

Beyond Meat shares rise on news that it collaborated with McDonald's on the McPlant options | TechCrunch

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After tumbling earlier today, [Beyond Meat](#) shares are shooting upward on news that the company did indeed collaborate with McDonald's on its new McPlant vegetarian menu.

McDonald's made waves this morning when it announced its new McPlant, and the company's statement, which said that the new plant-based patty and chicken substitute formulation was made in-house, caused Beyond Meat shares to slide.

However, McDonald's overstated its own role in the creation of its McPlant, which was actually developed in conjunction with Beyond Meat, according to a statement provided to [CNBC](#).

The stock has been on a roller coaster today, with shares sliding on fears that it had been rebuffed by McDonald's and then rising on the clarification that it was involved in the process.

The partnership seems like a win for the alternative protein provider, which is locked in a meaty competition with its privately held rival, [Impossible Foods](#), for fast food burger chain dominance.

However, there's still more news from Beyond Meat that's coming later today as the company announces its latest earnings report.

The numbers could have investors asking, "[Where's the beef?](#)"

If it seems like Beyond Meat's sausages, patties and chicken offerings are cropping up everywhere, that's because they are. The company announced a deal with the Jamaican patty company Golden Krust, and expanded its partnership with [KFC](#) both in the U.S. and in China, where the chain sells a Beyond Burger.

However, the number of protein replacement competitors continues to expand with startup companies galore looking to pitch meatless alternatives to the burger. The Spanish company [Heura](#) has a new meat alternative that it boasts can replicate the fatty texture of meat with fewer ingredients than the first generation of suppliers.

Meanwhile, vegetarian spam has made its way onto McDonald's menus in Hong Kong, a meatless chicken brand, Nuggets, is going direct to consumers, and [Tyson Foods](#) and Kellogg's are both making vegetarian alternatives.

Mark Esper fired as Pentagon chief after contradicting Trump | US news | The Guardian

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Donald Trump has fired his defence secretary, Mark Esper, in the latest sign that the transition to a new Biden administration in January is going to be turbulent on both domestic and foreign fronts.

Esper was fired by tweet on Monday afternoon, with the president declaring he was “pleased to announce that Christopher C Miller, the highly respected director of the National Counterterrorism Center (unanimously confirmed by the Senate), will be acting secretary of defense, effective immediately.

“Chris will do a GREAT job! Mark Esper has been terminated. I would like to thank him for his service.”

Esper had been at odds with Trump on a number of issues, most importantly his insistence at the height of the Black Lives Matter protests in the summer that there were no legal grounds to deploy active-service troops on the streets of US cities.

He was also working with Congress on legislation to rename US army bases named after Confederate generals. In a final interview Esper predicted that he would be followed by a “yes man”, adding “And then God help us.”

In a coolly worded final letter to the president, Esper wrote: “I serve the country in deference to the Constitution, so I accept your decision to replace me.” He left the Pentagon quietly on Monday without the “clap-out” from staff traditionally accorded to a departing secretary.

Miller arrived at the Pentagon on Monday amid questions about the legality of his appointment. By law, the deputy secretary of defence, currently David Norquist, would become acting secretary in the event of a sudden departure at the top. Furthermore, the law requires that a secretary of defence to have been out of active duty military service for seven years. Miller, a former Green Beret, only left the military in 2014.

The law can be sidestepped by a vote in Congress, as was done for Esper’s predecessor James Mattis, a retired marine.

In the face of Trump’s widely reported fury of his intransigence, Esper stopped giving press briefings in the Pentagon in July. He is reported to have written his resignation letter before the election, and Trump may have moved abruptly to prevent his defence secretary from taking the initiative.

The president insisted he fired Mattis in December 2018, even though Mattis’s critical resignation letter had been widely circulated.

“The abrupt firing of Secretary Esper is disturbing evidence that President Trump is intent on using his final days in office to sow chaos in our American democracy and around the world,” the House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, said.

