

**RECENTLY RELEASED CORONAVIRUS RELATED ARTICLES AND BLOGS
ACCORDING TO DISEASE APPROACH. MAY 2020**

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DIAGNOSTIC

[F.D.A. Halts Coronavirus Testing Program Backed by Bill Gates. The New York Times](#)

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[Logjam in COVID-19 testing! What next? Could wastewater- based epidemiology \(WBE\) be an option, especially in LMICs?. IHP](#)

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