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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The scheduled CARGO meeting on Thursday, March 19th has been cancelled.

While this was a difficult decision, the welfare of our members and their families is our first and foremost concern.

Community BBQ has received their alcohol license so we can no longer do show and tell at their restaurant. We will look for another venue for our next meeting and will let you know what we find.

Please use the CARGO@att.net email or the CARGO Facebook page if you need to get in touch with the club.

Please take some time to look at the newsletter for this month - especially the first two articles.

Take care and be safe,

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“Everything we do before a pandemic will seem alarmist. Everything we do after will seem inadequate.”
– Michael Leavitt

Why are we writing this?

The COVID-19 pandemic has reached a point where containment is no longer possible. The COVID-19 threat is real, and rapidly getting worse. Many of you are very nervous; some are unsure of the validity of the information you are reading. As physician leaders, we felt it was important to craft a resource you can rely on as being scientifically accurate and one which contains as much actionable information and guidance as possible.

Accurate, actionable information during an epidemic can save lives. Physicians are on the front line of this epidemic. Not only are we treating the sick, but we are also cringing at the misinformation spread through both traditional broadcast and social media. Evidence matters. Unfortunately, evidence is often slow, methodical, and boring and has a tough time against clicky headlines and exaggeration. We believe that an accurate representation of the current COVID-19 pandemic followed by a set of actionable steps you, your loved ones, politicians, and local officials can utilize is of paramount importance and ultimately could save tens of thousands of lives.

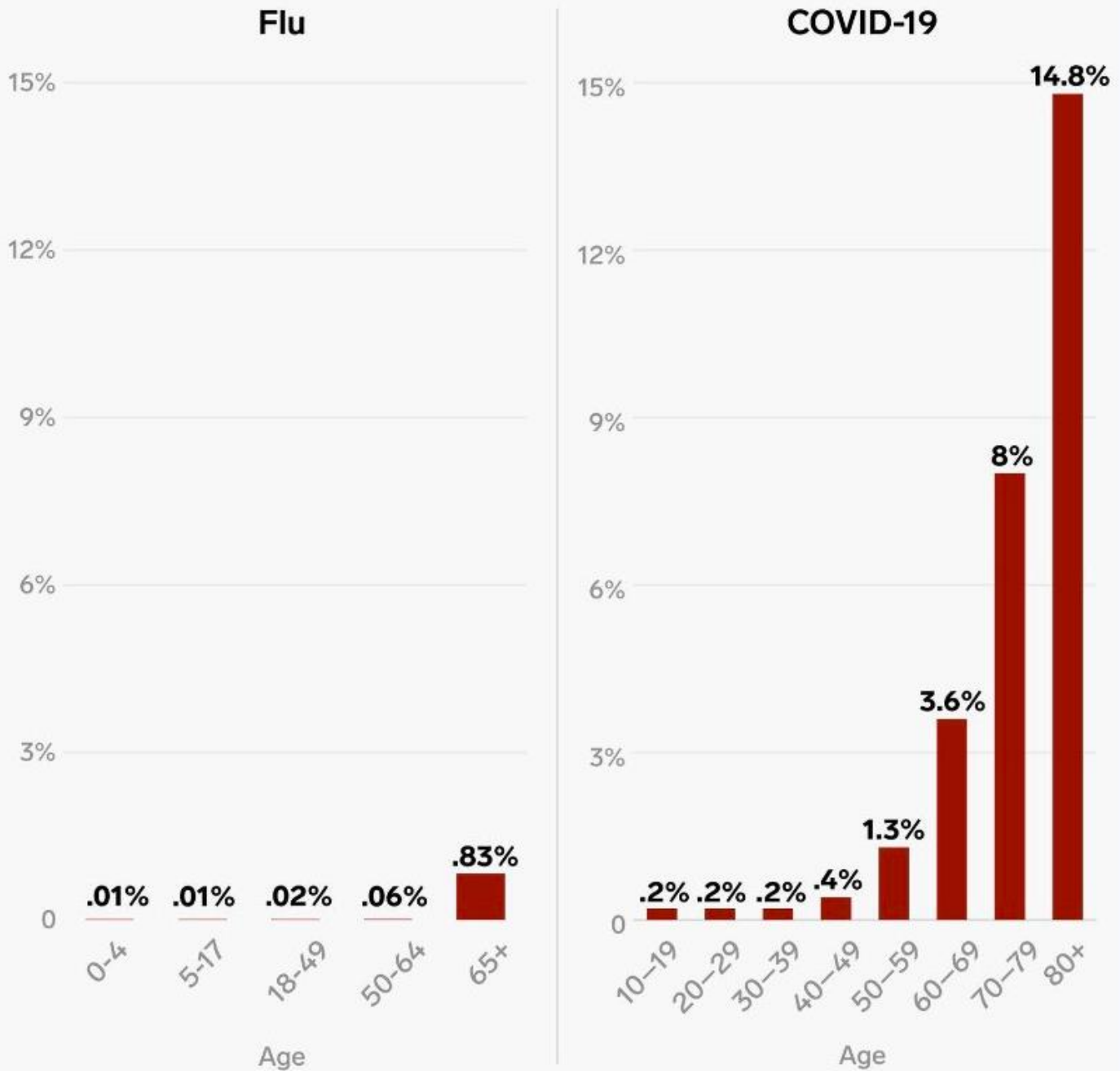
COVID-19 isn't just the flu?

COVID-19 has been described by some as “just a cold,” or just like the common flu. COVID-19 is not a common flu. COVID-19 is an order of magnitude worse than the flu. The fatality rate is approximately ten times worse than the flu.

The flu spreads from September through April in the U.S., and June through August in the Southern Hemisphere. Yes, it does cause severe illness in many, but it does so over a longer time course. Time is a variable that is working against us during this COVID-19 outbreak. COVID-19 victims will be presenting to a hospital in need of critical care at a rate that is far higher than occurs with the flu.

In addition, these patients will require hospital treatment over the course of a few weeks rather than the 3-4 months of a typical flu season. The health care system in the USA is not ready to handle tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of people over a short time frame. In Italy, the health care system buckled under the strain, and the health care teams are now [forced to make horrible life and death decisions](#).

Flu vs COVID-19 death rate, by age



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

BUSINESS INSIDER

There are only 2,177 cases: Why is everyone so worried?

If only a snapshot in time had relevance, then perhaps stating that only there are “only” 2,177 cases (March 14, 2020) would be relevant and somewhat comforting. Italy has over 15,000 cases today; they only had a few hundred cases a week ago. Stating that we only have 1,600 cases today is absolutely irrelevant in the face of a pandemic virus spreading under exponential conditions. We will help put the term exponential spread into context down below.

Immunologically naive populations

Viruses have been circulating around the globe for millennia. One family of viruses that have been circulating are referred to as Coronaviruses. About a quarter of common colds are caused by Coronaviruses. Our bodies form antibodies to foreign invaders, such as bacteria or viruses. If we have antibodies from a previous exposure, then we can rapidly ramp up the production of those antibodies if we are infected by that same virus at a later date. This is why you only get Chicken Pox and the Measles once. The first episode generates protective antibodies so you can't get infected a second time. For other infections, previous exposures do not make you immune to future infections, but it does make subsequent exposures milder.

COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness caused by the virus named SARS-CoV2. It is a novel virus, which means that no one in the world has antibodies to it because no one has ever been infected by it before. As such, when the COVID-19 virus invades our body, we do not have antibodies. We do not have a template to utilize from a previous exposure to rapidly create a defense against the virus. Because no one has antibodies, everyone is at risk for catching the virus, becoming ill, and spreading the virus so that it can infect those around you.

Exponential spread

Exponential math is very hard to grasp. Every person with the COVID-19 virus infects approximately two people. Some less, some more. The infection rate doubles every six days. That means that if 50,000 people have the virus today, then in 6 days, 100,000 people will have it. In another 12 days it's 400,000 and less than two weeks later it's over a million people. We have 330 million people in the US. The experts expect that 40-70% of people will be infected. Exponential growth does not take that long to get to those scary high numbers. Every six days, we delay the number of infections double. [This YouTube video does a great job of explaining this.](#)

Is it time to panic? No.

This document is trying to help you to understand the situation at hand and not to terrify you. We want to make sure you understand the facts and understand what is at stake. This is a Pearl Harbor moment for our country. We are facing a real threat, and we need to face it with all of our resources. When people decry the seriousness of this moment they are steering our country off a cliff, we need everyone to understand that this is important and if we work together to slow the spread, we will get through this as we are learning from Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, and China.

The effectiveness of our health care system to deal with a sudden tsunami of respiratory illness is what is at risk. If our health care system buckles under the strain of tens of thousands of patients, then we could be looking at a catastrophe.

