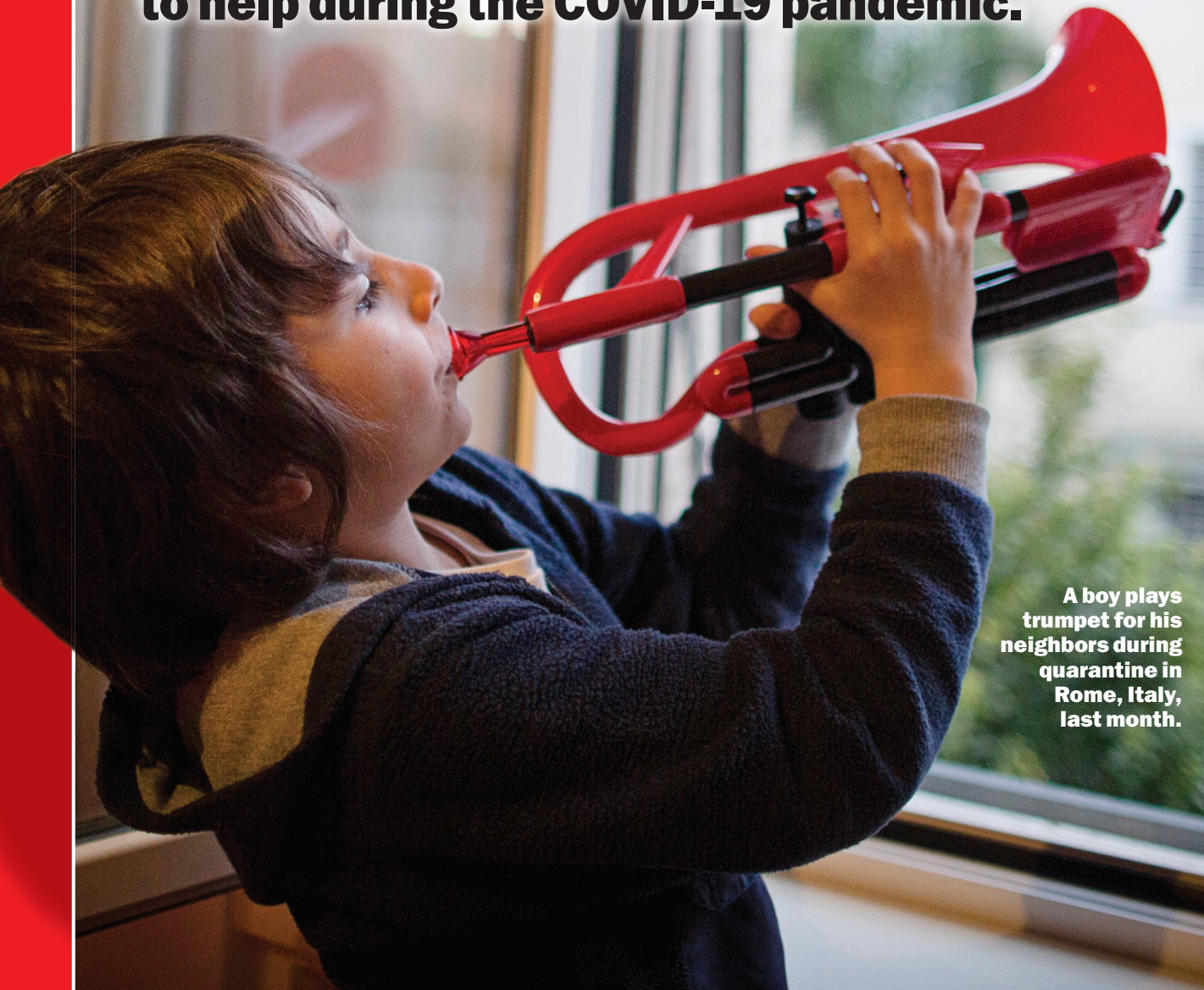


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CALL TO ACTION

People around the world are finding ways to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.



A boy plays trumpet for his neighbors during quarantine in Rome, Italy, last month.

STORM DAMAGE A woman looks at a home that was destroyed by a tornado near Nixville, South Carolina.



SEAN RAYFORD—GETTY IMAGES

> U.S.

EASTER STORMS

By Shay Maunz

Severe weather swept through the southern United States, beginning on Easter Sunday, April 12. Tornadoes and thunderstorms hit Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and other states.

The storms caused flooding and mudslides. At least 33 people were killed. Hundreds of homes were damaged.

Electricity was out for more than a million people.

“Power lines are down, trees are all over the place. It’s hard to get from one place to the other because the roads are blocked,” T.C. Smalls says. He’s the sheriff in Hampton County, South Carolina.

People are practicing social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. This made it hard for them to take shelter from the storms. In Alabama, Governor Kay Ivey temporarily lifted a shelter-in-place order. People in storm shelters in Mississippi were asked to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and stay six feet apart.