In an interview with Military Times given the day after the election and published on Monday, Esper said he was proud of the occasions he stood up to Trump, angrily rejecting the nickname of Yesper, used by critics who saw him as too subservient to Trump.

Chase Elliott, 24, third-youngest driver to win NASCAR Cup title

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AVONDALE, Ariz. -- The new face of NASCAR circled Phoenix Raceway for a celebratory lap of his finest achievement. Chase Elliott, NASCAR's most popular driver, was now a Cup champion, too.

He came upon teammate Jimmie Johnson, who banged doors with Elliott. Then the seven-time champion, in his final race, gave Elliott a fist bump. The torch has officially been passed.

This is NASCAR's Camelot. Elliott did what Dale Earnhardt Jr. could not and parlayed the popularity gleamed off his Hall of Fame father into a NASCAR championship.

The son of "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" Georgia solidified himself as the new face of Hendrick Motorsports, of Chevrolet and of NASCAR on the day the greatest driver of this generation called it a career. Elliott drove from the back of the field to victory lane at Phoenix to win for Hendrick and Chevrolet, which had been shut out of the title race since Johnson won his seventh and final crown in 2016.

"I just never would have thought that this year would have gone like it has," Elliott said. "I mean, NASCAR Cup Series champion, are you kidding me? Unreal."

He shared a long hug with Johnson, who joined Elliott for the victory celebration. "Oh my gosh, I mean, to share a moment like that, Jimmie's last race, to win and lock the championship," said Elliott, "those are moments you can only dream, you know, and this is a dream.

"Just hoping I don't ever wake up."

Elliott's car failed pre-race inspection and the penalty cost him the pole when he was sent to the rear. But he raced his way through traffic in the first stage and then took control of the championship. Elliott led seven times for a race-high 153 laps. Johnson finished fifth -- his best result since August -- in his final ride in Hendrick's No. 48 Chevrolet.

"My heart is full," said Johnson, who is tied with Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt with seven titles. His 83 victories rank sixth on the career wins list and his stretch of five consecutive titles from 2006-2010 is a NASCAR record. Asked what he will remember about his 686th race, Johnson said it will be Elliott's breakthrough.

"Chase Elliott won his first championship. I'm so happy for that guy," he said. "I can recall going snowboarding with Bill out in Colorado and Chase was maybe 8 years old on skis, super quiet, wouldn't say much.

"To watch him grow up and to be around him and to give him some advice from time to time has really been meaningful for me. I think more about him winning a championship more than anything."

Elliott, who turns 25 later this month, has followed his father's footsteps. Bill Elliott won the 1988 championship and 16 times was voted by the fans NASCAR's most popular driver. Chase Elliott became the fan favorite in 2018 after Earnhardt Jr. retired. He's the first most popular driver to win the championship since his father won his only title.

How to get your Christmas tree from an Oregon national forest - oregonlive.com

By Jamie Hale | The Oregonian/OregonLive

As the holiday season approaches in this hectic 2020, harvesting a Christmas tree from a national forest feels more attractive than ever.

Affordable, socially distant and a great excuse to get out of the house, harvesting a tree for the holidays has long been an option in the Pacific Northwest. This year, more people may feel called to the woods as we make our homes festive for a quarantined holiday season.

Cutting down trees from national forests is perfectly legal, as long as folks buy a permit and abide by all the rules. Tree harvesting is allowed only in certain parts of the forest, and only certain trees can be cut.

Often scraggly with uneven branches, these trees are not the picture-perfect evergreens you'd buy from a tree farm. But there's a certain charm in that, especially this year when so many of us may feel just as bedraggled as these wild trees look. Here's how to harvest your very own Christmas tree in a Northwest national forest.

STEP 1: FIND YOUR FOREST

Most national forests allow you to harvest a Christmas tree during certain times of the year. People in the Portland metropolitan area will likely be visiting the [Mount Hood](#), [Gifford Pinchot](#), [Siuslaw](#) or [Willamette](#) national forests. Each forest has its own start date for Christmas tree harvesting, but all four will be open by Nov. 14.