Personal risk vs. systemic risk

When we talk about risk, there are many different elements to consider. Naturally, we are concerned about ourselves and our loved ones. This is an example of personal risk. By and large, your personal risk is low. The overall fatality rate for COVID-19 appears to be around 0.6%-1%. The lower bound (0.6%) comes from the South Korea data. As we will discuss later, certain populations with certain diseases carry an increased risk of a serious life-threatening infection.

What we as physicians are most concerned about is systemic risk. Complex systems, such as our health care system, function because all the moving pieces fit together and interact with one another in such a way that the system functions under normal loads, lower than normal loads, and slightly higher than normal loads but may break down under the very high loads we anticipate with COVID-19. We have watched in horror at what is

taking place in Italy where their health care system is failing. The health care system was overwhelmed by a flood of people requiring critical medical care, all arriving too close together in time. Italy does not have enough ICU beds, ventilators (mechanical breathing machines), and medications to manage all the patients that needed it. Physicians in Italy are judging who gets an ICU bed and critical care and who does not because there is not enough supply to take care of everyone. We do not want to see this happen here. This should be very clear:

This will happen here, and it will happen soon – possibly in one to two weeks – if we do not take very bold steps at this time.

Who's at risk?

The bottom line is, we are all at risk. The elderly and those with medical issues such as hypertension and diabetes appear to be at higher risk of a severe disease course and death. Children may be spared the consequences of severe disease, though they can be asymptomatic to minimally-symptomatic carriers of the virus – placing those who are vulnerable at higher risk.

South Korea, which has reported the lowest coronavirus death rates, has a COVID-19 death rate more than eight times higher than that of the flu. Mortality rate reported in South Korea increases by age brackets from 0.4% in the age group 50-59 to 8.23% in those above 80 years old.

If our health care system fails, then we will all suffer. If the hospital is choked with COVID-19 patients, people with appendicitis, heart attacks, broken ankles, and so on will not be able to be treated. This is the picture of systemic risk. Everyone is at risk if there is a systemic failure of our health care system, not just those with COVID-19.

The challenge is this: By following the appropriate recommended social isolation measures, you will be saving lives of not just those at increased risk who are infected, but also those who need other critical health care services, including potentially yourself. You will be saving the lives of people you will never meet.

Who should follow our suggested social isolation measures? EVERYONE. If you do not need to go out for a mission-critical purpose, do not. Again, you WILL be saving the lives of at-risk members of your own family, as well as people you will never have the pleasure of meeting.

What should we do? The importance of social isolation.

Containment of COVID-19 is no longer possible. The virus is already in the country and is currently spreading. We need to slow the spread. Mitigation is the best current strategy. It involves strict social isolation. If 50% of the U.S. population becomes infected, 5% of infected people will need a ventilator in an ICU, and if we have only a limited number of ventilators available in the country, you can quickly see the issue at hand.

This is an extremely time-sensitive and serious issue that needs to be addressed now. We can't simply manufacture the number of ventilators necessary. We need to slow the spread and decrease the overall rate at which people will be coming to the hospital.

We use the description: We must flatten the curve. That means that we need to slow the rate of infection so that the number of people who need hospital services remains in the range that our health care system can supply. In mitigation, we are no longer trying to contain the virus; we are merely trying to slow the rate of infection to keep the health care system from collapsing.

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All of you can save lives starting now.

The actions you take starting today will save the lives of people you will never meet.

Support the [#CancelEverything](#) and [#SocialDistancingWorks](#) movements.

Mitigation measures for COVID-19

- Support your schools' decisions to close: Proactive school closings save more lives than reactive school closings. Your schools should close now ... before infections are present. Closed schools do not mean playdates for children – this counteracts the social distancing the school closures are meant to create in the first place.
- 6 feet: The COVID-19 virus spreads through droplets. They can move 6 feet before gravity brings them to earth. Stay 6 feet away from people if you need to go outside.
- Meticulous hand washing: Wash thoroughly and wash often. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer works well if your hands are otherwise clean.
- Do not touch your face. This is hard. This is a learned skill: Practice often.
- Clean doorknobs, toilets, cellphones, countertops, refrigerator handles, and so on many times each day. The virus could live on certain surfaces for 4-72 hours.
- If you can work from home, work from home.
- No tournaments, no sports events, no soccer, baseball, dance, volleyball, softball, gymnastics, concerts, martial arts, etc. We don't care how much they claim they will clean the equipment.
- Cancel vacation travel. We know you planned this for a long time. You will be saving many lives by doing so ... perhaps someone you know.
- Cancel weddings/ bar/bat mitzvahs, birthday parties, and so on. Help other people live so they can celebrate future events too.
- If you are over 60 years old, you should stay home. You should only go out if there is a critical need.
- If you have parents/grandparents in a nursing home, you should consider moving them home for now.
- Do not congregate in a restaurant, bar, etc. Again, you will save the lives of people you will never meet.
- If you feel sick, stay home. It doesn't matter if you don't feel too sick. Going to work will put countless other people at risk of suffering or dying.
- Cancel all business travel. Your life and the lives of others are more important.
- Expect supply chain issues: Work with your doctor to try to get a three month supply of medication.
- Many grocery stores have order ahead options with either pick up or delivery. There are online grocery delivery services available in many areas. Wash your hands thoroughly after unpacking groceries.

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Federal Govt to Control & Oversee Grocery Distribution With Private Sector Partnerships ^{Featured}

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The US federal government is in the planning stage of implementing a plan to protect and control grocery distribution across the United States via public / private partnerships with top grocery chains such as Wal-Mart, Kroger, HEB (Texas), Target, Costco, etc.

High-level sources now tell Natural News.

The effort is being made to ensure the smooth delivery of food supplies to the public as a coronavirus lockdown is about to commence on a regional basis, and food supplies are necessary to prevent social unrest, lawlessness and looting.

Alex Jones exclusively breaks down President Trump's decision to implement an interstate travel ban as early as this evening, according to experts inside the Pentagon and White House, in the latest escalation against the coronavirus outbreak.

Natural News has learned details of this plan which we are told is in the final stages of being completed, with some measure of rollout to begin as early as just a few days from now in at least one region of the country. We were also told that we got the attention of the administration when I appeared on the Alex Jones Show two weeks ago and delivered predictions numbers that closely matched the classified numbers the CDC and HHS already had, none of which had been released to the public. This "caused alarm" in certain circles, we were told, because the CDC thought they had a leak to Natural News (which apparently would be the end of the world at the CDC). They later concluded that we had reached the same conclusions based on mathematical models, not any leak. I can confirm that nobody from the CDC has leaked anything to us.

The reason we have arrived at the same numbers is because I can do math and as a scientist, I understand the principles of epidemiology and exponential spread. My pandemic projection spreadsheet has accurately predicted all the recent deaths with near-perfect accuracy, by the way, and I released it publicly on March 9th, revealing all the math behind the calculations.

On the good news side, we are told that Trump is working day and night to coordinate a response that keeps the American people fully supplied with food, medicine, water and security, and that this plan will be implemented

with absolutely zero advanced warning to the public. We are also told that VP Mike Pence is secretly working with pharmaceutical companies to rapidly accelerate critical drug manufacturing in the United States of America, with special efforts under way to resurrect certain factories in Puerto Rico that were wiped out by the hurricane last year. The long-term plan, we are told, is to designate the pharmaceutical supplies lines as strategic infrastructure much like the strategic oil reserves, and to maintain US manufacturing of certain medications from this day forward.

The days of outsourcing everything to China, in other words, are over. Thank God globalism is finally starting to implode. Let us hope Trump uses this opportunity to promote the importance of nationalism and redundant supplies lines filled with “made in America” goods and materials.

Here are the details of the food / grocery that have been shared with us:

The scope of this plan isn't yet clear, as at times we were told it would be “regional” but might expand from there. No specific city was mentioned, but we can imagine it will start with NYC and Seattle and follow the cities with the worst outbreaks.

The plan will NOT “nationalize” grocery chains, as the president prefers public/private partnerships that leverage the existing distribution infrastructure of the private sector, which operates more efficiently than the government. The president prefers to respect and allow the private sector to fulfill its role in society rather than try to take over those operations.

Grocery chains will be declared, via executive order, “critical infrastructure” (the wording may be slightly different, such as “essential infrastructure”) so that the executive branch of the federal government grants itself the justification to oversee food distribution and food security for the nation.

This is conjecture on our part, but we believe this same executive order will also designate long-haul trucking a similar “critical infrastructure” and would likely prioritize trucking / transport operations to keep the food, fuel, medicine and other supplies flowing. Obviously, without nationwide trucking, the grocery stores run out of food in mere hours, as we are now seeing almost everywhere.

