, mas alta sugere elo com pandemia. A24

Obra de Carlito Carvalhosa no MAC-USP Edson Lopes Jr./Folhapress

Maioria apoia CPI da Covid, e comissão vê provas de crimes

Datafolha mostra que para 82% o Senado acertou ao abrir investigação, mas 57% são céticos quanto a resultados

Integrantes do grupo majoritário na Comissão Parlamentar de Inquérito no Senado que examina a gestão da pandemia de Covid-19, formado por senadores independentes e oposicionistas, afirmam ter provas suficientes para incriminar o presidente Jair Bolsonaro.

A criação da CPI tem apoio de 82% da população, embora 57% a vejam como teatro, mostra pesquisa Datafolha.

O levantamento, com margem de erro de dois pontos percentuais, indica ainda que para 75% o governo demorou para comprar vacinas e perdeu boas ofertas.

Esse atraso foi sublinhado pelos depoimentos do representante da farmacêutica Pfizer na América Latina, Carlos Murillo, do ex-secretário da Comunicação Fabio Wajngarten e do ex-ministro Luiz Henrique Mandetta.

Para a maioria dos integrantes da comissão, esses relatos e documentos apresentados confirmam que o presidente e seus subordinados deixaram de agir para controlar a pandemia e boicotaram a vacinação mesmo estando conscientes do impacto na população, cometendo crime contra a saúde pública. As mortes pelo coronavírus no Brasil superam 430 mil. Poder A4 e A5

Lewandowski diz que Pazuello pode se calar sobre si

Ricardo Lewandowski, do STF, concedeu em parte a ordem de habeas corpus para que Eduardo Pazuello possa ficar em silêncio em depoimento à CPI da Covid. O general poderá se calar sobre si mesmo, mas não sobre terceiros, como Jair Bolsonaro. Poder A6

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Sedado, prefeito Bruno Covas piora e tem quadro irreversível

O estado de saúde do prefeito Bruno Covas (PSDB), que trata de um câncer desde 2019, piorou nesta sexta-feira (14), e o quadro dele era considerado irreversível, anunciou boletim do Hospital Sírio-Libanês.

De acordo com a equipe médica, Covas estava sedado e acompanhado de familiares na noite de ontem.

Em abril, exames mostraram que os tumores, originados no trato digestivo, avançaram para fígado e ossos.

Covas licenciou-se do cargo por 30 dias em 2 de maio, e a chefia do Executivo paulistano passou para seu vice, Ricardo Nunes (MDB).

Na sede da prefeitura, o clima era de consternação entre secretários. Cotidiano B1

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Com boca e nariz descobertos, pessoas passeiam em ônibus turístico na Times Square, em Nova York; profissionais dizem acreditar que americanos ainda devem usar o acessório em grandes multidões ao ar livre, mesmo que estejam vacinados Mundo A18

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	11,8	23,8
MS	11,9	31,3
RS	12,2	29,7
BA	11,8	26,3

Cobertura da primeira dose*

Total de doses

aplicadas	19,0 mi	38,3 mi
1º SP	5 mi	9,4 mi
2º MG	2 mi	4 mi
3º BA	1,3 mi	2,9 mi

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	15,5 mi	432,8 mil
14.mai**	62,0 mil	1.913
Variação***	1,4%	-24,2%
Em 24 h	84,5 mil	2.189

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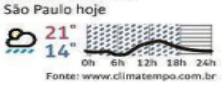

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Brasil, um pária ambiental

O projeto de lei que desmonta o licenciamento ambiental, aprovado na Câmara, é um crime contra o meio ambiente, a sociedade e a Constituição. Vai piorar mais a imagem do Brasil no exterior. Ainda é tempo de barrar a boiada no Senado. Opinião A2

Sete em dez postos de trabalho são de baixa tecnologia

Praticamente sete em dez empregos no Brasil estão em setores de baixo conteúdo tecnológico, considerando investimento em pesquisa e desenvolvimento, aponta estudo da FGV. Essas ocupações têm salários 40% inferiores à média nacional. Mercado A21

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O relatório de inteligência da Polícia Civil alterou o local de ao menos dois óbitos provocados por seus agentes na ação do Jacarezinho, que deixou 28 mortos. A corporação não comentou a discrepância em relação aos boletins de ocorrência. Cotidiano B2

Vice de Doria troca DEM por PSDB, e Maia também sairá

O vice-governador de São Paulo, Rodrigo Garcia, trocou o DEM pelo PSDB, em costura feita pelo tucano João Doria, que pretende lançá-lo ao estado em 2022. Aliado de Doria, Rodrigo Maia pediu ao TSE desfiliação do DEM. Poder A8

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Réponses à la question de jeudi :
Souhaitez-vous que Joe Biden fasse de la résolution du conflit israélo-palestinien une de ses priorités ?