STEP 2: GATHER YOUR TOOLS

Harvesting a Christmas tree isn't difficult, but it does require a few tools. You'll need to make sure you have a handsaw to cut it down, loppers to trim errant branches, and rope if you'll need to secure the tree onto your vehicle. A tarp can also be helpful to drag out your tree, and a shovel could come in handy in case your car gets stuck in any snow.

STEP 3: BUY A PERMIT

The availability of permits varies depending on which national forest you're going to. Permits are typically sold at select local retailers, or they can be [purchased online](#) at [Recreation.gov](#) and printed out. In the past, permits have been available at ranger stations, but all stations remain closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic.

STEP 4: FIND YOUR TREE, CUT IT DOWN

When you buy a permit, it will come with several rules and regulations that pertain to the specific national forest you're in, including where you're allowed to harvest a tree. You can't cut trees from private land, wilderness areas, research areas, tree plantations or active timber sales. When cutting your tree, you must also keep your distance from trails, campgrounds, recreation sites, highways, picnic areas and bodies of water (exact distance varies from forest to forest, so check your permit). And it should go without saying, but obey all signs that say, "no Christmas tree cutting."

STEP 5: TAKE IT HOME

Carry your freshly cut tree out of the forest, being careful not to get lost on your way, and secure it inside or on top of your vehicle. Depending on the size of the tree and the type of vehicle, this could be as easy as tossing it into the bed of your truck, or as complicated as tying it to the roof of your car. However you do it, make sure the tree is secure before driving home.

Evo Morales Makes Triumphant Return To Bolivia : NPR

Evo Morales, Bolivia's first Indigenous president and one of Latin America's most prominent leftists, has made a triumphant return to his home country after being controversially driven from power one year ago.

The socialist leader crossed the border from Argentina on Monday to begin a 625-mile odyssey through the heartland of his support, accompanied by a festive, flag-flourishing convoy of vehicles.

"Today is one of the most important days of my life," he wrote [on Twitter](#) as he embarked on his return journey. "To be returning to the country that I love fills me with happiness." He posted [footage](#) and [pictures showing](#) a large crowd waiting to welcome him home — including many Indigenous people in hats and brightly colored clothing.

Morales' return comes one day after Luis Arce, his former economy minister, was sworn in as Bolivia's president, delivering a major victory to the nation's socialist movement and its allies.

Arce, 57, surprised observers last month by [winning outright](#) in the first round of the presidential election. A soft-spoken, low-key figure, he assumes power in a nation that is politically polarized, and where the economy and health system have been severely battered by the coronavirus pandemic.

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Morales crossed into Bolivia after receiving a ceremonial farewell at the La Quiaca border crossing from his host, friend and political ally, Argentine President Alberto Fernández.

This symbolic show of support for Morales from the leader of South America's second-largest nation will likely irk the neighborhood's more right-wing leaders, notably President Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, who has been watching the region tilt leftward with disapproval.

Morales led Bolivia for nearly 14 years, but was [ousted last year](#) after a failed attempt to extend his rule by seeking a fourth term. He left office under pressure from the military, amid mass protests and allegations of election irregularities that are still hotly disputed. He later claimed he was the victim of a right-wing coup.

President Arce has sought to distance himself from his former boss, and has indicated that Morales will have no role in his government for now. However, Morales' high profile return is stoking speculation that the charismatic former president is making a come-back in more ways than one.

'Mutant coronavirus' seen before on mink farms, say scientists - BBC News

By Helen Briggs

BBC Environment correspondent

A mutant form of coronavirus found in Denmark has arisen previously in mink, scientists have revealed.

The mutated virus, which appears to have spread from animals to humans in Denmark, has been detected retrospectively at a mink farm in the Netherlands, according to a leading Dutch expert.

The mink were culled and the mutation did not infect humans there, he said.

