

### **Why coronavirus vaccine is delayed**

It is “increasingly unlikely that the virus can be contained,” said Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control. “It’s very, very transmissible, and it almost certainly is going to be a pandemic,” said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. Last January, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) granted funding to Inovio Pharmaceuticals and Moderna for the development of a vaccine against the new coronavirus. GSK has announced a collaboration with the CEPI to develop a vaccine for the coronavirus. Johnson & Johnson also said it has begun the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus. Developing a vaccine for the coronavirus and testing it for safety and effectiveness may take years. Health experts, however, say a vaccine could be available early 2021.