The plan will involve National Guard troops showing a presence at grocery store parking lots which will serve as distribution points. They will be given ROE (Rules of Engagement) orders to actively engage anyone who initiates violence or who attempts to steal food. There will be little or no tolerance for threats to food distribution points, grocery stores or food trucking operations.

The National Guard will be ordered to begin protecting food distribution hubs and truck routes on the highways to ensure that food trucks arrive safely at grocery stores across America. The president is reportedly about to meet with trucking union leaders and trucking organizations to finalize the structure of this plan which may include an “escort” vehicle to shadow the trucks and ensure security.

There is talk — just talk, not any decision yet — of not allowing the public to enter the grocery stores and instead setting up a “drive through” system in the parking lots, where people are allowed to purchase pre-made “grocery kits” which contain pre-selected basics such as eggs, milk, ground beef, bags of rice, etc., which are offered at a fixed price and fixed quantities, with strict limits on the allowable purchases per citizen.

Presumably, there would have to be kits assembled for people who have children or infants, separate from adult kits. We are told this will not be implemented right away and is only a last-ditch measure if the spread of the virus gets far worse. However, the administration is fully aware that grocery store crowds are right now spreading the virus, especially in NYC.

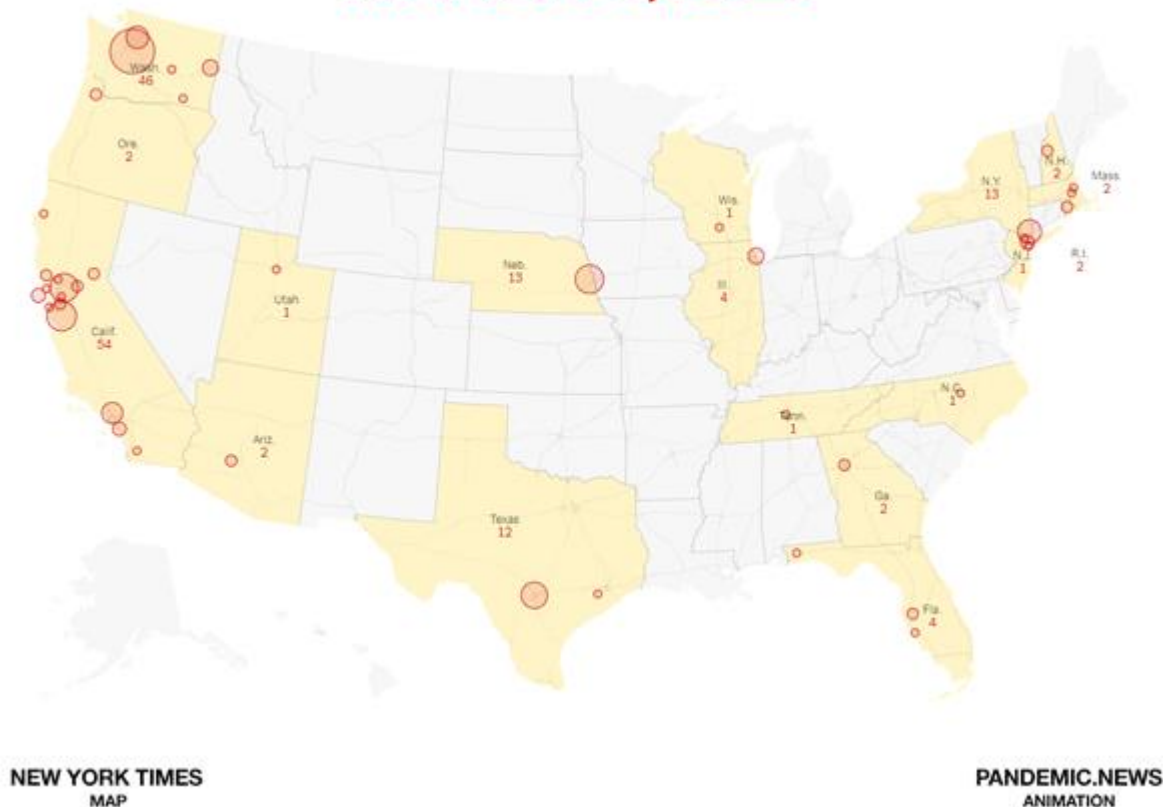
It also means that the government already realizes consumer choice is going to have to be strictly limited in order to achieve high-efficiency grocery distribution to the public. Kiss your gluten-free crackers goodbye if this phase of the plan goes live...

The SNAP program (food stamps) is going to be expanded under an emergency order to allow those on food assistance to increase their food stockpiles in advance of the coming lockdowns. This also means the banks that handle the SNAP transactions are about to see a huge increase in their transaction loads, which makes them prone to outages as history has shown.

Even if consumer choice is allowed to continue on grocery purchases for some time, strict limits will be placed on grocery items at the federal level. We are told the limits will apply to all the basic such as ground beef, bottled water, eggs, rice, milk, canned soups, bread, powdered milk, plus many personal hygiene and baby care items such as diapers, toilet paper, sanitizing supplies (including bleach), hand soap and even basic pharmacy items such as isopropyl alcohol and hydrogen peroxide.

TIMELINE: We are told this plan may be activated within days in certain regions (probably NYC and Seattle), but that logistics and delays could push it out to 1-2 weeks. The plan, we are told, will not affect most of Middle America where the virus is not yet reaching critical numbers. Watch this short animation to see where the hot spots are:

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What this means is that many of these federal emergency efforts will be focused on the West and East Coasts. We aren't expecting draconian lockdowns in the near future in any states other than Washington, California, New York and Virginia, with New Jersey a candidate that's likely to follow.

That's all we know so far.

The good news is that Trump is planning for what's coming, and he is maintaining supply lines that are necessary to prevent mass starvation and death.

Oh, this also reminds us to tell you what Dr. Anthony Fauci said earlier today. And remember that Fauci is advising the president on everything right now. He says, "If it looks like you're overreacting you're probably doing the right thing."

Yep. As reported by The Hill:

"If you just leave the virus to its own defenses it'll go way up like we've seen in Italy – that's not going to happen if we do what we're attempting to do and are doing," Fauci told CBS' Margaret Brennan on "Face the Nation."

Also worth noting: The Mayor of NYC has just announced that literally everyone in the city has likely been exposed. With everyone exposed, it's not difficult to see that one-third of the city could become infected, and that's millions of people.

Hence the need for the government to begin to oversee and protect food distribution centers.

And NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer just called for a total shutdown of the entire city. He's doing that because he knows what the numbers are, and they're already apocalyptic. The hospitals in NYC will be completely overrun in about 3-4 weeks:

If you thought the retail stores were insane yesterday and today, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

And nobody is laughing at preppers any longer...

The Funny Thing About Hollywood and Guns

by Stephen Hunter - Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Everybody doesn't like something, but, it seems, nobody doesn't like the "John Wick" movie franchise. That's certainly a point made by the total \$500 million in box office sales the three films have made.

For action fans, gun enthusiasts, wannabe machos, even those who hate anything that goes bang in the night or day, the John Wick movies, all starring a 50-something Keanu Reeves and directed by former stuntman Chad Stahelski, offer a journey through a silky-night world full of preposterous storylines, improbable kung-fu fights and blazing shootouts. As amplified by the best of modern movie technology—computer-generated imagery which can literally make anything seem plausible—the movies offer a fever dream of grace under the pressure of gunfire, martial-arts assaults and vehicular demolition derbies.

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For the few out there who don't know John Wick, he is the former No. 1 assassin for a Russian mafia gang; he is smooth, fast, deadly, earnest, acrobatic and now kind of old and sad. He shoots like Frank Hamer on amphetamines. Cross him and he deals in lead, friend. He also likes dogs. Portrayed by a dialed-way-down Reeves, he's as cool as an icicle in August in his Pike Bishop black suits (albeit by Armani), his shaggy-dog beard and his disheveled Rasputin after-the-assassination-attempts hair. Whatever he lacks in diplomatic skills and savoir-faire, the guy has style.

In fact, the stylistics really are the movies. To begin with, they're set in a mash-up of art direction gone ballistic, on sets that look left over from the "Indiana Jones" franchise, as well as "Blade Runner," with a catalog of allusions to cinema history to keep pointy heads on their toes, and weird light sources everywhere—plus fog, rain, smoke and reflective sparkles. Within this matrix, the movies generate a vision in which everything shimmers and glows in immaculate focus, as curated by cinematographers and art directors who know how wool trousers should drape, how many roses go into what kind of vase, how to get the most shine out of polished mahogany or the glint of a Beretta 92 barrel and whether blood outflow should register as red, blue, indigo, violet or purple. The movies seem at times like slick-mag whiskey ads, only with guns, lots of guns.