Six countries have reported coronavirus outbreaks at mink farms.

They include the Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Sweden, Italy and the US.

Mink are known to be susceptible to Sars-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, which can spread rapidly from animal to animal in conditions where thousands of animals are kept in close proximity.

The farmed weasel-like animals have become infected by farm workers during the pandemic, and have occasionally passed the virus on to humans, raising the risk of the virus acquiring mutations.

Danish scientists are worried that genetic changes in a mink-related form of the virus, infecting a dozen people, has the potential to make future vaccines less effective.

The genetic change is in the spike protein of the virus, which is important in the body's immune response, and a key target for vaccines.

The Danish genome sequences were recently released on a public database, allowing scientists in other countries to look for evidence of the mutation.

Prof Wim van der Poel, a veterinary expert at Wageningen University, said analysis of genetic data from the Netherlands revealed one previous case of the mutation at a mink farm there in early May.

He told BBC News: "We have once seen a mutant virus with a comparable mutation in the spike protein encoding region, in mink in the Netherlands, but this mutant did not spread to humans and the mink of the involved farm were culled."

The Netherlands launched a widespread cull of mink after signs, in a small number of cases, that humans had picked up coronavirus from mink.

The fur industry

- Denmark is the world's biggest producer of mink fur and its main export markets are China and Hong Kong
- Millions of animals are being culled due to concerns over coronavirus, but the country has not passed legislation aimed at closing its mink fur sector
- The Netherlands, another top exporter of mink, has fast-tracked an existing plan to phase out fur farming, bringing the deadline forward from 2024 to 2021
- France announced recently that it would ban farming mink for fur by 2025 and Poland may follow suit
- Fur farming is banned in the UK.

The genetic data from Denmark was released on an international database a few days ago, with some scientists questioning why it had not been released sooner.

"I think that it is most disappointing that the data have only just reached the light of day," said Prof James Wood, head of the department of veterinary medicine at the University of Cambridge in the UK.

Daniel Cameron, other Republican AGs to challenge Pennsylvania mail-in ballots

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —

Several Republican attorneys general announced Monday legal action in the case challenging Pennsylvania's mail-in ballots.

Among those is Kentucky's Daniel Cameron. He's joined by nine other state AGs joining a lawsuit going in front of the United States Supreme Court over some of Pennsylvania's mail-in voting rules.

On Saturday, when swing state Pennsylvania was called in favor of Joe Biden, President Donald Trump declined to concede, instead promising unspecified legal challenges to try to overturn the outcome of the race.

The brief filed Monday afternoon by the group argues Pennsylvania's Supreme Court should not have extended the deadline for the ballots, saying it could increase the risk of fraud.

The documentation lists several cases of mail-in fraud of the years, although they don't list any instances that happened during this election.

Several of the AGs, excluding Cameron, held a news conference Monday to announce the brief.

Cameron was not present, but tweeted out a statement. "My interest in this is not about courts dictating who wins or loses, but about transparency and rule of law issues that should give all Americans the confidence that the election was conducted fairly," it reads, in part.

Gov. Andy Beshear, who was Kentucky's attorney general when Trump won in 2016, was asked about Cameron's role, and he responded:

"I have real concerns about using Kentucky dollars and Kentucky lawyers and tax payer money ... to challenge a result in a different state for which we have no information with... it creates at least the appearance of your guy didn't win and therefore you're gonna use government resources to attack. It's not the right look," he said Monday evening.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a similar case over Pennsylvania rules before the election. The secretary of state said they have been separating the ballots in question in case the justices rule they cannot count them.

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7-Day Forecast for Latitude 42.5°N and Longitude 90.67°W (Elev. 801 ft) (Text-Only)

NWS Forecast for: East**Dubuque IL**

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Veterans Day: Sunny, with a high near 47. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 25. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the evening.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 40.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Saturday: A chance of snow before 8am, then a chance of rain and snow between 8am and 10am, then a chance of rain after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Liverpool dealt fresh injury blow with Alexander-Arnold ruled out until December | Goal.com

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[Liverpool](#) are set to be without Trent Alexander-Arnold until December after he suffered a calf injury in Sunday's 1-1 draw with [Manchester City](#).

