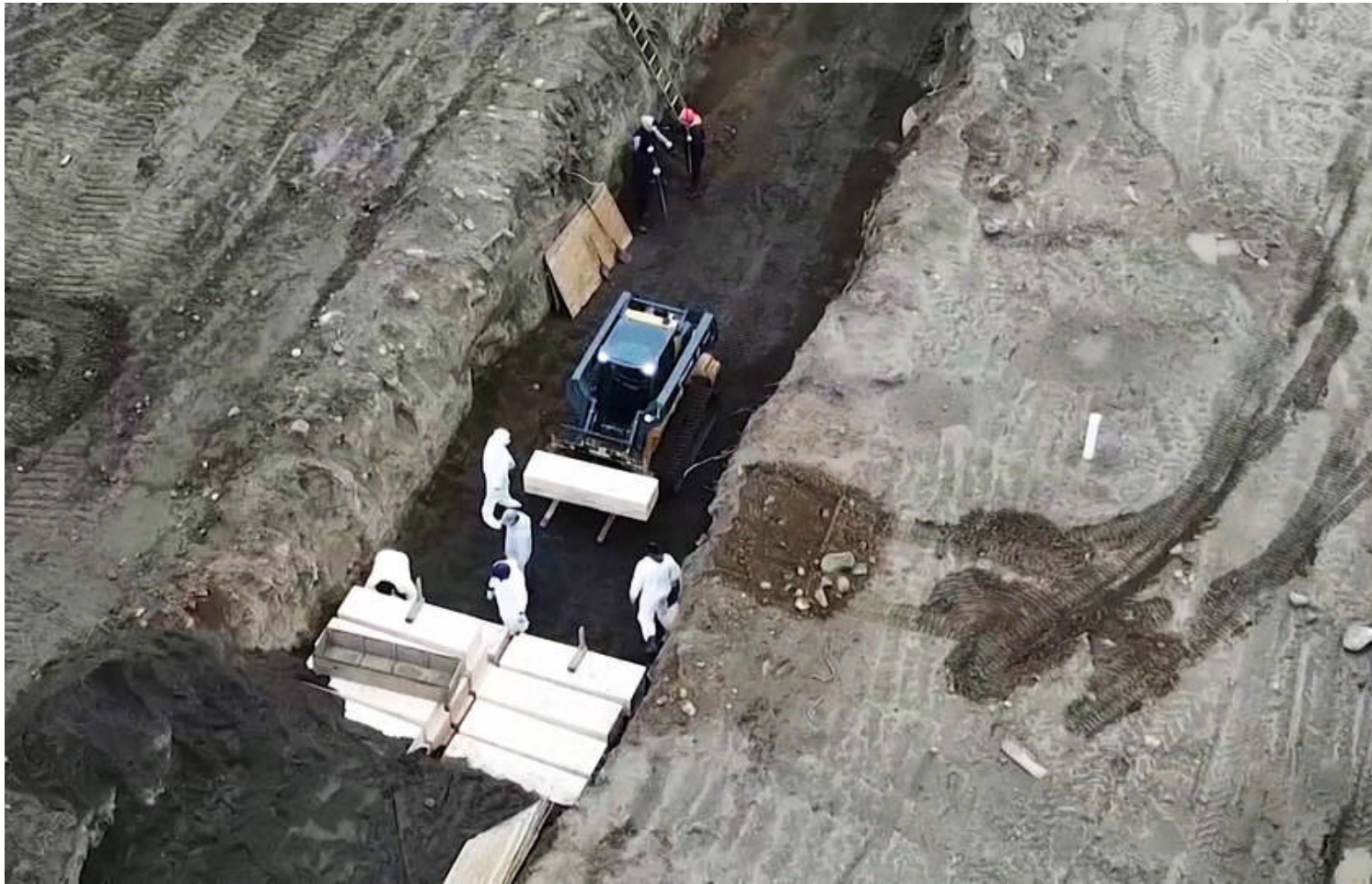# U.S. COVID-19 deaths surpass toll of 1918 flu pandemic

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Washington, September 22 (RHC)-- The United States reported over 2,200 coronavirus deaths in one day, bringing its death toll since the start of the pandemic to 676,000. That's more people than were killed by influenza across the U.S. during the 1918 pandemic.

Areas with the lowest vaccination rates remain the hardest hit by the Delta coronavirus variant. For the first time in history, Alabama recorded more deaths than births in 2020. In Mississippi, Republican Governor Tate Reeves condemned President Biden's vaccine mandate for federal workers as a

"tyrannical move." Mississippi has the highest death rate from COVID-19 in the U.S. If it were a country, Mississippi would be second only to Peru in per capita coronavirus deaths.

Meanwhile, India said it will resume exporting domestically produced COVID-19 vaccines to other nations, five months after it suspended exports of AstraZeneca shots amid a devastating wave of infections. And a new study finds wealthy nations have stockpiled more vaccines than their populations are willing to consume, with about 100 million doses set to expire, unused, by the end of the year.

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