To emphasize the fantasyland that is the true setting of the Wick series, the geniuses behind the stylized mayhem place him in something called the International Assassins' Guild, which in turn is sanctioned and governed by the High Table. The what? The High Table, I said. I don't know what it means, either, except that this universe—though evidently unpoliced—is therefore not random: It is a (provisionally) moral universe, governed by a set of nearly medieval rules. There's a sense of the Order of the Knights Templar, which mandates and enforces sensible regulations on behavior. Many ranking members are only known by quasi-religious titles: "The Adjudicator" or "the Elder" or "the Director."

The outfit has a hitman-only hotel in New York, where the various boys and girls may rusticate between outings. They pay for this privilege in the currency of the realm, which appears to be large coins of either gold or gold tinfoil-wrapped chocolate. If one deviates from protocol, retaliation is swift. There is to be no business conducted on hotel grounds, and indeed, in the first film when a female assassin, in a flight of hubris and ambition, organizes a hit on Wick, she is summarily executed in a fashion that resembles a ritual far more than a violent deed. The only things missing are the Gregorian chants and the liturgical candles.

The plots are ridiculous, and not very memorable. In the first movie, a setup for all that follows, two no-good sons of a Russian mafia family relocated to Long Island happen to run into the retired Wick in a gas station and take a liking to his automobile, a '69 Mustang, clearly one of the coolest cars ever built (Steve McQueen will confirm). He refuses to sell, so they kill his dog.

Bad move, droogs. Wick is already riven with grief over the recent death (by cancer) of his wife. This stroke enables Reeves, not the most fluent of actors, to go through the proceedings with an air of existential melancholy, a sure winner with the chicks. Guys like the hurting warrior vibration, too.

Wick retaliates, one thing leads to another and soon he's digging up his weapons from their concrete sarcophagus in the garage. The rest of the movie is mostly gun smoke and roses. Besides the high-production values, the formula is amped up by the appearance of upper-echelon performers to share face-time with Wick—Willem Dafoe, John Leguizamo, Laurence Fishburne, Ian McShane and even the guy who plays "Mayhem" in the Allstate commercials, Dean Cain. These people, it must be said, buy totally into the production and perform without irony, self-amusement or the sense that one sometimes discovers in prominent actors slumming in thrillers of being too good for the project.

I didn't have much luck with the second movie—a little too over-the-top for anyone who considers himself reality based. It was more transparent than the first and felt like a step down in invention and fun. It did make \$172 million worldwide, however. The third, just out last year, was a step up. With an even better grade of co-stars like Halle Berry and Anjelica Huston, it contrives to turn the whole Guild against Wick. It speeds along to a finale that recalls the funhouse gunfight in Orson Welles' "The Lady from Shanghai" (1947). It has super kung fu tossed in among the bullet holes in the glass and the diamond-like shards all over the floor that such activity necessarily creates, all photographed in a kind of fluorescent glow.

So much fun. Yet a question must be asked: Is John Wick friend or foe? Do the films help or hurt the community that has embraced them so fervently?

A case can be made that the films are subversively damaging, at least to people hungry to be damaged; after all, they make guns cool, hip, stylish and desirable, which the antis loathe. They celebrate the violence unleashed with the use of guns and they portray without apology what every anti-gunner fears in his heart of hearts: firepower unleashed without mercy, concern or consequence. They are indeed fantasies, but they are capable of inducing (even more) fear among our haters as paradigms of gun culture unchecked, unrepentant and unpoliced. They portray a world that many have come to despise, rightly or wrongly, a world where speed, strength and guile rule and there's neither time nor room for feelings. If that is the message, it is expressed in the favored mode of the cultural left, irony.



When a video came out of Keanu Reeves at a gun range training with semi-automatic rifles and pistols as he prepared for the original “John Wick,” many experienced 3-Gun competitors said he could compete with them.

And yet there are ways, some of them nuanced, in which these three movies not only speak to us but for us.

One is certainly the gun-handling. This is something that most critics miss and that many viewers can’t articulate, but it nevertheless gives the films a connection with reality usually missing in Hollywood’s standard products. I interpret this as a gesture of respect, perhaps even communication, with the core audience. Even given that most of the shooting is mixed with crazed martial-arts bravura, it’s clear that the people behind the movies know a bit about shooting. It helps no end that Reeves is coached by Los Angeles gun guru Taran Butler and has acquired for-real skills, particularly at the three-gun discipline. (The final gunfight in “Chapter 3—Parabellum” seems to be conceived as the three-gun match to end all three-gun matches, along with its profusion of other references.)

Thus Wick, as well as the others, usually shoots two handed from a solid well-built isosceles, as per modern dictum. They both aim and reload—rare in Hollywood. Guns lock back when mags are depleted. Speed reloads happen in warp time. Most blessedly, there’s none of the incessant slide, pump or bolt-throwing that directors are so in love with. Slides are thrown but once through the reloading cycles. And though the guns are sometimes identified, they’re not fetishized—not lovingly photographed in close-up and flattering lighting from the most photogenic angle. Instead, they are treated matter-of-factly, like tools, which is how shooters see their firearms—not as mystical demons both awesome and fearful, as is common to the anti-gun crowd. Audiences might not notice this precisely, but they understand they are seeing something unusual. Gun people in particular respond to the reality within the dreamworld.

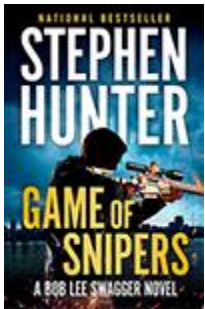
Just as importantly, the movies don’t arrive with the stench of nutcase hypocrisy that envelops so many. We’re not seeing beautiful but stupid people who make their livings in fantasy close-quarters combat manfully beating back the tears as they denounce the NRA after an exceedingly rare mass-shooting by someone who is not, and never has been, an NRA member and who bought his military-facsimile, semi-automatic rifle two days before the event. That kind of preening and moral grandeur may be good for career advancement in Hollywood, and it might find favor in an increasingly out-of-touch media, but it never plays well on the actual ground where actual people live.

Reeves, always reticent and seldom on the talk-show circuit, has mostly kept his silence on the gun issue but for one quote, when he said that people who want to own a gun should be able to own a gun. Neither the director Stahelski nor the writer of all three films, Derek Kolstad, seem to have taken a public position and seem willing to let their work speak for them. That discretion is admirable in our social-media-crazed atmosphere.

Third, they offer guns as not a guilty pleasure but simply a pleasure. Like the John Woo films of the 1970s (where the style certainly originated), these films exalt in a technique that views guns as props

in what resemble dance numbers in their rhythm, energy and beauty. There is an absence of shame, disgust and self-hatred. (Why did Frank Bullitt in the great movie, “Bullitt,” throw orange juice against his image in the mirror, as if knotted in shame? After all, he’d just killed an extremely evil actor.) This attribute carries meaning: It suggests that the firearm is not some weird Satanic object, attractive to only the demented, but a part of a larger world of human existence—good, evil, ugliness and beauty. The gun, they seem to be saying, is untainted by neurotic meaning.

Which leads to the final point: These movies offer a platform for a lost pleasure of movie-going; that is, for the admiration, the celebration of the righteous hero of force. John Wick isn’t an official social hero—a war hero, or a heroic police officer or private citizen, rewarded by his community. He is an eternal secret to those about him, who see him only as a pleasant fellow who looks a little like a pigeon-toed Russian mystic. But in his world, he is righteous; he stands for stamina, smarts, commitment to duty and belief in a moral code. This used to be a commonplace thing in Hollywood, almost a national myth as embodied by no less than John Wayne or Clint Eastwood. That’s gone now for reasons many and complex; however, in the hearts of the many who still worship the old gods, Wick is justice come for breakfast.



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Is this a vision of firearms ownership in America?

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What Is A 'California-Legal' AR-15?

BY **SAM HOOBER** | FEB 20, 2019 |



A California-compliant featureless AR-15 rifle courtesy [FN America](#)

A few people are rumored to actually enjoy shooting and firearms in the state of California. Many of those wonder just what a California-legal AR-15 is. Additionally, some people end up having to move to California, for whatever reason, and wonder if they can take their tacticoool paper puncher with them.

Before we get started, let's stipulate that we aren't lawyers here and this isn't legal advice. If you need legal advice, consult an attorney. California's gun laws can be read in all their glory by visiting CA's [Bureau of Firearms](#) website.

WARNING: This article can expose you to information. Information is known in the state of California to cause cancer.

So, let's get into what makes AR-15 rifles (or as most of the locals there say, "assault rifles") legal in the [nanny](#) state of California. The Golden State is inimical to gun rights and "allowing" its citizens to have firearms with features that Sacramento has determined are noxious. Anything that's fun in any way, shape, or form is basically illegal in California.