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50 %	50 %

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Mercredi 19 mai, après des mois de fermeture forcée, les restaurants pourront enfin à nouveau recevoir des clients. Pour réussir la reprise, toute une filière s'est mobilisée depuis plusieurs semaines : agriculteurs, industriels de l'agroalimentaire, grossistes… Le plus délicat, pour les restaurateurs ? Trouver assez de personnel motivé. PAGE 22

En Israël, Netanyahou veut durcir la réponse aux violences

Alors que les frappes aériennes sur Gaza répondent aux tirs de missiles du Hamas et que les villes israéliennes se barricadent après des affrontements entre Juifs et Arabes, un troisième front s'ouvre en Cisjordanie, où sept Palestiniens ont été tués vendredi. Benyamin Netanyahou prévient que les violences se *« paieront chèrement »*.
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La manipulation

Des millions d'Algériens manifestent, depuis deux ans, dans leur pays à leurs risques et périls pour réclamer la démocratie, mais on n'a pas vu l'ultragauche française lever le petit doigt en leur faveur. Du Mozambique au Mali, des centaines de civils africains sont tués tous les ans par la terreur islamiste, mais Jean-Luc Mélenchon et ses amis n'ont jamais volé à leur secours. En revanche, lorsque la tension monte entre Israéliens et Palestiniens, tous sont là au rendez-vous de la rue française ; pour dénoncer l'« oppression » des seconds, évidemment.

C'est dire si leur colère est à géométrie variable, plus politique qu'humanitaire, moins sincère que théâtrale. Elle dégage les relents mauvais d'un amalgame qui consiste à se servir de la cause palestinienne pour tenter de soulever les musulmans de France, la nouvelle chair à militantisme des Insoumis et compagnie. La manipulation est aussi caricaturale que détestable.

Le gouvernement a eu raison d'interdire la manifestation de samedi. Celle-ci n'aurait été que le prétexte à un déchaînement de haine contre la France, Israël, l'Occident judéo-chrétien et forcément impérialiste. Car telle est cette gauche niqab, islamo-populiste, qui porte la défense de la diversité et de la liberté d'expression en sautoir, mais qui défile en soutien du Hamas, mouvement terroriste soutenu par les Frères musulmans. Le délit d'opinion n'existe certes pas sur les rives de la Seine, et c'est heureux, mais doit-on, pour autant, accepter l'apologie de la violence, d'une idéologie obscurantiste et d'un antisémitisme ripoliné aux couleurs de l'antisionisme ?

La colère à géométrie variable de l'ultragauche

Le précédent du 19 juillet 2014 à Paris, quand l'est de la capitale avait été mis à sac par quelques milliers d'individus, ne doit pas se reproduire. Cette manifestation pro-Hamas avait pourtant, elle aussi, été interdite. Au gouvernement, cette fois, de faire respecter l'ordre républicain. Au nom de tous les Français qui, quelle que soit leur confession, ne veulent pas vivre sous la tyrannie d'une minorité d'activistes. ■

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PM: new variant threatens to delay end of lockdown

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The final stage of lifting lockdown restrictions across England could face "serious disruption" because of the India variant, the prime minister warned yesterday, as he announced plans to accelerate vaccinations to curb its spread.

Boris Johnson said that the gap between the first and second Covid jab would be cut from 12 weeks to eight for all over-50s and the clinically vulnerable, admitting that "the race between our vaccine programme and the virus may be about to become a great deal tighter".

He announced the army would be deployed to two variant hotspots - Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen - to help with the vaccination and urged residents in those areas to "think twice" before taking advantage of the freedoms allowed again from Monday. Johnson said plans to ease restrictions on 17 May - allowing people to meet in groups of six indoors - would go ahead but that the variant "could make it more difficult" for the final stage of unlocking to proceed on 21 June.

He said the India variant appeared to be "more transmissible" than the dominant strain in the UK that originated in Kent, but that it was not yet clear by how much. If it is significantly more then he warned, "we're likely to face some hard choices".

"I have to level with you that this new variant could pose a serious disruption to our progress and could make it more difficult to move to step four in June," Johnson said.

Asked during a press conference last night whether the lockdown easing would have to be paused, he said: "The truth is, we cannot say for certain ... the situation is very different from last year, we 8

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The face of conflict
Civilians flee Gaza as violence escalates

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People in Gaza fled their homes carrying crying children and valued possessions as Israeli forces pounded the territory from the air, sea and land yesterday.

The conflict triggered violent protests in the occupied West Bank, with seven Palestinians killed by Israeli army fire, as well as continued communal violence within Israel. Hamas praised clashes between stone-throwing youths in the West Bank and Israeli soldiers, calling on Palestinians to "set the ground ablaze under the feet of the occupation".

In a significant escalation in the worst bout of fighting between Israel and Hamas for seven years, heavy artillery fire was 4

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▲ *The brother of Mahmud Tolba, 15, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike, cries at his funeral in Gaza City yesterday*

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