Stop and Think!

WHO was affected by the severe weather described in this article? Why should people read about weather events even if they’re not from an affected area?

> HEALTH

VACCINES IN PROGRESS

By Rebecca Mordechai

Scientists all over the world are working to develop a vaccine. The vaccine’s purpose is to protect people from COVID-19. There are 70 vaccines in development globally. This was announced by the World Health Organization on April 11. Researchers in China are making progress. They have already tested their vaccine on people. So have some drugmakers in the United States.

“The good thing is we’ve got a bunch of candidates,” or possibilities, for vaccines, Dr. Anthony Fauci said in a podcast. Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

But people will have to wait a while. Even if the early stages of testing are successful, it can take more than a year before a vaccine is widely available.



IN THE LAB A researcher works on a COVID-19 vaccine in Copenhagen, Denmark.

THIBAUT SAVARY—AFP/GETTY IMAGES

> FOR THE RECORD



“Sometimes, you have to get creative,”

says ANNA MARIE LEO, an 89-year-old dance instructor in Wilmington, Delaware. She has been teaching her students over Zoom during the pandemic.

900 miles

is how far **MONKEYS** traveled to Peru on rafts of vegetation that broke away from Africa about 35 million years ago. Scientists learned this by studying fossilized teeth. They revealed it in the journal *Science* on April 9.



7,000

was about the number of times **JAMES CAMPBELL** ran back and forth across his yard in England to complete a marathon on April 1. It took him five hours. Campbell raised more than £18,000 (\$22,500) for Britain's National Health Service to battle COVID-19.



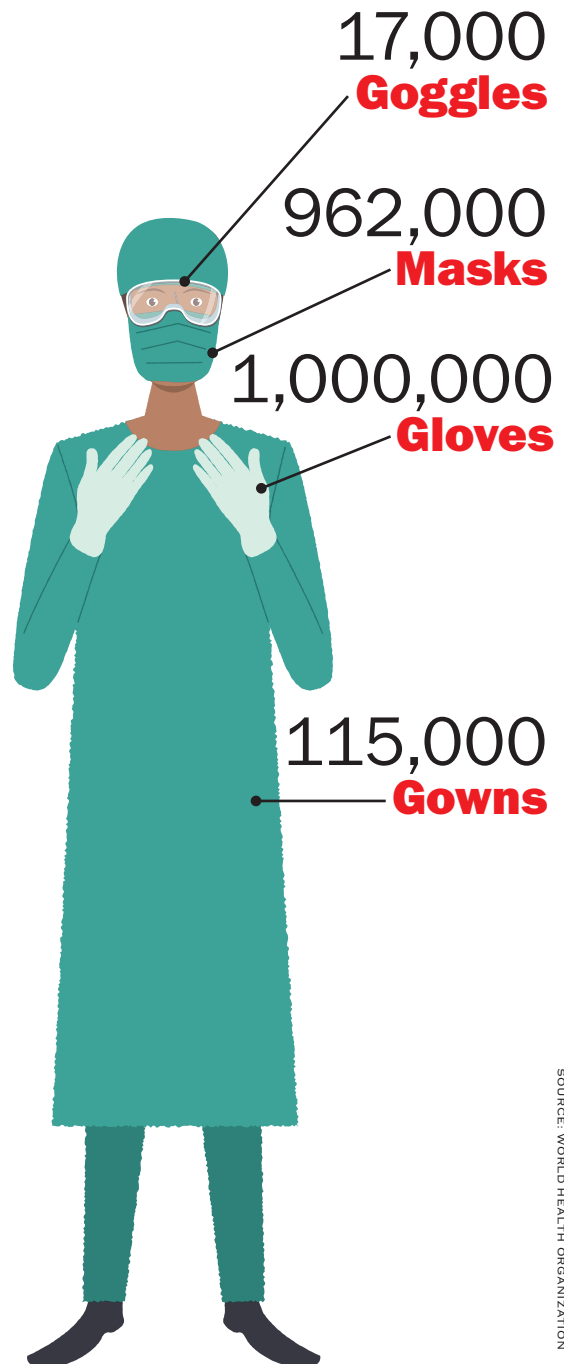
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Do you have a nose for news? Enter the TFK Kid Reporter Contest for a chance to report for our magazines and website. TFK editors will choose 10 talented students as TFK Kid Reporters for the 2020–2021 school year.

To apply, ask your teacher for details, or learn more at timeforkids.com/2020-kid-reporter-contest.

DATA DEEP DIVE

To help health-care workers stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization has donated protective equipment, such as medical masks and gloves, to 133 countries. Take a look below at how many pieces of each type of equipment had been donated as of April 7.