California mandates that all semi-automatic rifles be "featureless," meaning that they must lack any features deemed to be "dangerous" by the state. Such features generally make the rifle easy to manipulate and shoot or more concealable. Or what-have-you. This applies just as much to AK-47-pattern rifles or any other semi-auto rifle platform as well as the AR-15 family.



California compliant C39v2 by Century Arms. Credit: CenturyArms.com

It used to be that California allowed people to register a non-compliant (but otherwise legal) AR-15 as an “assault weapon,” but that loophole was closed in 2018. There are some options here, but the gist is that you need to have a California-legal AR-15 or live elsewhere.

What features must be absent for a rifle to be deemed featureless?

Rifles in California must have a fixed stock. Folding stocks or telescoping stocks are apparently dangerous. (No AR pistol for you, come back *1 year!* Actually, don't; gun laws in CA only get more restrictive.) Granted, this part is easy; if you pin a telescoping stock, that makes the stock California-compliant.

A thumbhole stock is also verboten, so no-go there.



Courtesy Smith & Wesson

A featureless rifle cannot have a pistol grip. The reason for this is anyone's guess. California-legal AR-15 rifles usually have a stock with extra material added to them so the pistol grip is joined to the stock (see the FN rifle at the top) or is extended enough to prevent the shooter from wrapping their thumb around it. No forward pistol grip may be installed, either as that's somehow a threat, too.

The rifle's magazine cannot hold more than 10 rounds. Anything more and it's considered a high capacity magazine.

The rifle may not have a flash suppressor. A muzzle brake is okay, but flash suppressors are beyond the pale. Grenade launcher and flare launcher attachments are also strictly verboten.

EDIT: Apparently I missed a key distinction about the magazine system. This is my fault, and I apologize. I like to jokingly say that I promise to feel bad about nasty things the comments section says, but this time I actually do. (About the mistake, anyway, not the nasty things people say. If you need catharsis by saying awful things about people on the internet, go right on ahead.) This was a blunder on my part, and I'm sorry about that. *Mea Culpa*

California law requires any rifle registered as an "assault rifle" to have a fixed magazine. Prior to 2018, you could get away with a magazine release that required more than a finger to actuate; magazine release buttons (aka "[bullet buttons](#)") that could be actuated by pressing them with an appropriately sized/shaped object (like a bullet, hence the name) would qualify, but that's yesterday's news. Instead, the magazine must be fixed and integral to the firearm's action.



AR Maglock installed. Credit: ARMaglock.com

The firearm's action must be opened for the magazine to be released and reloaded by opening the upper and lower.

Currently, California's "high-capacity" magazine ban is in flux due to court actions, but given the Ninth Circuit's propensity to err on the side of gun control, a 10-round magazine restriction is likely to stay for the time being.

If a rifle is converted to or comes from the factory as a featureless rifle, detachable magazines are acceptable to use. You do not need to fix the magazine UNLESS you convert what would otherwise be considered an "assault rifle" to avoid having to surrender it.



AR Maglock kit components. Credit: ARMaglock.com

You can buy a rifle that's made with this feature, or purchase a kit to either install yourself or have installed by a gunsmith. The systems made by [AR Maglock](http://ARMaglock.com) (pictured) are popular for this purpose.

Now, a number of companies sell California-legal AR-15s, so anyone who lives in that state who wants one can (still, for now) buy one if they so chose. Additionally, a number of companies will convert a standard AR-15 to a featureless rifle.

What if I'm moving to California, you ask?

It's basically like what Charlemagne told the Saxons: [Convert or die](#). (Well maybe not *die*. Go to jail is more like it.)

Previously, non-compliant AR-15 rifles could be registered as an assault weapon, but that loophole closed as of July 1, 2018. You can surrender your rifle or convert it to a featureless rifle.



A CA-compliant Thordsen FRS stock. Credit: Thordsen.com

The good news is conversion is rather simple. A few different companies make a magazine locking device that will satisfy the state's requirements (check to make sure they are compliant, as not all of them are) and a California-compliant stock such as a [Thordsen FRS](#) or Hera CQR California-Compliant stock can easily be attached. Taking off a forward pistol grip is easy enough, as is removing a flash suppressor and – if desired – installing a muzzle brake.

DIY enthusiasts who feel up to it, according to [Caligunner](#), can also convert the magazine lock with a few simple tools. You simply remove the bolt catch from the lower receiver and take out the magazine release.

You then tap the magazine release button hole with a 6-32 drill and tap set to enlarge and thread the hole. After you insert the 10-round magazine of your choice, replace the magazine catch, then insert and tighten down a $\frac{3}{8}$ " set screw. This fixes the magazine in place. Replace the bolt catch, and re-attach the upper receiver to the lower. Prior to 2018, you could have installed a "bullet button" device requiring a tool to drop the magazine, but the sun has set on that provision.

The way the wind's blowing, this isn't likely to be the last anti-AR-15 legislation passed in California. However, as of 2019, buying a California-legal AR-15 or converting one to a featureless rifle are pretty much your only options. Good luck.

Five Types Of AR Malfunctions And How To Address Them

By **Tiger McKee** March 2, 2020



On the top is a Type II malfunction—failure to eject an empty piece of brass. Below is the Type III, or double feed. Using high-quality parts minimizes the likelihood of these problems. But, even then, “Murphy’s Law” kicks in. Be ready to clear a stoppage.

Whether it's a failure to feed or failure to eject, AR-15 malfunctions are part of life. Here's how to address them and keep you carbine running.

What Are The Five Types Of AR-15 Malfunctions:

- Type I: Failure to feed
- Type II: Failure to eject
- Type III: Double feed
- Type IV: Failure to extract
- Type V: Bolt Override

The AR platform is ideal for almost any application. No matter how your AR is configured—or your target—one thing common to every application: the skills used to manipulate the AR. And, the most important of the manipulations is the ability to clear a AR-15 malfunctions or stoppages and get the gun running again.

Administrative Actions

There are two categories of manipulations. “Administrative” actions are used to load and unload. During these actions, you have all the time you need; there’s no reason to rush. “Functional” manipulations—empty reloads and clearing stoppages—keep the AR running. In addition, you usually need to get it up and gunning as efficiently as possible.

Empty reloads are simple. After firing for a while, you know the mag is about to run dry. When the bolt locks to the rear, it’s not a surprise. Old mag out, new mag in, and use the bolt catch as a release to chamber a round. Carry on.



The Type V stoppage is a bolt override. A round or piece of brass gets on top of the bolt and is wedged into the channel where the charging handle rides. You don’t see these stoppages very often. It looks complicated, but it’s actually fairly easy to clear.

AR-15 malfunctions are different, because a stoppage is always unexpected. During a fight (a self-defense confrontation, law enforcement or combative operation), shooters are stressed, and they make mistakes. The probability of having a stoppage in a fight is much higher than it is on the range. And when your AR stops working, you need to fix it.

Common AR-15 Malfunctions

There are three common stoppages with the AR, as well as two others that appear occasionally. The techniques to clear these are based on the skills used to load and unload.

However, sometimes unloading requires a couple of extra steps, depending on what type of stoppage you have. If you know how to “speak” AR, it will tell you what’s required to get it running again.



Start working an AR hard, and things just happen. Using quality ammunition goes a long way toward avoiding these problems. The best way to prepare for these events is dry practice with dummy ammo.

The Type I stoppage is caused by no round of ammo in the chamber; a bad round of ammo, such as a faulty primer; or the bolt is out of battery. No matter the reason, when you press the trigger, the AR doesn't fire.

Your immediate action is to “load.” Come off the trigger, tap and tug on the mag to ensure it's locked in, and cycle the charging handle to load the chamber.

A Type II stoppage is a failure to eject an empty piece of brass (also called a “stove pipe” or “smokestack”). You press, but no bang! Your immediate action is

to load. It's a different type of AR-15 malfunction, but your initial response is the same: Off the trigger, tap and tug on the mag, and cycle to chamber a round.



The Type IV AR-15 Malfunction is a case stuck in the chamber.

To clear this, you have to bang the rear of the stock against something solid while pulling back on the charging handle. This generates the force needed to pull the case free—or it will rip it, which means it's going to take time and tools to fix.

Type III is the “double feed.” Two things, either brass and/or live rounds, are trying to occupy one space—the chamber. You press, and when the AR fails to fire, roll into the loading sequence. You cycle the charging handle, but the way it feels indicates that this isn't ejecting the trash or loading the chamber. It's time to unload.

Unloading

Unloading begins by removing the mag. The bolt is trying to feed a round out of the mag, so you'll have to pull or strip the mag out of the receiver. Cycle the charging handle a minimum of three times; it's usually going to take this to get rid of the stoppage. Once the charging handle feels right and the bolt is going into battery, it's time to load.