The right-back went down holding his leg off the ball midway through the second half, and received treatment on the pitch before being replaced by James Milner.

Alexander-Arnold will likely miss the upcoming games with Leicester, [Atalanta](#) and [Brighton](#), and could also be doubtful for the fixtures with [Ajax](#), [Wolves](#) and Midtjylland at the beginning of December.

Jurgen Klopp confirmed in his post-match press conference that Alexander-Arnold would miss [England's](#) fixtures with Ireland, [Belgium](#) and [Iceland](#) during the international break, and a scan revealed the extent of the injury on Monday.

The news hasn't improved Klopp's dim view of the decision to return to three substitutes per game in the Premier League, after the switch to five post-lockdown.

The German was outspoken in his criticism of Premier League CEO Richard Masters after the City game, saying Alexander-Arnold would not be the last player to suffer from the heavy workload this season.

While Milner was the obvious replacement off the bench at the Etihad, Alexander-Arnold's absence could present a first-team opportunity to Neco Williams.

The 19-year-old has made four first-team appearances for the Reds so far this season, most recently coming on as a late substitute to make his [Champions League](#) debut in the 5-0 win over Atalanta.

He also started in the Community Shield against [Arsenal](#) and played 90 minutes in Liverpool's [Carabao Cup](#) games against Lincoln and Arsenal.

Liverpool are, of course, already without defensive lynchpin Virgil van Dijk and his initial replacement Fabinho.

Georginio Wijnaldum said on Monday that Van Dijk is 'going through hell' with his long-term knee injury, but backed him to recover in time to join him at [Euro 2020](#) with the [Netherlands](#).

The news of Alexander-Arnold's absence at Liverpool will be softened by the fact it is now the international break, but it presents a new headache for England boss Gareth Southgate.

The Three Lions are at least well stocked at right-back with Kyle Walker, Kieran Trippier and Reece James all called up in the initial 29-man squad.

Carrier pigeon message found 110 years after it was sent - CNN

By Jack Guy, CNN

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(CNN)A message lost by a carrier pigeon has been found some 110 years after it was sent.

Found in a field in mid-September by a couple out hiking in Ingersheim, northeastern France, the message was sent from one German military officer to another in 1910, when the area was still part of Germany, according to Dominique Jardy, curator of the nearby Linge Memorial museum.

Jardy told CNN the message was folded up inside a small aluminum capsule and the script is difficult to decipher.

A German friend, whom Jardy asked to translate the message, said the officer, who was based in the town of Colmar, is recounting German military exercises in the area.

"Platoon Potthof receives fire as they reach the western border of the parade ground, platoon Potthof takes up fire and retreats after a while," the message reads, according to the AFP news agency. "In Fechtwald half a platoon was disabled. Platoon Potthof retreats with heavy losses."

These losses are an estimate based on the war games rather than actual deaths, said Jardy, explaining that this is common practice during military exercises.

Difficulty in reading the script means there is some debate about whether the message was sent in 1910 or 1916. However, Jardy is convinced it is the former because he is not aware of any military maneuvers around Colmar in 1916, and the note uses terms specific to military exercises rather than warfare.

Artifacts like the message are almost never found today, Jardy said.

"It's really very, very, very rare," he said. "It's really exceptional."

The message will now go on display at the Linge Memorial museum, which tells the story of a battle between French and German forces in 1915.

France ceded Ingersheim and the surrounding area to Germany in 1871 after the Franco-German war, but the territory changed hands again in 1918 with the Allied victory in World War I.

Facing Military Debacle, Armenia Accepts a Deal in Nagorno-Karabakh War - The New York Times

In an agreement brokered by Russia, Azerbaijan won many of the concessions it has sought for decades in negotiations over the Nagorno-Karabakh separatist region.

