

# *Sanders addresses health crisis in the US as Coronavirus cases soar*

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Washington, March 12 (RHC)-- Presidential hopeful and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders spoke Thursday on the "health and economic crisis" facing the United States (U.S.) as the coronavirus spreads in the country.

"Now is the time for solidarity," Sanders said. "Now is the time to come together with love and compassion for all, including the most vulnerable people in our society," reported Telesur.

The Vermont senator demanded that President Donald Trump declare a state of emergency over the outbreak and urged Congress to start working right away to guarantee every person in the U.S. access the healthcare they need "without cost."

He added that any coronavirus vaccine must be free and available to all. "Now is not the time for price-gouging and profiteering," Sanders said.

He continued his address calling for an "immediate moratorium on evictions, on foreclosures, and utility shut-offs so that no one loses their home during this crisis, and that everyone has access to clean water, electricity, heat and air conditioning."

Sanders and his 2020 Democratic presidential rival, former Vice President Joe Biden, have both been forced to cancel campaign rallies due to the epidemic.

COVID-19 has killed thus far 41 people in the U.S. and infected more than 1,716 people.

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