Sometimes, Type III obstructions are wedged together tightly. You cycle three times, maybe four, with no joy. The handle is telling you to manually lock the bolt to the rear. Once it's locked back, taking buffer spring pressure off the obstructions, put your fingers up the magwell and push. Shake to get the trash out. Manually cycle the bolt once more to ensure the chamber is clear; then load.

Types I through III stoppages are common. Types IV and V AR-15 malfunctions don't happen often, but you still need to know how to fix them.

More AR-15 Malfunction Scenarios

Type IV is a case stuck in the chamber. You're pulling the charging handle, but there's no rearward movement—the case is stuck in the chamber, and the bolt's extractor is hooked on the case. The AR is telling you to unload.



Should your AR stop working in a defensive situation and you're within handgun distance, the most efficient way to get hits on the threat will be to transition to a pistol.

However, at some point, you're going to want to get the AR running again.

Remove the magazine. Hook two fingers on the charging handle, supporting the AR with the other hand. To generate the force needed to pull the case from the chamber, bang the rear of the stock against something solid while pulling rearward on the charging handle. Cycle to clear the chamber, then load. This

action will either clear the case, or it rips it, which unfortunately means it takes time and tools to correct. This is a good time to transition to the pistol.

A Type V stoppage is a “bolt override.” A round or piece of brass gets stuck above the bolt. The AR lets you know it’s a Type V via the charging handle. It will usually come back part of the way, but there’s no spring pressure on it. Remove the mag. Put a finger or other tool up the mag well and in front of the bolt; the other hand should be on the charging handle. Pull back on the charging handle while pressing the bolt to the rear. Once the bolt is all the way back, hold it there and work the charging handle forward. This frees the obstruction. Quickly remove the finger/multi-tool and let the bolt fly forward.

The Goal

Ultimately, manipulations should be done without needing to see your firearm. Keep your eyes on target. Again, listening to what the AR is telling you will help with this process. With plenty of practice, you get to the point at which everything is done by physical confirmation and at a subconscious level.

To avoid trouble, make sure to have good gear. Quality parts, such as a proper extractor spring (I recommend the Colt “gold” spring), good mags and ammunition, go a long way to ensure your AR is reliable. Learn how to properly load, unload and reload.

But even then, stoppages occur. Make sure when that time comes you’re ready to fix the problem, safely and efficiently ... and possibly under stress.

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Top 22 Sharp-Shooting 6.5 Creedmoor Rifles (2020)

By [Elwood Shelton](#) - February 13, 2020

Choices abound when it comes to top 6.5 Creedmoor rifles. Here are some of the best to get the red-hot round dead on target.

Some of the best rifles to get the Creedmoor to go the distance:

- [Sig Sauer CROSS Rifle](#)
- [Roam R-10 Great Plains](#)
- [Rock River Arms RBG](#)
- [Henry Long Ranger](#)
- [MPA BA PMR "Pro" Competition Rifle](#)
- [Daniel Defense DELTA 5](#)
- [Badrock South Fork](#)
- [Ruger Hawkeye Long Range Target](#)
- [Howa Oryx Chassis Rifle](#)
- [Seekins Precision Havak Bravo](#)
- [Smith & Wesson M&P 10](#)
- [Barrett Fieldcraft](#)
- [Ruger Precision Rifle](#)
- [Bergara B-14 HMR](#)
- [RISE Armament 1121XR](#)
- [Savage Model 10 GRS](#)
- [Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon SPEED](#)
- [Kimber Advanced Tactical SOC II](#)
- [Howa HCR](#)
- [Mossberg MVP](#)
- [Tikka T3x Tactical Compact Rifle](#)
- [Springfield M1A Loaded](#)

The [6.5 Creedmoor](#), heard of it? If you haven't, then perhaps you're new to firearms or maybe you've been cloistered in some cave outside Moab for the

past decade living off prickly pears and raw fish. At this point, those are about the only acceptable excuses why you haven't caught wind of the hottest cartridge to hit shooting since .30 met aught six.

The cartridge has gained notoriety for its ability to clip a gnat's ass at 1,000 yards without the shooter enduring rented-mule levels of punishment. However, the cartridge is really only one half of the story; the other is the marvelous array of precision shooters to deliver the long-range wunderkind where it needs to be.

Precision Shooting: [Savage's Accuracy Enhancing AccuFit System](#)

With this in mind, here are some of the top 6.5 Creedmoor rifles on the market today. These babies will deliver, no matter the round, all you have to do is provide a steady hand.

2020 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle Updates

Sig Sauer CROSS Rifle



Up to this point, when you wanted a 6.5 Creedmoor rifle for hunting you had two options. A pure sporter, not quite tuned to get the most out of the cartridge or precision rifle, and drag a boat anchor around the backcountry. Sig Sauer saw an opportunity in this divide and produced what might be the perfect compromise between the two. A hybrid, the CROSS Rifle delivers all the accuracy enhancements of a match iron, with the lightness of a true mountain rifle. That's a deadly combination.

Ultra-lightweight, the CROSS Rifle tips the scales at a mere 6.5 pounds—around 40-percent less than anything else in its class. It boasts a fully-adjustable, folding buttstock—LOP and comb height—skeletonized to keep it svelte. Sig outfits it with a free-floating match barrel (18-inch in 6.5 CM) topped with the taper-lock that works with any of the company's suppressors. The barrel also is swappable without the aid of a gunsmith, giving you a host of other chambering options.

Other notables include a two-stage adjustable match trigger, M-Lok handguard, ACIS magazine compatibility and interchangeable Picatinny rail. There's more, but as is, it's safe to say Sig has rethought the hunting rifle for the better. **MSRP:** \$1,779, [sigsauer.com](https://www.sigsauer.com)

Roam R-10 Great Plains



When you're hale from Grand Forks, ND, you're painfully aware of the magnitude of the American West. Perhaps this is why Roam puts a premium on portability in its gun designs, particularly its AR-style 6.5 Creedmoor rifle. The Peace Garden State gunmaker understand you have to put miles under your boots to put meat on the table.

The R-10 Great Plains is optimized for this very job, among the lightest 6.5mm AR-10 (DPMS variant) options out there at an extremely manageable 7.28 pounds. Roam achieves this by turning to lightweight magnesium alloys for the receiver and handguard. The material matches the strength of aluminum while dropping a third of the weight. This weight savings allows for a longer 22-inch fluted heavy barrel, arguably better suited for the 6.5 CM, without upping the heft.

Enhancing the R-10, the choice of the excellent ATC Hybrid AR Gold or JMT Saber Single Stage triggers, upping its accuracy potential. It also has a load of other assets, such as a Radian ambidextrous charging handle, Hogue pistol grip, and Magpul stock with Limbsaver recoil pad. Arguably, it's the cream of the AR hunter crop. **MSRP: \$2,799, roamrifles.com**

Rock River Arms RBG



Safe to say, Rock River Arms (RRA) pulled out all the stops catching the precision-shooting wave. Newly minted, the RBG 6.5 Creedmoor rifle is a top-end build that demands a top-end price. Nobody ever said accuracy comes on the cheap.

At the heart of the system is RRA's stainless steel short action, mated to a 20-inch fluted Wilson barrel, complete with threaded muzzle (5/8-24) and protector. Air gauged and cryo-treated, the barrel is manufactured to exacting standards to deliver consistent sub-MOA accuracy.

Kinetic Research Group provides the chassis, its Whiskey-3, which is a gem—fully adjustable buttstock, precise aluminum bedding, tool-less adjustment, ample attachment points—the whole shebang. If that not enough, RRA also includes a Triggertech Trigger, oversized knurled bolt handle and built-in bubble canting device standard. It might run a pretty penny, but the RBG still is a great value. **MSRP:** \$4,150, rockriverarms.com

Henry Long Ranger



Henry Repeating Arms in a precision rifle list? Sounds crazy, but the purveyor of quality lever-action rifles more than deserves its place with the Long Ranger. The 6.5 Creedmoor rifle delivers accuracy akin to a bolt-action, but with the speed of a repeater.

It pulls off this feat through some ingenious engineering, a bolt that essentially mirrors a bolt-action's lock-up. The 6-lug rotary head adds an element of consistency, which is easily seen downrange. Not to mention, breathes new life into the lever-action, particularly for long-range hunting.

Find Out More: [Henry Long Ranger](#)

Aiding the Long Ranger is Henry incorporating a 4-round magazine, making it safe to chamber the rifle 6.5 CM. American walnut stock and richly blued 22-inch barrel and receiver, the rifle might be the most beautiful on the list. **MSRP:** \$1,105, henryusa.com

MPA BA PMR “Pro” Competition Rifle



If you compete in or even mildly follow the Precision Rifle Series, you're cognizant MasterPiece Arms commands respect—and top dollar. While the Georgia gunmaker isn't jettisoning its premium label, it is making its gold-medal rifles a bit more accessible. Designed to meet the revised standards for the PRS Production Class—less than \$2,500—the MPA BA PMR “Pro” Competition Rifle chips down on price, but not quality.