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TVER, Russia — Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia signed on Monday a Russian-brokered settlement to end the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, surrendering disputed territory and bowing to other demands as he faced a battlefield defeat.

The agreement signed by President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and Mr. Pashinyan calls for Armenia's army to withdraw from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and to be replaced by Russian peacekeepers.

Under the deal, the warring sides were to halt fighting and prepare for the peacekeepers' arrival. Three earlier cease-fires, negotiated by Russia, France and the United States, have collapsed.

But the agreement Monday suggested a more permanent, sweeping redrawing of the security map of the southern Caucasus, a volatile region wedged between Turkey, Russia and Iran. The settlement sealed a role in the region for an increasingly assertive Turkey, which backed Azerbaijan in the war that began in September.

"I personally made a very hard decision for me and all of us," Mr. Pashinyan wrote in a [statement](#) announcing the agreement. "It's not a victory, but there's no defeat."

Indeed, the agreement ends a quarter century of Armenian military control over the remote, mountainous region that is a touchstone of Armenian national identity. Russia will now guard the borders.

The Nagorno-Karabakh region has a mostly Armenian population but it fell within the Soviet-drawn borders of Azerbaijan. The enclave declared independence before the Soviet breakup.

For the Azerbaijanis, the settlement opens the prospect that at least some of the hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people who lost their homes in a separatist war that ended in 1994 could return to the region. That war ended with the shoe on the other foot: a cease-fire seen as catastrophic but inevitable for Azerbaijan after Armenian military victories.

Mr. Putin said the new agreement requires both the Armenian and Azerbaijani armies to stop at their currently occupied positions. That cements in place the Azerbaijani capture on Sunday of a strategic town, known as Shusha to Azerbaijanis and Shushi to Armenians. It is the second-largest town in the region and overlooks the separatist capital of Stepanakert, just about 6 miles away.

Armenia has also lost control of the access road needed for military supplies to reach the mountain enclave, starving its defenders of hope of holding out if the fighting continued.

GOP Tip-Toes Around Acknowledging Biden Win, Trump Election Conspiracy : Live Updates: Presidential Transition : NPR

Congressional Republicans have mostly declined to outwardly acknowledge the widely reported election results that show President-elect Joe Biden leading comfortably in both the popular and electoral vote. This comes as GOP standard-bearer President Trump continues to baselessly attack the integrity of the election, alleging that fraudulent ballots had robbed him of the White House win.

This was no more evident than on Monday, when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took to the Senate floor to urge Americans to "respect the rule of law and trust our institutions" as the full election process was conducted.

"Obviously, no states have yet certified their election results. We have at least one or two states that are already on track for a recount. And I believe the president may have legal challenges underway in at least five states," McConnell said.

Though McConnell is technically correct states have not certified, that process won't change the overall result of the election. And the legal challenges have mostly been dismissed so far.

"Our institutions are built for this. We have the system in place to consider concerns. And President Trump is 100% within his rights to look into allegations of irregularities and weigh his legal options," he continued, declining to adopt Trump's language alleging outright fraud and a stolen race.

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McConnell was far from alone in leaving ambiguous his thoughts on the ultimate outcome of the presidential race. In fact, several other Senate Republicans echoed McConnell's remarks, signaling that the caucus will give Trump time to resolve his legal challenges.

"I think he's got a right, a constitutional right, if there are legal challenges they want to make, and I think everybody ought to let them play out. Obviously, we're going to have a result, not for long," Senate Majority Whip John Thune of South Dakota, the chamber's no. 2 Republican, told Capitol Hill pool reporters.

Despite being unable to raise any specific evidence of widespread fraud, Senate Republicans nodded to Trump's lawyers, saying that it was ultimately up to the president's legal team to back up his claims.

That includes Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Roy Blunt of Missouri, who like McConnell, said it was fair to give Trump an opportunity to exhaust his legal options. But neither was certain on the timeline, saying it could even be weeks before Trump's challenges are resolved.