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

IN IT TOGETHER

The coronavirus pandemic is affecting people all over the world. In the face of this global challenge, governments are working to stop the spread of the virus. People are doing their part to support

health-care workers and lift spirits. Here, *TIME for Kids* looks at efforts in four of the countries hit hardest. These actions show us the power of kindness and cooperation. —By Brian S. McGrath

China

No country has taken more-extreme steps to stop the spread of the coronavirus than China. The outbreak began in the city of Wuhan. That was in December. After nearly 11 weeks, China ended its lockdown in Wuhan on April 8.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma has been doing his part to help others. He has sent supplies to people in Iran, Italy, Japan, and other countries. In March, he donated 500,000 test kits and a million masks to the U.S. “Speedy and accurate testing and adequate personal protective equipment for medical professionals are most effective in preventing the spread of the virus,” Ma said in a statement.



CHECKING IN A volunteer registers an elderly person at a hospital for COVID-19 patients in Beijing, China.

ZHANG YUWEI—XINHUA/SIPA U.S.A.



SAMUEL ARANDA—THE NEW YORK TIMES/REUX

HELPING HANDS People in Barcelona, Spain, make face masks for use in hospitals and nursing homes.

Spain

Spain ranks second in COVID-19 cases, behind the U.S. Data from April 13 showed about 170,000 infections there altogether. Many of the people infected were doctors and nurses. Like other countries, Spain did



SPECIAL DELIVERY
Workers prepare free lunches for the elderly, at a restaurant in Louisiana.

United States

The U.S. has the world's highest number of confirmed coronavirus cases. At press time, it had nearly 600,000.

This could push the health-care system past its limits. In New York, thousands of retired doctors and nurses have stepped up to volunteer.

The federal government is also taking steps. In March, Congress passed a \$2 trillion bill. The bill will help people

who are out of work.

Ordinary people are helping, too. They're delivering food to the elderly and giving thanks to medical workers. "You are extraordinary," reads a message in chalk outside a hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana.

A-Z Power Words

quarantine *verb*: to restrain a person or people's movements to stop the spread of disease

solidarity *noun*: a feeling of unity or of having the same goals

not have enough equipment to safely treat patients.

On March 14, Spain's government told people to stay home. People have been leaning out their windows at night. They clap for health-care workers. Twitter user Carlos Delclós posted this message: "You are heroes. You are what solidarity looks like, and I hope that **solidarity** is what's most contagious these days."



SWEET MELODY An accordion player serenades her neighbors in Milan, Italy, in March.

Italy

Until mid-April, Italy had had more deaths from COVID-19 than any other country. It has one of the largest percentages of people age 65 or older. Older people with the virus are at high risk.

On March 9, the Italian government declared a nationwide lockdown. The spread of the disease has slowed since then. Now Italy is testing more people for the virus. This makes it easier for health officials to decide who should be **quarantined**.

People are following orders to stay home. To cheer them up, musicians have been performing from balconies. They fill Italy's empty streets with sound. Videos appear on social media. One post reads: "Italians . . . always making the best of the worst. How can you not love them!"



LEARNING AT HOME



HARD AT WORK London Trussel, 11, does homework on a laptop provided by her school.

Educators find new ways of reaching distance learners.

Students all over the world have been learning from home because of the coronavirus pandemic. More than 90% of students worldwide have been affected by school closures. That’s according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Teachers and students are getting used to the sudden change. Most learning is taking place online in **virtual** classrooms. But some students don’t have access to computers and tablets or good Wi-Fi.

Educators say the pandemic has highlighted the “digital divide.” That’s the split between those who have access to the Internet and those who do not.

“It’s been impacting students all across the country,” Sonja

Santelises told *TIME for Kids*. She’s the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, in Maryland. “In a time of crisis,” she says, “that divide is clearer and it’s **starker**.”

COMING TOGETHER

School districts across the United States are finding ways to overcome the digital divide. In Baltimore, kids can now watch lessons on cable TV. In Tucson, Arizona, school buses with Wi-Fi have been sent to neighborhoods where people have limited Internet access. And in Chicago, Illinois, more than 100,000 laptops and tablets were given to students who needed them.

Teachers are getting creative too. In Madison, South Dakota, a sixth-grade teacher set up a whiteboard outside a student’s front door. He gave her a math lesson from a safe distance.

“It’s been a very old-fashioned and very personalized communication with the students,” Lora Davenport says. She’s a second-grade teacher in University City, Missouri.

Santelises says this is just what kids need right now. “The biggest challenge . . . has been the need to connect and be part of the school community.”

Students are stepping up and helping each other too. University City fifth grader London Trussel has advice for them. “Trust the process,” she says. “Just be patient and wait, and then we’ll all go back to school.” —By Rebecca Katzman

A-Z Power Words

stark adjective: severe; obvious

virtual adjective: not physically existing but simulated by computer software

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WHAT KIDS ARE SAYING

We asked our readers to let us know what they're doing, thinking, and feeling during the COVID-19 pandemic. While some kids tell us they're feeling sad or worried, many of the letters we receive are filled with hope. Read some of them below.

