COVID-19 Resources for Journalists

In an intense and fast-changing news landscape, it’s important to know where to find reliable sources of information. SciLine has compiled a set of links to other COVID-related tools, tips, and information sources that reporters can trust.

Wise Reporting Advice

- **Covering the Coronavirus Epidemic Effectively Without Spreading Misinformation.** Tips from Washington Post health and science editor Laura Helmuth.
- **I Lived Through SARS and Reported on Ebola. These Are the Questions We Should Be Asking About Coronavirus and How Many Americans Are Really Infected With the Coronavirus?** Two pieces by ProPublica’s Caroline Chen focusing in particular on handling numbers.
- **Tips for Reporting on COVID-19 and Slowing the Spread of Misinformation.** Tips from a global non-profit focused on misinformation.
- **10 Tips for Journalists Covering COVID-19.** Tips from the International Center for Journalists.
- **Good tips** from a Harvard epidemiology professor.
- **Some observations** on what’s feeding the COVID-19 misinformation stream and how to avoid contributing to the problem.
- **AP Stylebook tips on the Coronavirus.** Some important style guidance from the pros at AP.

Reliable Data Sources

- **Coronavirus Resource Center.** Easy-to-use dashboard maintained by the Johns Hopkins University & Medicine.
- **Covid-19 Dashboard** and daily **Situation Report.** Another dashboard, maintained by the World Health Organization.
- **Cases & Latest Updates.** The latest statistics, maintained by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Trustworthy Experts

- **SciLine** connects journalists to experts vetted for their expertise and communication skills.
- **Tips on finding and vetting experts during a disease outbreak.** Solid advice from the Association of Health Care Journalists.
• **The Council for the Advancement of Science Writers.** A summary of speakers with scientific expertise that CASW has called upon for past events.

### Checking Your Facts

• **Myth busters.** The World Health Organization’s ongoing effort to debunk misinformation about COVID-19.

• **Busting coronavirus myths.** Agence France-Presse’s regularly updated fact-checking page about COVID-19.

• **7 ways to avoid misinformation during the coronavirus pandemic.** Tips from the Poynter Institute’s political fact-checking service.

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