"Well, we don't swear in a new president until January 20," Cornyn, who recently won re-election to a new term, told NPR. "I don't think that's anything we have control over, we just have to let the process run its course."

He added that if Trump hasn't conceded by January 20, then he'll begin to worry about the lack of a peaceful transition, which Trump has repeatedly declined to endorse.

CDC study advises working from home when possible to reduce spread of coronavirus - cleveland.com

CLEVELAND, Ohio – A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that people who tested positive for the coronavirus were more likely to have gone to work at a central office or attended school in a group on a regular basis leading up to the onset of their illness.

The study found that among working adults who tested positive for COVID-19, 35 percent reported having “teleworked” for two weeks prior to feeling ill, and 65 percent had not. Among working adults who tested negative, 53 percent had teleworked, and 47 percent had not.

A report about the study advises that allowing employees to work remotely, when possible, is an “important consideration” for reducing the spread of the deadly coronavirus. “In industries where telework options are not available, worker safety measures should continue to be scaled up to reduce possible worksite exposures,” the report states

The study comes at a critical time for Ohio and the rest of the United States as record numbers of people are becoming infected and health officials must contend with so-called “COVID fatigue” and the need to balance life-saving precautions with reviving the economy.

For reaction, cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer contacted Dr. Amy Edwards, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital and said Mark Cameron, an infectious disease researcher and associate professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Edwards said the findings are not surprising. Working from your basement may not be as much fun as going to work and communing with others, but it is less risky.

“If you telework you’re less likely to get COVID and that just makes logical sense because you’re not around as many people,” she said.

The CDC report is a “no-brainer,” said Cameron, but important nonetheless because it provides research to reinforce an important strategy for fighting the coronavirus.

“It makes a lot of sense and it’s from an authoritative source. It’s from the CDC,” he said. “It explains at least partially the snowball effect of us returning to work - having a physical presence in our workspace - as a risk factor of getting COVID-19 ourselves and transmitting it.”

The study, which involved 300 adults, also looked at a variety of other possible exposures such as shopping, using public transportation or visiting salons, gyms, restaurants, bars and coffee shops, said Kiva Fisher, a CDC epidemiologist and lead author of the report. But no “significant differences” were found.

Edwards said her takeaway from the CDC report is that employers need to come up with logical and thoughtful plans for their workers.

Norwegian Cruise Line misses Q3 views, pins hopes on far-off demand - MarketWatch

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By **Claudia Assis**

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. stock fell in the extended session Monday after the cruise operator reported worse-than-feared third-quarter losses and sales that dwindled to the millions of dollars rather than billions.

Norwegian NCLH, +26.75% said it lost \$677.4 million, or \$2.50 a share, in the quarter, contrasting with a profit of \$450.6 million, or \$2.09 a share, in the year-ago quarter.

Adjusted for one-time items, Norwegian reported a loss of \$638.7 million, or \$2.35 a share, versus a profit of \$481.5 million, or \$2.23 a share, a year ago.

Revenue fell to \$6.5 million, from \$1.9 billion in a year ago “due to the complete suspension of voyages in the quarter,” Norwegian said.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet had expected Norwegian to report an adjusted loss of \$2.25 a share on sales of \$10.6 million.

Demand for future cruises continues, especially for departures in the second half of 2021 and beyond, Norwegian said in a statement. The company also highlighted “pent up” demand for its cruises.

First-half-of-the-year bookings, however, remain “below historical ranges as expected due to the current uncertain environment.” Pricing for full-year 2021 is in line with pre-pandemic levels, even after including the dilutive impact of future cruise credits, the company said.

As of Sept. 30, Norwegian had \$1.2 billion in advance ticket sales, including the long-term portion of advance ticket sales, which includes approximately \$850 million of future cruise credits, it said.

Shares of Norwegian have lost 63% so far this year, contrasting with gains around 10% for the S&P 500 index SPX, +1.17%.