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THE LIMITS OF LOCKDOWNS



Research shows mixed results as schools practice for shootings

People are brought out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School after a shooting on Feb. 14, 2018, in Parkland, Florida. More schools nationwide began practicing lockdown drills after the Parkland shooting. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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There have been 63 school shootings – meaning any time there is gunfire on a school campus – so far in 2026. • They happen so often that preparing for one has become normal. Students as young as 4 years old routinely practice for the possibility of a school shooting with lockdown drills – typically, hiding in the corner of a dark classroom, behind a locked door.

Pauls Valley High School in Pauls, Oklahoma, went into lockdown on April 7, after an armed gunman fired shots inside the building. Kirk Moore, the school's principal, tackled the gunman and got shot in the leg.

The lockdown and Moore's heroism clearly prevented any further violence in this rare school shooting situation with a positive ending. But by and large, do lockdowns typically work to keep students safe?

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Volunteer students wearing makeup to simulate injuries participate in a school shooting and mass evacuation drill at Lincoln Middle School in 2007 in Alameda, California. So far, the available research shows mixed evidence on whether shooting drills help students feel more prepared or scare them. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES



Smoke rises from the villages of al-Qlailah and al-Mansouri following Israeli air strikes in southern Lebanon on May 25.

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Pressure mounts as peace talks resume

Trump: Negotiations with Iran 'proceeding nicely'

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President Donald Trump on May 25 faced mounting pressure to finalize a peace deal with Iran after lowering expectations that a deal was near.

Nearly three months since the start of the war, Trump is bound by expectations to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which has sent oil prices skyrocketing due to its closure, while also pushing to remove Iran's enriched uranium as part of the country's nuclear program.

In a Truth Social post, Trump said negotiations with Iran were "proceeding nicely" but also threatened renewed warfare if no deal is struck.

"It will only be a Great Deal for all or, no Deal at all – Back to the Battlefield and shooting, but bigger and stronger than ever before – And nobody wants that!" he posted.

Trump didn't offer specific details on what the deal might include.

Trump also said that he has urged countries in the Middle East and beyond – including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, and Jordan – to join the Abraham Accords, a set of agreements mediated by the first Trump administration to normalize relations between Israel and other countries.

Israel, the United Arab Emirates

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GLP-1 drugs may slow spread of some cancers

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Weight-loss and diabetes drugs such as Ozempic, Wegovy and Zepbound may do more than help patients manage blood sugar and obesity, according to new research. A study posted May 21 on the American Society of Clinical Oncology website found that people taking GLP-1 drugs were less likely to see cer-

tain obesity-related cancers spread, including lung, breast, colorectal and liver cancers.

Researchers said the findings add to a growing body of evidence suggesting that GLP-1 drugs may have anti-inflammatory and anti-tumor effects beyond their role in diabetes and weight management.

The research has not yet been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and

experts cautioned that it was observational, meaning it cannot prove the drugs directly slowed cancer progression. Still, researchers and outside experts said the results are promising enough to justify larger randomized clinical trials.

Dr. Mark David Orland of the Cleveland Clinic's Taussig Cancer Institute

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Researchers found that patients with tumors who had higher GLP-1 receptor levels tended to live longer overall.

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