Would you like to share your story?

If so, ask a parent or guardian to email us at tfkeditors@time.com. Your response might be featured in an issue of *TIME for Kids*.

I wasn't allowed to visit my little sister at the hospital when she was born. Now that she's home, I'm actually kind of enjoying my time here, because I get to see the silly things my new sister does!

Hailey C., 11
Chesapeake, Virginia

I am positive that with everyone working so hard, we will defeat this virus and things will return to normal eventually. Until then, we have to continue to be patient and thankful that we still have each other to get through this together!

Maya M., 8
Rochester Hills, Michigan

I am bored. I can still go outside for now, but I wish I could go play with my friends. I miss being at school in person. It is much harder to do stuff on the computer.

Aiden H., 9
Rutherford, New Jersey

I spend time with my family, play games, and focus on my online learning. I think everyone should take this seriously and pray that this pandemic will be over soon.

Harman S., 9
Mishawaka, Indiana

I know we've been out of school for a while now and there's still a long way to go. But I don't think the coronavirus is going to stay forever. Scientists and experts are going to find a cure.

Alicia T., 9
Mukilteo, Washington



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RESPONSES HAVE BEEN EDITED FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

LISTEN UP

Podcasts are a great way to stay connected to the world. And they're excellent for kids who learn best by listening to information. Here are three of our favorite podcasts right now.

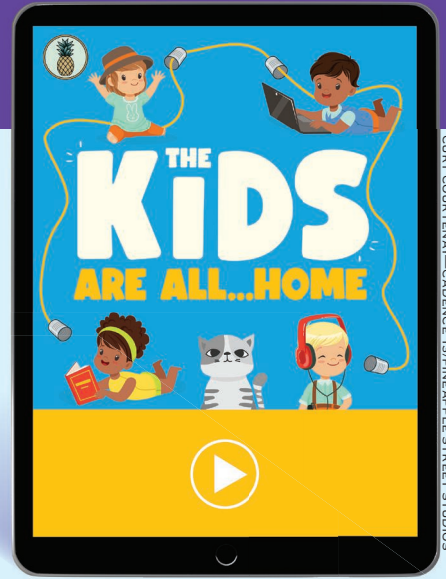
DO IT YOURSELF

Want to stay busy while you're socially distancing? *The Kids Are All... Home* is a new podcast from **PINEAPPLE STREET STUDIOS** created by kids stuck at home because of COVID-19.

Here's how it works. Come up with an idea for a podcast.

(So far, episodes have included everything from cooking demonstrations to musical numbers.) Record your podcast and send it in. Producers might include it in an episode.

Producer **ERIC MENNEL** says podcasting is the perfect boredom buster. "It's an easy way to be super creative and weird," he says.



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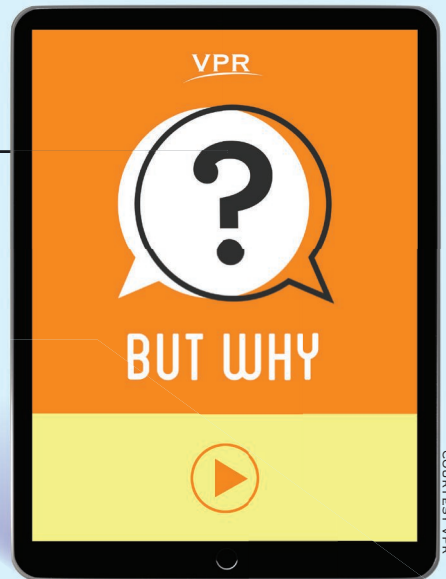
A NEW WAY TO GET TFK

There's a new way to connect with *TIME for Kids*: a podcast. The first episode is called "Time for Kids Explains: Pandemics." In it, listeners learn about the new coronavirus and pandemics of the past.

To create the series, *TFK* teamed up with the podcast pros at **PINNA**. The premiere features *TFK* Kid Reporters **ESHAAN MANI**

and **ALEXIS BUMAH**. "We had a ton of fun," Eshaan says. "The recording process was full of laughs."

The first episode is out now. Look for more *TFK* and Pinna podcasts this fall.



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ASK AWAY!

But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids answers questions from real kids. These range from "Are jellyfish made of jelly?" to "Who makes the laws?"

The show is hosted by **JANE LINDHOLM** for **VERMONT PUBLIC RADIO**. She says the podcast has received questions from kids in all 50 states and more

than 50 countries.

Lindholm also says it's important for kids to always stay curious. "Sometimes, as you get older, you start to think that your questions seem silly," she told *TFK*. "But some of the most interesting discoveries have been made by people who never stop asking questions."

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