

Russia, U.S. Should Help Each Other During Pandemic: Kremlin

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Russian President Vladimir Putin believes the global coronavirus pandemic is an opportunity for his country to work together with the United States, the Kremlin said Thursday.

"President Putin believes this pandemic is the time to help each other," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, after U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday offered to send ventilators to Russia.

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"This is very positive and the U.S. president told Putin of this readiness during the recent

phone call," Peskov said.

Russia would take Trump up on his offer "if need be," he added.

Last week Putin and Trump discussed their countries' efforts to combat coronavirus.

Russia this month sent a military plane with medical aid and equipment to New York, the epicenter of the U.S. coronavirus epidemic.

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Russia on Thursday registered 3,448 new cases of infection, bringing the total to nearly 28,000, with 232 deaths. Authorities have warned that the outbreak has put a huge strain on clinics in Moscow and elsewhere.

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