The 6.5 Creedmoor rifle's heart is MPA's BA Competition Chassis, a legend in its own right, which boasts unique V-bedding that allow clearance for glass bedding for both the action and straight section of the barrel. From there, MPA mates the chassis with Curtis Custom's 3-lug short action and a X-Caliber stainless steel barrel (M24 contour). Finally, you get the choice of a Trigger Tech Special (set to 1-3lbs) or Timney HIT (set to 6oz – 2 lbs range) trigger.

All this and about a ton of other features, too numerous to list, make MPA's Production Class rifle one of the best values to hit the market this year. **MSRP:** \$2,499, masterpiecearms.com

Daniel Defense DELTA 5



Taking the modularity of the AR-15 and applying it to a bolt action, Daniel Defense's DELTA 5 is among the most versatile 6.5 Creedmoor rifles to hit the market. That's because the turn bolt is more than simply the county-mile wunderkind. It's also a .308. Crazy, huh? A switch-barrel, the rifle jumps seamlessly between the two long-range standbys, giving you perhaps everything you need in a single precision boomstick. And Daniel Defense makes certain, no matter the caliber, you'll connect.

Indeed, the gunmaker has pulled out all the stops, decking out the rifle with a 24-inch stainless-steel Palma-profile barrel, mechanically bedded stainless-steel action, over-sized bolt knob, three-lug bolt and cutting-edge stock. The stock is particularly eye-catching, an advanced carbon-fiber reinforced polymer system that's fully adjustable for length-of-pull and comb height. The DELTA 5 also comes with a total of 14 M-Lok slots and three QD points, making it a breeze to add accessories and a sling. **MSRP: \$2,199, danieldefense.com**

Badrock South Fork



Not exactly cheap, but an incredible value, the South Fork 6.5 Creedmoor rifle teeters on custom-made performance. Makes sense, given Badrock is a division of Defiance Machine, well known for their tailor-made competition-grade actions. The company applies this expertise to piece together the dead-nuts chassis, yet keep the price sane. A steep task, known to turn a gunmaker's hair gray early.

At the heart of the South Fork is a rock-solid modified Remington Model 700 action, upgraded with a coned bolt-nose, fixed ejector and modified controlled-round feed. The gunmaker mates the action with a 26-inch match-grade stainless-steel barrel, then fits them into a Modular Driven Technology LSS-XL Gen2 chassis (fully adjustable, of course). Meant to meet production rifle standards for competition, the system does make some sacrifices to achieve its price point. The scope base and muzzle device are extras. But for what you get on the South Fork as is, that's not much to complain about. **MSRP:** \$1,995, badrockrifles.com

Ruger Hawkeye Long Range Target



Since Ruger released the Long Range Target a few years ago, shooters have been champing at the bit for a 6.5 Creedmoor option. That wait is over. And the results, nothing short of magnificent.

Originally released as a .300 Win. Mag., the Hawkeye is a cruiserweight precision rig, offering among the sturdiest platforms to launch the 6.5. Thanks to a target stock made of laminated wood, the hefty 11-pound rifle soaks up recoil and anchors like a tick. Furthermore, its two-way adjustable comb and adjustable LOP ensures a perfect fit. QD attachment points and flush-fit M-Lok rail below the forearm gives you a way sling it up and accessorize it. And the 6.5 Creedmoor rifle features a heavy contour stainless-steel barrel paired with Ruger's famous M77 action, which boasts a one-piece bolt. Yup, it's controlled feed. Topping it off is a responsive two-stage adjustable target trigger and Ruger's Precision Rifle Hybrid Muzzle Brake. More than capable of achieving $\frac{1}{2}$ MOA accuracy, the Hawkeye is a gem in 6.5. **MSRP:** \$1,279, ruger.com

Howa Oryx Chassis Rifle



As previously shown on this list, Howa has carved a niche as a purveyor of affordable tack drivers. And the company doesn't show any sign of letting up. Its latest 6.5 Creedmoor rifle is a collaboration with Modular Driven Technologies, a partnership that – for the moment – has created among the most penny-wise chassis options on the market.

The M1500 Oryx features MDT's Spartan, yet effective monolithic aluminum Oryx chassis. While it doesn't boast the bells and whistles of some other options, it has what counts – spacer-adjustable length of pull, set-screw adjustable cheek riser, M-Lok mounting points below the forend and an overmolded grip. Howa's 1500 barreled-action is no slouch itself, featuring a two-lug push-feed bolt, which has built a reputation for tight groups on the cheap. A hair over \$1,000, there are few other chassis that come close to what the M1500 Oryx offers. **MSRP:** \$1,059, www.howausa.com

Seekins Precision Havak Bravo



The Havak Action is something special. One of the more innovative to hit precision rifles in a spell, the custom job isn't simply built like a tank, but also is among the easiest to operate. It's also the heart of Seekins Precision's production-class rifle – the Havak Bravo. Given the action alone runs around \$1,200, it's difficult to fathom how the gunmaker pulls off the rifle. Regardless, shooters benefit.

What makes the Havok Action unique is it's smooth as warm butter to work. A benefit if fast shooting and shot-to-shot accuracy are your goals. Part of this is thanks to a unique helical extraction cam, which sends the bolt back immediately when it's thrown. The other half of the equation is the 50/50 cocking mechanism, which splits the operation between the bolt's up and down strokes.

Seeking Precision marries the action with a 24-inch stainless-steel match-grade barrel and mounts them in a KRG Bravo chassis. As expected, the stock is completely adjustable. The 6.5 Creedmoor rifle is finished off with a Timney 510 trigger, which ups the fire tube and your potential accuracy. **MSRP:** \$1,950, seekinsprecision.com

Smith & Wesson M&P 10



As far as 6.5 Creedmoor AR-10 rifles are concerned, there are few that come close to what Smith & Wesson offers for the price. In its second generation, the M&P 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle is a jack-of-all-trades – as adept on a hunt as it is in a match. Best of all, the Performance Center creation doesn't skimp. You have everything you need to milk the most out of the Creedmoor.

Foremost, S&W has opted for a longer 20-inch barrel, ensuring optimal performance with a cartridge that prefers more bore. This is 5R rifled, which, in theory, should help retain the ballistic integrity of the bullet once it's left the barrel. Keeping recoil in check, the company moved the gas block forward – maintaining shot-to-shot accuracy. To this end, its 9.5-pound weight is a nice middle ground, once again eating up some of the kick, but not making the rifle unwieldy. Furthermore, the Smith & Wesson boasts a Troy Industries 15-inch free floated handguard and a respectable two-stage match trigger. Only the stock leaves a little to desire, given it's fixed – a Magpul MOE. But given the rest of the rifle's pros, that's easy to overlook. **MSRP: \$2,035, smith-wesson.com**

Barrett Fieldcraft



A backcountry rifle worth its weight in backstraps must be two things: accurate and light. Not always conducive goals. But it's something Barrett has accomplished in spades with its phenomenal Fieldcraft bolt-action.

Light as a daydream, the 6.5 Creedmoor rifle tips the scales at 5.2 pounds. You heard that right – 5.2. The secret behind the weight savings is Barrett drawing inspiration from NULA's custom action. There's simply no excess material left to weigh you down, given the action is built around the cartridge for a glove fit. Paired with a thin No. 1 contour barrel, then seated in a hand-laid carbon-fiber stock, you've got a rifle you can lug around all day, then some. Not that it doesn't come with drawbacks. Its lighthness increases the generally mild-mannered 6.5's recoil, but not too unbearable lengths. Certainly not enough to knock you off a follow-up shot on that trophy bull across the canyon. **MSRP:** \$1,879, barrett.net

Standby 6.5 Creedmoor Rifles

Ruger Precision Rifle



Arguably the gun that kicked off the long-range shooting craze, the Ruger Precision Rifle remains among the top in 6.5 Creedmoor rifles. Built around the American Rifle action, Ruger fitted a 24-inch cold hammer-forged medium contour barrel, complete with 5R rifling to protect the integrity of the 6.5's bullets. Mated to a pre-hardened 4140 chrome-moly steel upper, the platform provides rigidity and a true free-floating barrel.

