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- ▶ **[COVID Delays Closing of Merger of Pfizer's Generics Biz and Mylan](#)**
The merger of Mylan and Upjohn, Pfizer's off-patent and generics business, is expected to close in the second half of 2020 due to COVID-related delays. [Read More >](#)
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AbbVie has provided an update of its pending \$63-billion acquisition of Allergan with an expected closing date in May pending US regulatory approval. [Read More >](#)
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Thermo Fisher Scientific is investing more than \$475 million in development and commercial capabilities for biologics, cell and gene therapies, and drug products. [Read More >](#)
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The FDA is investigating the uses of the drugs chloroquine and remdesivir to determine whether they can be used to treat patients with the novel coronavirus. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Indian Gov't Bans Exports of Potential COVID Drug; Companies Update Mfg](#)**
India's government bans exports of hydroxychloroquine, a potential COVID treatment; Mylan, Novartis, Teva, Amneal, Ipca update manufacturing plans. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[COVID-19 Roundup: News from Lilly, Gilead, Roche, Amgen, AstraZeneca](#)**
Lilly delays new clinical studies due to COVID-19; Gilead requests rescinding orphan-drug status and updates access for remdesivir, its investigational COVID drug. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Pharma Companies Join Gates Foundation in Consortium for COVID-19](#)**
Fifteen pharma companies have formed a consortium with the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator, launched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to fasten COVID treatments. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[HHS In Partnership for Prefilled Syringes for COVID-19; Awards \\$456 M](#)**
The US Department of Health and Human Services has launched a partnership for emergency drug-packaging using prefilled syringes and has awarded up to \$456 million to ApiJect. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Fujifilm To Invest \\$81 M To Expand Microbial Capacity](#)**
Fujifilm plans to invest \$81 million to expand microbial production capacity of its CDMO, Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[AstraZeneca, Silence Therapeutics in \\$2.0-Bn Deal for siRNA Therapeutics](#)**
AstraZeneca has formed a pact with Silence Therapeutics to discover, develop and commercialize siRNA therapeutics in a deal worth up to \$2 billion. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Roche, Forge Therapeutics Form Pact for Drug-Resistant Antibiotic](#)**
Roche and Forge Therapeutics have entered into a research collaboration and option agreement to develop a drug-resistant antibiotic to treat lung infections. [Read More >](#)



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