Read More: [Ruger Precision Rifle](#)

Additionally, its inline recoil system, which directs kick straight backwards, makes the rifle more accurate shot to shot. A mainstay now, the Precision Rifle (also chambered .308 Win. and 6mm Creedmoor) was among the first economy long-range shooter to offer a fully adjustable stock. The Precision Rifle's competition has grown, but it more than has the yarbels to hold its own among other 6.5 Creedmoor rifles and otherwise. **MSRP:** \$1,599, ruger.com

Bergara B-14 HMR



Suited to tackle any shooting situation you get a 6.5 Creedmoor tangled up in — from match to field — Bergara’s B-14 HMR (Hunting & Match Rifle) is as flexible as they come. Not as tactically aggressive as some long-range rifles, the B-14 HMR (also available in .308 Win. and .450 Bushmaster) nonetheless is as advanced, with an aluminum skeleton (mini-chassis) molded into the polymer stock to provide indispensable rigidity any precision platform requires. Furthermore, fully adjustable length of pull and cheek riser fits the stock perfectly to any shooter.

Read Also: [Bergara's B-14 BMP \(Match Precision\) Rifle](#)

Renowned for their actions and barrels, Bergara does not disappoint with its tack-driver, outfitting it with a 22-inch bull barrel and rock-solid B-14 action, known for its silky-smooth operation. A 3-pound trigger, threaded muzzle, AICS detachable box magazine and integrated QD flush cup mounts round out the system. If you can’t truly decide your ultimate aim in the world of 6.5 Creedmoor rifles, Bergara’s economical Jack-of-all-trades is your ticket. **MSRP:** \$1,150, bergara.online/us

RISE Armament 1121XR



Designed for those who expect more out of their firearms, the 1121XR delivers in the form of a light and capable AR-10 chambered for the 6.5 Creedmoor. The gas-operated semi-auto (also chambered .308 Win.) dispenses bolt-action sub-MOA accuracy with lightning speed aided by RISE Armament's exceptional RA-535 Advanced-Performance Trigger with a 3.5-pound pull, terse release and micro reset.

Read More: [Rise Armament 1121XR Full Review](#)

Furthermore, the 22-inch barreled rifle has all the accouterments to make life easy off the bench or in the field: streamlined billet aluminum M-LOK compatible handguard, Picatinny upper rail and an overall weight just a tick north of 10 pounds. Additionally, the whole shebang gets a durable Cerakote finish available in three color choices — black, foliage green and flat dark earth. If that's not enough, RISE Armaments throws in two 10-round magazines and a hard case to safely transport the tactical gem. Of all 6.5 Creedmoor rifles, the 1121XR is most certainly the fastest to get you on target again and again. **MSRP:** \$2,449, risearmament.com

Savage Model 10 GRS



A no-compromise precision rifle with a relatively decent price point, Savage's 10 GRS comes outfitted with a stock certain to help you deliver a 6.5 round where it needs to go. Constructed of 65-percent fiberglass and featuring pillar-bedding blocks, the Norwegian made stock is the sturdy and stiff platform long-range shooters aim for in their rifles. Moreover, slip-nut controls make length of pull and the cheek rest adjustment push-button matters and an ergonomic full grip gives you the ability to provide the needed rear pressure for solid shouldering.

Read More: [Savage Model 10 GRS Full Review](#)

Time-tested, Savage's Model 10 short action is a near perfect heart for the rifle and gets matted with a 24-inch fluted barrel, which provides great harmonics, while keeping the overall platform at a reasonable weight — a hair under 9 pounds. The GRS also comes chambered in .308 Win., and 6mm Creedmoor. The 6.5 Creedmoor rifle feds off AICS magazines, boasts Savage's popular adjustable AccuTrigger and comes outfitted with optics rail and sling swivels. **MSRP:** \$1,449, savagearms.com

Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon SPEED



Built for long-range backcountry hunting, Browning's X-Bolt Hell's Canyon SPEED is wickedly effective at everything it's designed to do, particularly not bog you down. At 6 pounds 5 ounces, the rifle (available in 13 calibers) is among the lightest 6.5 Creedmoor rifles on the market, hastened by its featherweight composite stock and just enough barrel (a 22-inch sporter) to ensure optimal [ballistic performance](#).

See Also: [Browning X-Bolt Long Range Hunter Full Review](#)

Solid as a concrete slab, the X-Bolt remains a top choice among precision hunters with its fast-operating 60-degree bolt lift, dependable detachable rotary magazine and three-lever Feather Trigger. Drilled and tapped, the receiver comes ready for scope mounts and the free-floating barrel is hand chambered to ensure the tightest tolerances. **MSRP:** \$1,200, [browning.com](#)

Kimber Advanced Tactical SOC II



Engineered to meet the exacting needs of military, law enforcement and serious precision shooters, the Kimber Advanced Tactical SOC II (Special Operations Capable) comes with a sub-0.5-MOA guarantee, which it delivers. The fastidiously designed and executed instrument is hand built, outfitted with an adjustable aluminum folding stock, 22-inch stainless-steel barrel and threaded muzzle with protector.

Read Also: [7 Top Pieces for a Tactical Advantage](#)

Moreover, Kimber hits the right notes with traditionalists in the SOC II (also chambered .308 Win.) with a Mauser Action, complete with an oversized claw extractor for controlled feed. Rounding out the rifle, a whisper-break trigger factory set to 2.5 pounds, a match-grade chamber and M-LOK compatible accessory rail. The SOC II runs at the upper end of 6.5 Creedmoor rifles, but is worth every penny. **MSRP:** \$2,450, kimberamerica.com

Howa HCR



Marrying accuracy and affordability in exquisite fashion, the Howa HCR is the 'Everyman's' chassis rifle. Sturdy as the day is long, the rifle (available in five calibers) boasts an Accurate-Mag monolithic 6061-T6 aluminum chassis, free floating the 6.5 Creedmoor's 24-inch bull barrel and comes with a fully adjustable LUTH-AR stock with six positions of adjustment. A nice touch, the comb is ambidextrous making the rifle left-hand friendly.

Read More: [Howa HCR](#)

Built off the company's cornerstone 1500 action, the HCR (Howa Chassis Rifle) features a two-lug push-feed bolt, which grazes off a 10-round Teflon-coated all-steel magazine. Howa offers scoped packages of the rifle, outfitted with Nikko Stirling's Diamond Long Range 4-16x50mm scope. Regardless of what optic is slapped on top of this Howa, it should prove to be one sharpshooter. **MSRP:** \$1,670, howausa.com

Mossberg MVP Precision



Mossberg is a newcomer to the chassis rifle game, but is right on target with its MVP Precision — a professional-grade firearm at a reasonable price. Common to 6.5 Creedmoor rifles of this style, the MVP features a modular chassis, in-house designed and constructed of aircraft-grade aluminum, and sports a slim-profile M-LOK compatible handguard.

A full-length 20 MOA Picatinny rail gives shooters more range on their optics, mounting them higher, and a LUTH-AR MBA-3 stock adjusts for length of pull, cast and comb height. The rifle (also chambered .308 Win.) boasts a patented LBA Adjustable Trigger, tunable from 3 to 7 pounds, and comes outfitted with a threaded (cap included) 24-inch medium bull barrel. Cleverly, a scalloped tactical bolt handle provides more clearance for large or gloved hands. **MSRP:** \$1,407, mossberg.com

Tikka T3x Tactical Compact Rifle



6.5 Creedmoor rifles generally tend toward long barrels, but Tikka gives shooters a more petite option with this neat little tactical gem. Available with a 20- or 24-inch semi-heavy contour barrel, the T3x Tactical Compact Rifle can fill the role of traditional long-range shooter or nimble sniper rifle.

Built around Tikka's broached action, the Finnish rifle (also available in .260 Rem., and .308 Win.) is stiff as starched sheets and features an enlarged ejection port making it possible to feed a round directly into the action. More traditional, the lightweight rifle's fiberglass-reinforced stock nevertheless provides desired rigidity to the firearm and an oversized bolt handle makes the bolt-action lightening fast in operation. An interesting touch, the buttstock comes with a foam insert to keep the rifle whisper quiet when stealth is at a premium. **MSRP:** \$1,275, tikka.fi/en-us

Springfield M1A Loaded



A staple in match shoots for decades, Springfield took the M1A's accuracy a step further with the introduction of a 6.5 Creedmoor model. The semi-automatic version of the M14 platform (also available in .308 Win.) has everything you need to shoot a country mile in a New York minute: air-gauged National Match barrel, 4.5-pound two-stage trigger, front blade and rear aperture sights.

Read More: [Springfield M1A 6.5 Creedmoor Review](#)

However, this M1A goes a step further than its siblings boasting a stock fully adjustable for length of pull and comb height. The rifle is a beast, tipping the scales at 11.4 pounds and measuring 45-46.25 inches, but the extra material should make the M1A among the softest shooting 6.5 Creedmoor rifles at the range or anywhere else. **MSRP:** \$2,045, springfield-armory.com

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